



Wales Women's National Coalition

Spring Newsletter

Violence Against Women

As part of our focus on Violence Against Women you will be interested to know that, in conjunction with many of our members –particularly Welsh Women's Aid – we have set up a Steering Group called the Wales Violence Against Women Action Group.

The first agreed action of this group is to run a series of focus groups and public events throughout Wales to gather the opinions of the Women of Wales on the best policies to end Violence Against Women. This is part of the UK initiative for an integrated strategy to end Violence Against Women. This ties in with the questionnaire that you have received recently and the information on focus groups. Please participate if you can!

Cynnal Cymru

We are helping with a pilot project to exhibit an environmentally friendly display house at 2 events and hope that further shared work will develop from this...watch this space!

Gender Budgeting Group

With the appointment of our new Gender Budgeting Officer (see below) we are excited to be able to announce that this will be restarted in the summer

Recruitments

We are currently in the process of advertising 2 new vacancies at Wales Women's National Coalition.

1 Full Time Policy Officer Salary £18,700 for 35 hour week and **1 Part Time Gender Budgeting Policy Officer** Salary £13,750 for 21 hour week Cardiff based. Flexible working. Generous holidays. 6% pension contribution.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 18th May 2009. Interviews will be held in Cardiff on 1 and 2 June 2009. For further information and an application pack please contact Suzy Barrett on 029 2047 8918 or suzy-barrett@wwnc.org.uk or visit our website www.womenvoice.org.uk

Upcoming Events

May 2009 - On Wednesday May 20th we are holding a **European Elections Debate** in Conference Rooms C&D, Ty Hywel, The Senedd. We have female representatives from all parties and Daran Hill of Positif Politics will be chairing the event. Each candidate will have 10 minutes to talk about "The issues facing Women in Wales and how will you as an MEP address them?"

After each candidate has spoken with their views this will then lead to an open floor discussion on "The issues facing Women in Wales."

We are expecting this to be a very enjoyable debate and would hope that you are all available to attend and enjoy with us.

If you are interested in attending then please get back to me with your details by Wednesday 6th May 2009 and come ready with your questions!

June 2009 - Wales Women's National Coalition is re-launching some of you may be aware. We have a **Launch Event on June 9th** at Ty Hywel, The Senedd in Conference Rooms C & D from 18.00 – 20.00. This will be an opportunity for you to see our new website, logo, materials and also our Conference Report. Please come along and spread the word!

Past Events

International Women's Day held on 9th March at City Hall, Cardiff.

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South Wales Conference held on 29th January at City Hall, Cardiff – The theme of the event was **Gender Equality – Are we there yet...?** as for our first major conference held in North Wales in September 2008. The event was well attended and a great success, and thank you to everyone that attended.

Consultations

Once again WWNC have been busy in representing the Voice of Women in Wales through Consultations and other policy-influencing activities :

- Focus groups in both North and South Wales, leading to a very thorough response on the Single Equalities Scheme at the end of January
- A brief paper for input to the Committee on the Status of Women (CSW) Annual Event in New York in February
- A response on the Job Centres report in March
- Participation in a consultation response on Community Cohesion in April, led by Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)
- A response to the All Wales Convention due at the end of May – if you want to participate, please contact Naomi at Naomi-brightmore@wwnc.org.uk

For copies of these responses, please see our website.