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BALLYBEEN WOMEN'S CENTRE

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Name: Anne Walker

Organisation: Ballybeen Women's Centre

Position: Women's Empowerment Worker

Anne is currently employed as Women's Empowerment Worker with Ballybeen Women's Centre and is responsible for supporting women to return to education and training. Anne has also tutored and facilitated courses addressing issues of gender and equality within the women's sector.

She has been involved in the community based women's sector for over 30 years and during that time has been involved with many different women's organisations. She was Chairperson of Women Into Politics from 1998-2002 and continues to sit as a member of their Board.

Anne is also very involved in local community development initiatives and represents the Women's Centre on various bodies such as the Ballybeen Improvement Group and is Chairperson of the local youth Club.

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Name: Amanda Marshall

Organisation: Ballybeen Women's Centre

Position: Education and EU Programmes Coordinator



Amanda has worked in the Ballybeen Women's Centre for the past 17 years. She is responsible for the design and development of education and training within the Centre and for coordinating the EU programmes.

Responsibilities: Coordination of education and training for women within organisation; development and promotion of education and EU programmes and models of good practice; monitoring and evaluation of all aspects of work; ongoing liaising with relevant individuals and organisations from relevant sectors; identification of education and training needs of women within community; fundraising; budgeting and finance.

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Name: Catherine Cooke

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Organisation: Foyle Women's Network

Position: Director

Catherine is Coordinator of Foyle Women's Information Network (FWIN) which is an information network for community based women's centres, group's, individuals and organisations. FWIN works closely with local women's organisations and develops relationships with women's organisations regionally, nationally.

Catherine is also Chair of Women into Politics an organisation that aims to encourage and support women in acquiring the skills and knowledge necessary to enter or to progress in political and public life.

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Name: Sharon Skillen

**Organisation: Democratic
Unionist Party**

**Position: Local Councillor and
Policy Officer**

Sharon has worked for the Democratic Unionist Party for the past 2 years and has a keen interest in Women in Politics.

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Name: Michelle McIlveen

Organisation: Democratic Unionist Party

Position: Member of Local Assembly

Michelle is a politician from Northern Ireland. She was elected in 2007 to the Northern Ireland Assemblies as a Democratic Unionist Party member for Strangford.

This is Michelle's second term as Assembly Member for Strangford having been successfully returned in 2011. She is currently the Chair on the Culture, Arts and Leisure Committee; a member of the Agriculture & Rural Development Committee; and a member of the Chairperson's Liaison Group.

Michelle is the DUP spokesperson for Children and Young People.

Michelle also represents the Party as a Member on the;



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- Assembly All Party Group on Human Trafficking
- Assembly All Party Group on Children and Young People
- Assembly All Party Group on Funerals and Bereavement
- Assembly All Party Group on Community and Voluntary Sector

Michelle is keen to promote women within the DUP and more women into politics.

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Name: Tanya Hughes BSc MSc CQSW Dip Management

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Organisation: Ballybeen Women's Centre

Position: Director

Tanya Hughes

Tanya Hughes is Director of Ballybeen Women's Centre in Belfast. She has worked within the community based women's sector for the past 15 years.

She has participated on numerous multi-agency/cross-sectoral strategic working groups addressing issues such as teenage pregnancy and is a serving member of the Board of Directors for Women's Support Network, an umbrella women's organisation .

She also has experience of working on a number of gender specific projects at European level a number of which aimed to promote women into politics.

Tanya is committed to enhancing the social, economic and cultural status of women, young people and children through inclusive and anti-discriminatory practices.



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