

Suggested Priority Actions for Political Parties June 2007

1. Adopt the Declaration of Principles developed by the Women in Local Council's initiative.
2. Identify and support Gender Champion/s – one for the Party and one for local government – and promote their work on the Party website and throughout the party and constituency branches.
3. Establish facts and figures on women in the Party and representing the party as MEPs, MPs, MLAs and Councillors.
4. Prepare and agree a Gender Action Plan to tackle the under-representation of women within the party hierarchy and as elected members, particularly as councillors.
5. Develop learning and development initiatives, such as specific training days and mentoring.
6. Facilitate women's networking in the Party on a regular basis.
7. Establish and promote outreach opportunities where Party women to meet/liaise with women in the community and encourage non-party women to engage more regularly with the party.
8. Promote accessibility for greater party involvement (e.g. timing of meetings, childcare)
9. Undertake a gender initiative during Local Democracy Week (15-19 October)