

February 2010

Women in Local Councils Week



Monday 8 — Friday 12 March 2010

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For further suggestions or assistance or to let us know about your event, contact:

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Background to Women in Local Councils Week

Each year around the world, International Women's Day is celebrated on 8 March. Hundreds of events occur, not just on this day, but throughout March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women.

A number of councils hold events each year to celebrate International Women's Day. This year the Women's Development Steering Group* would like to encourage councils and partner organisations to designate the week from Monday 8 to Friday 12 March 2010, Women in Local Councils Week. They would like as many councils as possible to hold an event

during this week to highlight the Women in Local Councils initiative and the progress which has been made in individual councils.

A timetable of events to be held during the week will be produced and publicised on the Women in Local Councils website. If you are planning to hold an event, let Diana Stewart know on diana.stewart@lgsc.org.uk so we can include it on our website and other publicity material.

This newsletter highlights events which are planned during Women in Local Councils Week and suggests some events which councils could consider hosting during the week.



* Women's Development Steering Group

The Women's Development Steering Group drives the Women in Local Councils initiative. The Steering Group comprises representatives from a number of partner

organisations including the Local Government Staff Commission for NI, SOLACE, Opportunity Now, the National Association of Councillors, DemocraShe,

Belfast City Council, NIPSA and NILGA.

Planned Events

Women’s Development Steering Group/Equality Commission for NI

Flexible Working seminar

Wednesday 10 March 2010

10 am to 1 pm

Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey

This seminar will examine best practice in flexible working. Speakers will include representatives from the Labour Relations Agency, Equality Commission for NI and Denise Cranston of Denise Cranston Consulting

For further information or to book a place, go to www.lgsc.org.uk

NILGA

Recognition and Celebration Event

Thursday 11 March 2010

10 am to 11.30 am

Long Gallery, Stormont

This event, hosted by Cllr Peter Weir MLA, will recognise and celebrate the contribution which women make to local councils.

For further information, contact Tara Cunningham on 028 9079 8972

SOLACE NI

Surviving and Thriving at the Top

Friday 12 March

10 am to 1.15 pm

Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey

This conference is for women in managerial roles in the public sector.

Cost - £25 incl VAT and lunch

For further information, contact Christine Horner on Chritine.horner@solace.org.uk.

Bookings can be made at www.lgsc.org.uk

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Suggestions for Events

Councils may wish to consider holding events during Women in Local Councils Week for example:

- Seminars such as best practice seminars, lunchtime seminars with a guest speaker
- Exhibitions showing work produced by women, for example, art, craft, photography
- Networking events for women who live or work in the council area
- Health and well being events offering, for example, health and fitness checks, healthy eating advice, massage
- Newsletter or website articles highlighting the work of the Gender Champion/Gender Steering Group
- Engaging with young women through events with local schools and colleges
- Community events such as coffee mornings, walks
- A volunteering day for female officers and elected members

*website: www.womeninlocalcouncils.org.uk