

**Young Women Moving into Politics and Public Life  
Newtownabbey Borough Council – Wednesday 5 December 2007**

**Information on Partners**

**Newtownabbey Borough Council**

The aim of Newtownabbey Borough Council is to promote and improve Newtownabbey for the benefit for all who live in, work in and visit the Borough. The Council does this through direct service provision and a representative and consultative role.

**Women in Local Councils**

Women in Local Councils is a partnership of local government organisations and others working to identify, develop and promote initiatives to encourage the participation and advancement of women in local government, especially among elected representatives, at senior officer levels and in non-traditional work areas.

**DemocraShe**

Democrashe enables women to succeed in politics and public life. It offers strategic advice on women's political participation and leadership; provides education and training for serving and aspiring women politicians; facilitates interchange between women with different political perspectives; educates others about women politicians; and monitors women's progress in elections.

**Women Into Politics**

WiP is a cross-community organization, practicing and encouraging the principles of democracy, feminism and community development. WiP encourages and supports women in acquiring the skills and knowledge necessary to enter or progress into public life. Politics 4 Youth is a WiP project to engage young women in decision making and promote politics as a realizable career option.

**Queen's University Institute of Governance**

Queen's School of Law and Institute of Governance offer postgraduate programmes in governance and undertake research in governance, regulation and public policy. Seminars and roundtables with practitioner partners enable political, civic and public sector leaders to explore innovation and policy development with internationally respected academics.