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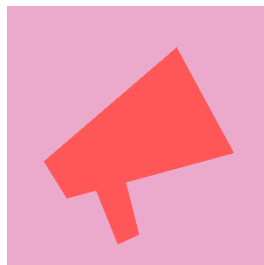
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Represent Women November Bulletin

Our CRM is up and running!

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Women and girls sector updates, requests and resources

- **Alnwick Garden** is offering free Community tickets to its annual Garden light trail aimed at families and individuals who wouldn't be able to access The Light Trail usually due to the cost on: 29th November, 4th December, 9th December, 28th December. Please contact Claire.Mitchell@alnwickgarden.com to secure tickets
- **Write on the Tyne** is working with [South Tees Changing Futures Programme](#) to create an anthology of people's voices who have accessed the support/services. See attached flyer for further details. They would like to include as many voices as possible. Email info@writeonthetyne.com to find out more
- **Open Clasp** are touring their show Mycelial, co-created with sex workers. You can book tickets [here](#) and for the West End Women and Girls show [here](#)
- **A Way Out** is taking part in [The Big Give Christmas Challenge](#). All donations are doubled between 3rd and the 10th of December. All donations up to its matched target of £5,000 will

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be doubled. Please support them by engaging with and sharing their social media posts and look out for other local charities taking part. Social media engagement from peers and allies can make a huge difference in reaching their audiences and target.

- **The Young Women's Film Academy [IMPACT premier and celebration event](#)**- The event will include the premier of short documentary IMPACT, a Q&A Panel with cast and crew, a fashion show, created and organised in collaboration with the Fashion Marketing and Communication students at Newcastle College, music, an awards ceremony and a food and drinks reception. With the theme of sustainability, this event will highlight how young women will stop at nothing to change the world they live in, through the power of storytelling and collaboration. Full details in event section below.
- **Own My Life** has a free video resource for women and practitioners about counter-parenting: <http://ownmylifecourse.org/cp>. It also offers online Own My Life facilitator training. Book here <https://www.ownmylifecourse.org/trainingdates>) for 6th - 10th January 2025/ 5th – 7th/10th - 11th February 2025
- **Girl Friendly Society** is in need of volunteers. Contact Sarah McLorrie-Rollings sarahm@gfs.org.uk to find out more
- **Sister Shack's [Yuletide market](#)** is on 30 Nov 2024, 11:00 – 16:00 at Gosforth Civic Theatre
- **VONNE VCSE Women/VAWG Sub-Group's** next meeting is due to take place on **Thursday, 6th February 2024 at 1:00pm - 2:30pm**. The registration link for this meeting will be circulated in due course. Contact beth.reeves@vonne.org.uk
- **[Black Maternal Mental Health Project - The Motherhood Group](#)** (national) The Motherhood Group, the Maternal Mental Health Alliance (MMHA), and the Centre for Mental Health have joined forces in a groundbreaking partnership to research and document mental health support needs for Black mothers across the United Kingdom. This initiative centers Black mothers' voices on barriers to quality, affordable mental healthcare, culminating in a seminal report that will illuminate systemic gaps and inform community-driven solutions. On their website there are opportunities for mothers and organisations to engage with the findings and share their experiences.

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- **White Ribbon Day and the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence begin on the 25th of November.** Many North East women and girls organisations and allies will be sharing statements and resources. Please look out for and help to promote these posts. It's not too late to get involved. Head to [White Ribbon Day 2024 — White Ribbon UK](#)
- **The North East Mayor, Kim McGuinness,** has launched the NECA transport consultation. Women use public transport more frequently than men and make more shorter journeys. It's vital we ensure women's voices are reached and heard during this consultation. Please share with those you support and your teams. Represent Women will be presenting a briefing paper on women and transport using data from our 2024 sector survey. [Mayor's Local Transport Plan](#)
- **Smartworks** is recruiting an Outreach Volunteer, closing date 31st December. The role is one half day per week at Smartworks' site in Newcastle with some offsite travel. [Volunteer: Outreach \(Newcastle\) job - Newcastle - Smart Works](#)
- **Thrivin Together** (national) have produced a report on women and gambling, this week is gambling awareness week. In partnership with Reframe Coaching we are hosting a Professionals Network launching in January 2025 to strengthen the support of women impacted by gambling. Email hello@thrivintogether.org.uk by 29 November 2024 to join the network.



Funding Opportunities

ROSA – Voices from the Frontline (Grant – UK)

Funding available: Up to £10,000. Women and Girls' Organisations.

Deadline: 9th December 2024.

Details: Rosa's Voices from the Frontline fund is offering grants of up to £10,000 over 18 months to women's and girls' organisations to support campaigning and influencing work that enables women and girls to use their voice to achieve change.

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The Voices from the Frontline grant will fund organisations that will raise women's voices and challenge inequality, including: campaigning for changes in policy and laws, activities such as petitions, social media campaigns and lobbying.

Link: [Voices from the Frontline - Rosa](#)

Allen Lane Foundation - Updates Criteria for Grants (Grants – UK)

Funding available: Up to £15,000.

Deadline: Applications received until Friday 6th December are likely to be considered in the current round, leading up to the Trustee meeting in February 2025.

Eligibility: Registered Charities, Voluntary Groups and Charitable Orgs.

The Foundation makes grants to voluntary not-for-profit organisations in the UK for work which benefits groups of people who are under-represented in UK society. Priority given to work with **adults** who are: asylum seekers and refugees; offenders and ex-offenders; older people; people affected by violence or abuse; Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities; people with mental health issues.

In addition, there is funding for work with young people – aged 12-21 - who are vulnerable, socially excluded or marginalised with a focus on those who are persistently absent from school; school leavers with no qualifications; and young people in/leaving care.

Link: [Applying for funding – The Allen Lane Foundation](#)

Lloyd's Bank Foundation - Specialist Small Charities

Funding available: £75,000 over 3 years. Charities and CIOs.

Deadline: 23rd January 2025.

Applications will be considered from charities and charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs) with an annual income between £25,000 and £500,000 who are working with people facing complex issues in England and Wales. They must have a track record of delivering services for at least one year, mainly to people aged 18 and older, and they must also be delivering these services currently.

Applicants must be providing in-depth services in one of the following eight themes:

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- Addiction
- Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- Care Leavers
- Domestic Abuse
- Homelessness
- Offending
- Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
- Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery

Grants of up to £500 are also available for groups who need accessibility support to apply for this programme. The grant will help fund the cost of support, such as a scribe or BSL interpreter. A live webinar and Q&A to talk through the programme will be held on 19 November 2024 (10:30 to 12:00).

Link: [Apply for funding under our Specialist Programme](#)

If you are struggling to find funding and would like Represent Women to help you find funding opportunities speak to Jo at joanne.armstrong@representwomenne.org.uk



Events

Reclaim the Night March Newcastle

Meet at the Bigg Market (just outside TJ Hughes) - 6pm

March to Baltic Square - 6.15pm (women-only)

Rally at the Baltic Square - 7pm – 7.30pm (everybody welcome)

Frankie Raffles exhibition viewing at the Baltic - 7.30pm – 8pm

North East Anti-Racism Coalition

Location: Middlesbrough Town Hall

Date: 4th December 10-1pm

Tickets/link: [North East Anti-Racism Coalition Tickets, Wed, Dec 4, 2024 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

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Young Women's Film Academy: IMPACT Premiere and Celebration Even

Location: The Black Swan- Westgate Road

Date: 10th December, 6-9pm

Tickets: [Grab your tickets here!](#)

A Way Out Big Give Fundraising Event

A festive golf challenge to raise money for a great cause, bring along your team or join one on the night to take part in a festive fun packed evening and help us to support a local charity.

Location: Middlesbrough Putter Chaos

Date: Thursday 5th December, 5-7pm

Tickets/link: [Book Now – Putter Chaos](#)



Represent Women - what we've been up to

- **The Budget** We wrote to Chancellor of the Exchequer Rachel Reeves and raised our concerns on behalf of the North East women and girls sector. We believe the North East needs a regional and gendered approach to budgeting and policy that understands and addresses the needs of our communities.

We urged the Chancellor to:

- 🔔 Take swift action on NI contributions for charities and non-profits
- 🔔 Take a regional approach to funding allocation
- 🔔 Listen to women and girls sector organisations
- 🔔 Collaborate with Represent Women to create North East focused action plans

We will feed into a wider response coordinated by VONNE and will share further updates from them about what this means for the North East voluntary sector.

- **BBC representation** Erin had a great afternoon chatting with Helen Richardson about the government mission to halve male violence against women and girls. Keep an eye out for the story on Sunday 25th on politics North and possibly Monday 26th on Look North. [Represent Women](#) are

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committed to speaking out for women and girls' organisations in the North East, thanks to those organisations who contributed to our request for input.

- **On The Table Talks** Represent Women hosted four On The Table consultation events with women only organisations to feed into the Community Foundation for Tyne and Wear and Northumberland's data on how best to utilise its funds.
- **Funders** We met with several funders over the last few months to gather data and insights to support small women and girls organisations who may not have the time to speak to them themselves. If you would like more information on any of the following or to talk about funding opportunities please contact Jo at joanne.armstrong@representwomenne.org.uk
- **Women's only 'Time to Talk' Session-** Represent Women are working alongside the Community Foundation for Northumberland and Tyne and Wear to host a women-only Time to Talk session on March 4th, 10-11.30, at Philanthropy House Gosforth. More details will be shared in due course.
- **NECA Child Poverty Summit** Represent Women attended the child Poverty Summit in Sunderland. The Mayor has promised to put £55m of measures in our region, including: physical and mental health support to help 13,500 people to get back into work; £1 fixed bus and metro fares for under 22s; 1500 baby boxes for families on the lowest incomes to make sure children get the very best in their earliest day; expansion of support in schools and benefits advice launched by local authority leaders to 220 more schools; a Mayors childcare grant to help parents, particularly Mums, back into work or training. Represent Women will continue to advocate for women and girls with the NECA team and have had some very productive meetings.
- **Women and gambling** Represent Women attended a session delivered by Thriving Together to share their findings on the impact of gambling and women. The growth rate of women gambling online almost tripled during the pandemic – with an increase of 13% between 2017-19 and 36% between 2019-21. Women are also more likely to be in financial hardship due to being an affected other. [Full report](#)

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