

Represent Women 2025 April bulletin

News and updates for the women and girls sector
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North East Women and girls sector updates, requests and resources

- **SmartWorks** Donations needed – Black bags. Smart Works Newcastle are in desperate need of some smart bags for their client wardrobe. Please make sure they are: Clean, Big enough to fit an A4 document/laptop inside, Preferably black but will accept any colour/print/pattern
- **RCTN** Join RCTN for their Summer Quiz! The Cumberland Arms, Newcastle on Tuesday 3rd June, 7.30 (doors 6.30) for our next quiz with tombola and a raffle! All money raised will go to Rape Crisis Tyneside and Northumberland. The Cumberland Arms, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 1LD
- **Women X film festival** team are looking for: **Volunteers** - to watch films and read scripts that are in consideration for the festival, this includes free training. They can get in touch via Rianne Pictures.
Festival Space - Collaborators who would like to use some space at our festival venue during the festival weekend (19th - 21st September) in Darlington, this may be a workshop, panel, contact Rianne Pictures
- **Changing Relations** Arts education company is hosting a webinar on Wednesday 7th May which explores young people's experience of peer sexual abuse and the cultures which enable it. <https://weavingstoriesofpeersexualabuse.co.uk/webinar-tickets>

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Wider VCSE sector updates

- **Northumbria PCC** is funding Stalking Prevention Assemblies via the Alice Ruggles Trust. They are in need of volunteers to help deliver the assemblies. [Find out more.](#)
- **ElectHer CIC** Peer Support Circles. If you are planning to stand for an election in 2026 or 2027, join the May 2025 cohort to help you plan the important next steps of your political journey. Structured as a 7-session journey, each is composed of peers from across the political spectrum who create a safe space to support one another and to encourage your ambitions.
- **Nominations for the North East charity awards** are open. We encourage women and girls organisation to apply. If you are interested in Represent Women hosting a learning session speak to [Jo](#)

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Funding Opportunities

- **The Big Give- Women and Girls Fund**. matched funding scheme. Closing Date 30th May. **Represent Women are considering running a training/learning session on The Big Give process.** If you are interested please contact [Jo](#)
- **Triangle Trust Grant** £10,000 - £80,000 over 1 or 2 years. VCSE. Deadline – 22nd May 2025. Grants from the Triangle Trust are available to support young people with criminal convictions or young people at high risk of offending for the first time. In 2025, the focus is specifically on **young women and girls** who have been in the criminal justice system or who are at a high risk of being drawn into it. [Find out more](#)
- **Womble Bond Dickinson Foundation** – Up to £5,000. Registered charities. Deadline 4th June 2025. Womble Dickinson areas of focus include, supporting the inclusion of individuals from ethnic minority backgrounds, increasing women's opportunities in life and work [Apply here](#)
- **Pilgrim Trust Young Women in Mind** . Young Women in Mind grants programme will re-open on 12 May 2025. Find and out more and sign-up for a pre application webinar [here](#).
- **Leathersellers' Foundation** – Main Grants Programme now open (Grants – UK) £20,000 - £25,000. Charities and CIOs operating in areas of deprivation. Deadline – 30th April 2025. Charities that work to prevent the occurrence of and/or support recovery from adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) by providing services to children and young people and/or adult survivors in recovery. [Find out more here](#)

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Funding Opportunities - continued

- **Newcastle City Council grant fund: Small Sparks Plus.** A new small grants fund has launched to help charities, community organisations and community interest companies who work with local communities to improve their health or wellbeing. For organisations that already have experience of working at a local level in Newcastle to improve health or wellbeing. Projects that we fund will be community led and will build on local communities' strengths, facilities or resources. The minimum grant is £500 whilst the maximum is £3000. Click here [for more information and to apply](#).

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Represent Women:

- Attended the initial Women's Homelessness Alliance meeting and contributed to early plans
- Attended the 2nd Women's Homelessness Alliance meeting and contributed
- NECA-VCSE leadership board meeting
- Met with Cllr Lynne Caffrey and Cllr Maria Hall to discuss the women's sector
- Attended NECA local growth plan- contributed verbally and generated a response for the online consultation
- Represent Women held a strategy steering group meeting and a management group meeting in the last month
- Attended Connected Voice AGM
- Hosted Represent Women Launch Events in Sunderland, Durham, Middlesbrough and South Shields

If you would like to discuss any of these issues/events further please reach out to us

We welcome suggestions on further representation opportunities

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Events, training and consultations

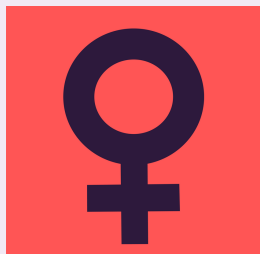
- **Local Growth Plan North East Combined Authority** have released more dates to engage with **Kim McGuinness- North East Mayor**'s Interim Growth Plan. The economic growth plan must speak for women to ensure women have access to well-paid and 'good' jobs to end the gender pay gap in our region. Sign up for the online engagement events here: www.northeast-ca.gov.uk/local-growth-plan
- **Nikki Rutter, Durham University**, CAPVA Research. Please complete and share the questionnaire if you have any insight into child and adolescent-to-parent violence and abuse. This is the first of potentially three rounds of questionnaires regarding pathways to support. You can pause and return to the questionnaire at any point, you can also skip questions, it should take less than 25 minutes. The deadline for completing this first round is 25th April 2025 . Contact **Nikki Rutter** with any enquiries. Please click the [here](#) to be taken to the first questionnaire
- **Research opportunity Northumbria PCC funding.** Have you ever applied for funding from Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner and been unsuccessful? Request for interviewees as part of MA dissertation research. If you would like to take part or have any questions, please contact Stacey Wagstaff at s.wagstaff2@ncl.ac.uk. More details [here](#).
- **Sunderland City Council** shaping the future for Women and Girls in the city. Thursday 15th May 2025, from 09:45 AM to 12:30 noon in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland.

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The Represent Women Bulletin goes out to our network around the third week of each calendar month.

To contribute email [Jo Armstrong](#).

We are interested in sharing your:

- Events
- Reports
- Vacancies
- Training and networking
- Funding, consultation and research opportunities

Sign up for the mail list [here](#)

Represent Women Launch events

Join us for the Represent Women Roadshow in Northumberland and Newcastle.

Join us for an in-person event by Represent Women, focusing on the North East women and girls sector and its allies

Newcastle, 29th April, 1-3

Northumberland, 30th April, 11-12.30

If you face any barriers to attendance, [please contact us](#)