

Represent Women 2025 June bulletin

News and updates for the women and girls' sector
and its allies in North East England



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North East Women and girls' sector updates, requests and resources

- **WEWG** would love to welcome women and girls to their farm, sessions are running throughout June and July and include walking a goat sessions, learning about bees, and pond dipping. Find out more [here](#)
- **WEWG** Library Sessions are every Monday 12.4.30 and Wednesday 9.30-11.30 See flyer for details,
- **Own My Life** Enabling women in prison to own their lives: Own My Life have published [THIS](#) article about the first women in prison who have been enabled to access Own My Life on day release as part of a community group. This may offer inspiration for how other organisations could include women in prison in their work.
- **Project Resist** has launched a Suicide is Homicide campaign to raise awareness and call for change, support, and follow their work [here](#)
- **Nada Foundation**, are hosting a meeting for women interested in joining their free training programmes, designed to empower refugee, migrant, and disadvantaged women through practical skills and inclusive support. 📅 Date: Thursday, 29 June 2025, 📍 Location: Strawberry Lane Community Centre, Newcastle, 🕒 Time: 12:45 PM – 3:15 PM. English language, CV writing, AI tools, beauty skills, small business support, and mental health sessions.
- **HerCircle** is on [LinkedIn](#) and they have a new website. Please follow and support!

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Wider VCSE sector updates

- **Wellbeing of Women** is a national organisation that represents marginalised women's health rights. They are seeking more voices from North East England. If you are a grassroots org that works with the reproductive health of marginalised women they invite you to join their [Health Collective](#). You can also share your story with Wellbeing of Women as case studies, if they have suffered from problems with heavy/painful periods, menopause or other reproductive health issues.
- **Nominations for the [North East charity awards](#)** are open. We encourage women and girls' organisations to apply. If you are interested in Represent Women hosting a learning session, speak to [Jo](#)
- **Third Sector Trends Survey 2025**, supported by Community Foundation North East, is now open and would like to hear your views. The survey runs every three years to see how social, political and economic change has affected VCSE organisations. This study is open to all VCSE organisations. It will help to build a picture about how the voluntary sector responds to change and initiates change in society. The study is confidential, relevant to the voluntary sector and those who support it and only happens every three years. [The link to the survey is Third Sector Trends in England and Wales 2025](#)
- **Difference North East** are holding an open consultation about what it's like to be a disabled person living in the North East. Women experience disability differently than men, ensuring a gendered approach can be achieved through ensuring women's experiences are included in the data. Please share. Anonymous Online Survey [here](#). Online discussion group on July 16th at 6pm [here](#)
- **Women's Rough Sleeper Census**- National report launch event coming up on 3rd July - you can sign up [here](#).

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Funding Opportunities

- **Economic inactivity Trailblazer.** Call 3- Support for women: innovative activities for women who are experiencing health issues and are economically inactive, including engagement, integrated support and developing evidence of 'what works' in a woman's employment journey. **Closes 14th July. Minimum £100,000- maximum £200,000 per project/application. The project completed by 31st March 2026. [Find out more and apply here](#)**
- **The Big Give- [Women and Girls Fund](#).** matched funding scheme. Closing Date 30th June. Speak to Jo about the RW learning session for the 2026 fund.
- **PILGRIM'S TRUST - [Young women's mental health grants - Pilgrim Trust](#)**
- **ESMEE FAIRBAIRN - [A Fairer Future priorities | Esmée Fairbairn Foundation](#)** (There's a section on **Gender Justice**)
- **Armed Forces Covenant Fund-** Grants between £75,000 and £150,000 to focus on addressing **domestic abuse** through preventative measures or providing support routes for survivors in Armed Forces communities. [Apply here](#)
- **Mayor's Fund 2nd round** Up to £10,000. Closes 7/7/2025. For NECA region. Supporting community-led places and spaces within high streets or physical community hubs that meet people's basic day-to-day needs whilst also helping to connect people to opportunity, improve skills, digital access and health outcomes, and reduce child poverty. [Appy here](#)

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Represent Women:

- Facilitated a Fundraising Basics workshop for the women and girls sector. Speak to [Jo](#) to find out more or request a session
- Attended Women's Resource Centre Feminist Leadership Training, [read more](#)
- Attended Participatory Action Research training [read more](#)
- Attended the Rosa Summer conference
- Met with NECA to discuss the [Trailblazer Programme](#)
- Attended the Newcastle City of Sanctuary Stories of Sanctuary [event](#)
- Attended the Transforming Together network
- Attended Commissioning Power Sharing Subgroup
- Attended an HM Treasury department Econfest panel discussion at the Darlington Economics Campus

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

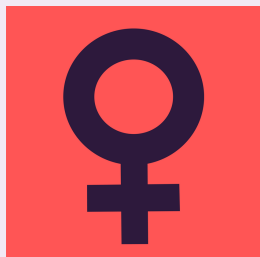
- **Gateshead Council** Gateshead Council is proud to host a special event on Thursday 10th July to launch our Domestic Abuse Strategy and the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Directory. 📍 Gateshead Civic Centre, Bewicks A&B 🕒 Drop-in anytime between 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM, 10th July. This is an opportunity for professionals to come along, connect with local services, and learn more about the vital support being provided. There will be a leaflet exchange table which is an opportunity for you to bring information about your services as well as a networking space to talk with other agencies.
- **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](#).
- **Woman's Homelessness Alliance** is hosting a feedback session on Thursday 10th July, 10am–2pm at Northumbria University. The event will focus on improving support for women at risk of homelessness, sharing updates, and encouraging collaboration. Spaces are limited—early registration is advised. The alliance is covering the NECA region. Register [here](#).
- **Northumbria PCC** Safe Haven Re-launch: Friday 27th June, Bigg Market, 1pm – 3pm, Refreshments: Coffees, teas and hot chocolate. Contact enquiries@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk for any further information needed/ to confirm attendance

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To contribute email [Jo Armstrong](#).

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

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