

FWIN Women Have Their Say at 'Countdown to Brexit' Event



Foyle Women's Information Network were delighted to welcome MEP's Martina Anderson and Naomi Long to The Guildhall in association with Derry City and Strabane District Council Culture Night celebrations on 20th September 2019. Joining the MEP's were Professor Colin Harvey of the School of Law at Queen's University Belfast, as well as the broadcaster and Holywell Brexit expert, Paul Gosling.

Fresh off the plane from Brussels, both Martina and Naomi shed light on some of the more practical issues that the north-west may face in the near future - from cross-border shopping to citizenship concerns.

With the final portion of our morning devoted to Q&A from the audience, MEP's were asked about the future of the women's sector, EU funding and what we in our communities can do while waiting for clarity to be gained.

All of our panelists replied with the same suggestion – for women to make their voices heard, to have conversations, and to decide how they want their future to progress.

With this in mind, please consider joining FWIN for a focus group on Brexit on Tuesday 1st October from 10.00-12.30AM – we want to record your voices!



FWIN Forthcoming Events

FWIN receives funding from DFC, DFA, Peace 4, Arts Council of NI & The Executive Office, T:buc.

Date	Event	Time
Every Monday Weekly	Upcycling Class	10.30am-12.30pm Holywell, Bishop Street
Every Tuesday Weekly	Crochet Class	11.00am-1.00pm Holywell, Bishop Street
Tuesday 3 rd October 2019	FWIN Book Club <u>RSVP Essential</u>	10.30am-11.30am Holywell, Bishop Street Book of the Month 'Knots & Crosses' by Ian Rankin
Every Wednesday Weekly from October 2 nd – 27 th November 2019	Healthy Minds Programme	7.00pm-9.00pm Holywell, Bishop Street
Tuesday 1 st October 2019	Brexit Focus Group We want to record your opinions on Brexit – join us for this opportunity	10.00-11.30am Holywell, Bishop Street
Monday 28 th October 2019	FWIN Hallowee'n Gala Table Quiz and Music with Special Guest Fancy Dress Optional! £5 per person <u>RSVP 11th October from 10-2.00pm at Holywell</u>	8.00-12.00pm City Hotel, Derry-Londonderry
Friday 1 st November 2019	Poetry Reading by Colette Bryce <u>Lunch included</u>	11.30am-12.30pm Holywell, Bishop Street
Thursday 28 th November 2019	Trip to Belfast City Hall and Continental Markets <u>RSVP £5 deposit on 4th November from 10-12.00pm at Holywell</u>	10.00am-8.00pm
Friday 6 th December 2019	FWIN Christmas Games Night £3 entrance fee + ticket to take part in Play Your Cards Right	8.30pm-12.00am Brigade Cricket Club Limavady Road
Thursday 19 th December 2019	Christmas Craft Event £2 entrance + raffle prize ticket <u>Lunch included</u>	10.30-12.30pm Holywell, Bishop Street

To book a place or for further details contact Foyle Women's Information Network

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Annual Networking Event Success

Foyle Women's Information Network hosted its' annual Networking Event in St Augustine's Hall on Thursday 12 September encouraging women from both sides of the community to come together to gather information about local organisations.

The event helps raise awareness of services available to women in our community and offers an opportunity for them to find out about a range of events, support, advice, volunteer work and training open to them in the North West and throughout the Region.

Building on from last year's numbers an increase to 111 women attended the day. Feedback as always was invaluable and sent a clear message that events such as these are invaluable, necessary and very beneficial. It was noted that a diverse and wide range of services was on display and that this was one of few opportunities to meet people and hear about projects across the City.

In conjunction to our regular attendees the day also welcomed women who were new to FWIN. The integration of the different service users; those familiar with and those new to our events; those from different sides of the community; those from rural and city areas and those from varying age groups was a huge achievement in itself. The biggest triumph however, was in how these women effortlessly interacted with each other, each hoping to discover and meet their own individual needs and collectively striving to reach out and connect with others.



An impressive 30 organisations took part in displaying stands and taking time to speak with individuals sharing information and offering a variety of opportunities. Each reported that the event proved to be very successful in that they got to speak directly with many members of the public, but it was also excellent in allowing them to network and build contacts with other businesses.

The success of the event was rounded off with a luxurious finger buffet arranged by FWIN and provided by Café Zest. This again afforded women more time to mix and learn about each other. FWIN staff would like to say a huge thank you to St Augustine's Hall for allowing us host our event and to Café Zest for the catering, the organisations who displayed stands and to all the women who took time out for themselves

to explore what is available to them and where they can access it.

A final thanks to members of our committee who came and whose help on the day was invaluable.



Women Involved in Community Transformation

*Due to popular demand the programme for Women Involved in Community Transformation will be delivering more training sessions at a venue near **you!***

The Women Involved in Community Transformation Training Programme recognises that women are at the heart of every community and as such have a very important role to play in building a better society which they – and their families and neighbours – can feel safe and confident. The training develops in women the skills to participate in and influence their communities and enables women to make new connections with community and voluntary groups. The aim is to support women to become involved in positive community action. An added benefit of this programme is that participants have the option to complete **Level 2 Award in Leadership and Team skills**.

To find out more about this exciting opportunity please contact **Amanda Leighton** at amandaleightonfwin@gmail.com or (028) 7126 6291.



Hidden Heritage – Pioneering Women in Education

Did you know - that one of the first schools for girls on the island was
in Derry?

Did you know - that it started out with just 9 girls and within a few
decades grew into the Royally approved Victoria High?

Did you know - that some of our local women were pioneers in living
and promoting gender equality?

*If you are interested in finding out more about the fascinating story of pioneering
women and help create an exhibition, please contact us at:*



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The Department for Infrastructure is seeking your views on the Northern Ireland Concessionary Fares Scheme and how it improves access to public transport.

The Department for Infrastructure (DFI) is seeking the views of older people and disabled people about the Concessionary Fares Scheme in Northern Ireland. The findings of the survey will be used to measure the impact of the Scheme.

Complete the survey by clicking the following:

<http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/concessionaryfares/>

If you require the a copy of survey by e-mail or post or in an alternative format such as a large print version of the survey, please contact Sean Coulter on 028 9054 0109 or by emailing atsinfo@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk.

We appreciate, however, that filling in the survey may be difficult for some people. To assist you, Imtac can help you complete the survey over the telephone. If you would like to complete the survey this way please contact Michael Lorimer on 028 9072 6020 (please leave a message on the answerphone if no-one is in the office and Imtac will get back to you as soon as possible). Alternatively email michael@imtac.org.uk.

If you are part of a larger group or organisation Imtac would be happy to arrange a meeting to help your members complete the survey. Please contact Michael Lorimer if you would like to arrange this.

As an organisation of disabled people and older people Imtac is very much aware of the importance of the Scheme to many people as well as frustrations other people have with the Scheme. It is vital that all views about the scheme are captured and we would encourage everyone to take part.

The closing date for the survey is Thursday 10th October 2019.



Spooky Paws Walk the Walls

Thursday 24th Oct 7:00pm - 8:00pm
The Diamond, Derry-Londonderry BT48 6HW

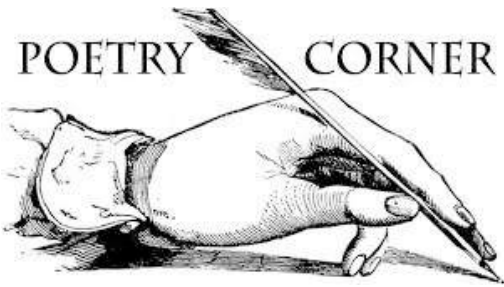
Join in the Halloween celebrations by taking part in our fancy dress dog walk around Derry Walls. Organised by The Rainbow Rehoming Centre, all donations raised will go into their new site fund.

The local Pets at Home have kindly donated 3 x Hampers filled with doggy goodies for winners of: Most Sponsorship Raised and Best Dressed.

Route: Derry Walls - Start Point: The Warehouse No1 Bistro and Cafe, Guildhall Street.
Cost £5 to register (payable on the night)

Sponsor Forms - Email rainbowrehoming@gmail.com | 028 7181 2882

POETRY CORNER



'Where is Mo Mowlam's Statue?' *by Margo Connolly - Galliagh Women's Group*

Mo was the first woman to become Secretary
of State for N.I
In 1997 it was surely a poisoned chalice as
The Troubles raged on.
Yet Mo accepted the challenge
Her mission was to make a peace that would
list,
An end to The Troubles, an impossible task.

But Mo was a different kind of peace maker.
She was a risk taker, a face to face talker.
No fancy words or broken promises, she told
the truth.
No said Mo, this has gone on too long,
Together we can right the wrong.
Your youth are carrying your baggage and it's
weighing them down.
How can they fly with bricks in their hands
and guns on their streets?
We must talk of peace.

Where is Mo Mowlam's statue?

So Mo played smart, she invited everyone to
play a part.
She asked Unionists what do you want?
She asked Nationalists what do you want?

Then down to the business of brokering a
peace,
In N.I. a peace that would last was Mo's
defining task.
In talks we were told she was able
And she would often bang her fist on the
table.

Aye she was fiery, feisty, not everyone liked
that she spoke her mind
And left nobody behind.
Oft in frustration she flung off her wig,
Showed a bald head, didn't give a fig.

Her illness was rarely mentioned.
Mo had other intentions, the prize she sought
was the peace she brought.
She was a force to be reckoned with,
Had a get-on-with-it attitude

And called difficult people 'babe' and other
choice names.



Mo had heart and definitely played a major
part
And brokered a peace not perfect peace for
there is still work to do.
We wish Mo was here to get us out of this
stalemate and once again start the
debate, yet the day of the signing in April 98,
Mo was heard to say to her
colleague Bill Clinton – have you not heard
today I am the tea lady.

I ask where is Mo Mowlam's statue?

So today we pay tribute to Mo and to all the
strong women
Who stand out in the crowd and do us proud
Though they continue to be written out of
history,
We will remember them and speak of the
deeds.

Please submit your creative writing to
info@fwin.org.uk. All are welcome!



This project has been supported by the EU's
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Step 1: Answer the online quiz:
<https://survey.twnonline.com/index.php/212515/>



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Inspirational Women's Event: Marylouise Oates visit to FWIN



FWIN were delighted to welcome Marylouise Oates to Holywell DCCP on 19th September for an inspirational women's event.

Marylouise is the author of three novels: one of them, *Making Peace*, which describes the turmoil and intrigues of the anti-war movement, was praised in the New York Times for capturing the spirit of those times.

She worked with First Lady Hillary Clinton in the global initiative to empower women, Vital Voices, and created and directed the Friends of the Communities of Northern Ireland, which has raised and allocated more than 5-million pounds to community-building and peace-building projects.

The event allowed our women the opportunity to gain an insight into the highest office of power in the world and together with her son Michael, Marylouise also told us about her own grandmother who hailed from none other than Orchard Street in Derry-Londonderry. We all agreed that meeting Marylouise and hearing her stories of women in power was hugely inspirational – it was a wonderful way to spend a morning.

Hallowee'n Workshop @ Void Gallery

Saturday 26th October 1-4pm

Age: 4+

Cost: £2 plus booking fee

Bring your little ghoulies along to an afternoon of spooky activities! We are always delighted to welcome groups for tours.

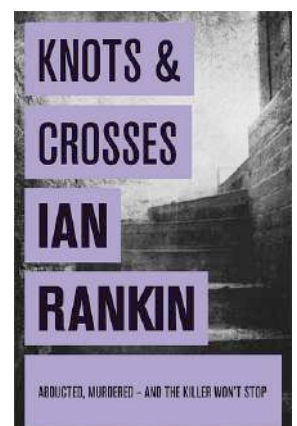
Contact Maeve Butler to arrange on engage@derryvoid.com

FWIN Book Club Update

The FWIN book club had a lovely morning discussing *Dubliners* by James Joyce. There was lots of debate but ultimately we really enjoyed the book, especially the characterization and descriptions of the island of Ireland in the early 20th Century.

If you want to follow along remotely next month's book is 'Knots & Crosses' by Ian Rankin. Our next meeting is Thursday 3rd October - RSVP is essential.

Please **Email:** info@fwin.org.uk or **Phone:** 028 7126 6291 to book a place.





UNESCO International Year of Indigenous Languages 2019 ISLAND VOICES 2019

INDIGENOUS - Irish & Ulster-Scots: Language and Belonging
Autumn Lecture Series, Tower Museum, Derry-Londonderry

Our indigenous languages are those languages which are considered to be 'native' to this region; in our case, Irish and Ulster-Scots, both of which serve as a unique and time-honoured repository for our cultural identity, customs, traditions and collective memory.

Together, Irish and Ulster-Scots, represent a shared cultural wealth which tells the story of these islands; they connect people to place by creating a sense of belonging and they tell the story of all those who have made their home here.

Derry City and Strabane District Council presents Island Voices 2019 - a series of free lunchtime lectures which present a unique opportunity for us to celebrate Irish and Ulster-Scots and to recognise the important contribution they make to the shared heritage and cultural diversity of the region.

- Language, Identity and the Importance of Placenames
Mícheál B. Ó Mainnín, Professor of Irish and Celtic Studies, QUB
Thursday 26th September 2019, 1:00pm Tower Museum
- Disagreeably Scottish? – Voices of the Ulster-Scots
Dr Carol Baraniuk (University of Glasgow)
Thursday 24th October 2019, 1:00pm Tower Museum
- A Social History of the Gaelic language over two millennia
Dr AJ Hughes (Ulster University)
Thursday 28th November 2019, 1:00pm Tower Museum

Booking is essential. Please book your place by contacting the Tower Museum (028) 7137 2411 or email tower.reception@derrystrabane.com

Lunch provided from 12:30pm before each talk // Admission Free

<https://www.derrystrabane.com/islandvoices>

AWARE Support Groups

AWARE offers self-help support groups for people affected by depression, bipolar disorder and other related conditions including anxiety. The groups are free to attend and there is no need to book a place, just turn up. Support groups are one of AWARE's key services, providing regular in-person support in communities across Northern Ireland.

Depression can be a very isolating illness. AWARE's Support Groups provide an opportunity to meet others with similar experiences, this helps to explain the illness and allows group members to speak freely about how they are feeling, lets group members share information, discuss options and support each other to move forward.

The groups in Derry/Londonderry meet at:

AWARE Offices, 15 Queen Street, Derry- Londonderry BT48 7EQ

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm - weekly
Thursday mornings at 11am – weekly

We welcome people experiencing depression and other related conditions such as anxiety. We also welcome their friends and family.

For more information visit www.awareni.org.

Foyle Foodbank Seek Volunteers

Foyle Foodbank are currently taking names for volunteers for a few events coming up:

- Street collection on **30th October**
- Tesco store collection on **21st, 22nd and 23rd November.**

If you are interested in lending a hand, please email foylefoodbank@gmail.com to register your interest.

Foyle Foodbank will also be looking for volunteers to deliver and collect our Christmas collection boxes around businesses around the city at the start of November. Please email for more information.



Make Your Cuppa Count!

Foyle Hospice will host their annual coffee morning on Saturday 5th October 2019 from 10am-2pm in their day hospice, located at 61 Culmore Road. Everyone welcome and please bring a friend!

Autism Awareness

REACH Across are hosting an Autism Awareness talk by Jude Morrow.

DATE: Thur 10th Oct

TIME: 6.30 - 8pm

VENUE: Holywell

Jude recently launched his book - *Why Does Daddy Always Look So Sad* - to a large audience in Holywell and is currently doing a number of information talks to schools and community groups.

If you are interested in attending please contact Barney on reach_across@hotmail.com.

Give and Take Community Outreach Programme

This is a FREE programme available to small groups or individuals who are NEET and aged 16-24. The programme can be tailored to your needs and can include:

- NOCN level 1 Award in: Time or Stress Management, Positive Risk Taking, Healthy Living, Interview Skills and many more.
- A Vocationally relevant qualification in: 1st Aid, CSR card, Customer Service, Food Safety, and Manual Handling.
- Social activity.
- Support with move on options.
- Lunches provided.

To find out more contact: Sheila Stalker, Senior Youth Worker (EMP).

Email: sheila@includeyouth.org or call 07966659796.

CRC's Core Funding Scheme Now Open

The Core Scheme provides support for organisations which are considered of strategic importance in promoting community relations work across Northern Ireland. The scheme contributes towards salary and organisational running costs.

We're providing Core Group Information Sessions on: 8 October - Holywell Trust, Derry - 10am, 14 October.

For further information and how to apply please see:

<https://www.community-relations.org.uk/core-funding-scheme>

Book Launch – The Stories We Tell: Re-imagining Human Relations

When? Thursday 3rd October 2019 from 11.00-12.30pm

Where? The Junction, DiverseCity Community Partnership, 8-14 Bishop Street

Who? A free event and everybody is welcome!

The Stories We Tell: Re-imagining Human Relations by Cathy Higgins is an exploration and critique of patriarchy through the medium of story. Patriarchy is an unjust and undemocratic social system that has institutionalised gender inequalities and justified the use of dominating power to protect the privileged. This book is concerned to illustrate how patriarchy continues to shape cultural traditions and human relations in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and further afield, impacting all areas of life. It juxtaposes personal life-stories shared by women and men living in Derry/Londonderry, Strabane and Inishowen with critical reflections on literary works, including biblical texts, to illustrate the damage wrought by patriarchy. Egalitarian practices and proposals from this northwest region on strategies to dismantle patriarchy are outlined.

The Liberation from Patriarchy for Gender justice Project is supported by the European Union's Peace IV Programme managed by SEUPB.

To reserve a place please email rhetherington@thejunction-ni.org or telephone Richie on 02871-361942.

Day of Action opposing Welfare Cuts and Austerity

A Day of Action calling for Welfare Reforms to be scrapped and an end to cuts will be held in Derry on Saturday 5th October at 3pm, Guildhall. The call was made by campaigners attending the September 5 Derry and Strabane Council hosted meeting in the Guildhall Main Hall on 'Undoing the damage of Welfare Reforms' that heard from advice workers, community activists, trade unionists, food bank workers and many others.

The meeting followed from a motion passed earlier this summer committing the Council to working to address the impact of welfare reforms in Derry. Speakers representing the NIHE, the Derry Trades Union Council, Strabane Food Bank and Advice North West described welfare reforms as having had a 'disastrous' impact on the Council area. If mitigations are allowed to expire at the end of March next year the damage will mushroom. This will also be the case if the full roll-out of Universal Credit is allowed to commence.



The Day of Action is backed by the Derry Trades Union Council, Action Against Cuts, the Civil Rights for the 21st Century Committee, UNISON Community Branch, women's rights organisations and others.

East Donegal & Foyle Valley Family History Festival

Thursday 03 October 2019
An Grianan Hotel, Burt, County Donegal
10am - 9pm Admission €5 euros

Compere for the day
Leslie Matthews

Guest Speakers
Stewart Buchanan
local historian
Roberta Kay
from Canada (genealogist)

Frank Collins
family historian

Boyd Gray
*Donegal & West Ulster
genealogist*

Belinda Mahaffy
local historian and author

David McKamey
from USA (family historian)

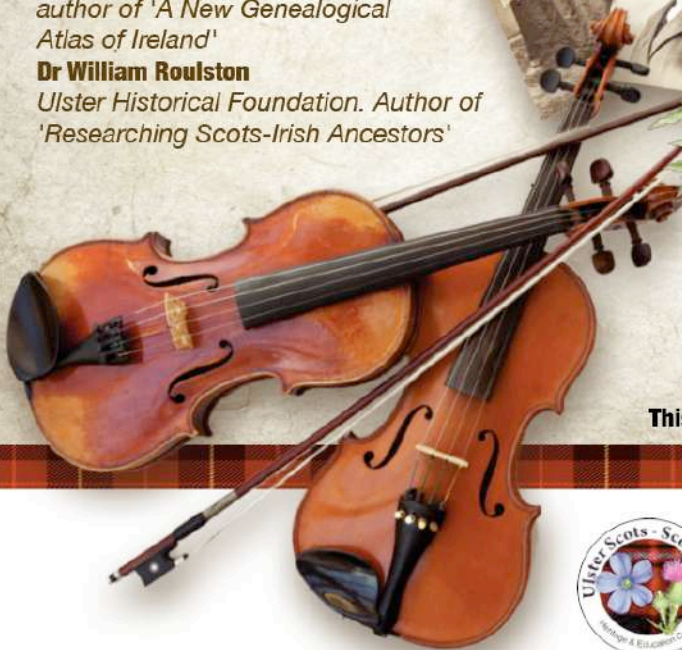
Brian Mitchell
*author of 'A New Genealogical
Atlas of Ireland'*

Dr William Roulston
*Ulster Historical Foundation. Author of
'Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors'*



Live music, song, dance and drama
Many stalls with
local historians and genealogists

This project is financially supported by The Ulster Scots Agency





For all the latest FWIN news including events and opportunities – please follow us on Facebook by searching for ‘**Foyle Women’s Information Network**’

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Sign up to our email list by telephoning 028 7126 6291 or call into the office at Holywell DCCP and we will get you set up!



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MON 6 JAN 10AM – 1PM	

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