January - June 2021
Women’s Programme

Southside Partnership and women4women Network for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
The Covid-19 pandemic is ongoing and is still determining the way we work and live in 2021. The Southside Partnership Women’s Programme and the women4women network activities, like many others, will resume, conducting the new winter/spring programme online until further notice.

We are delighted to offer all women in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County a new programme booklet covering courses and events from January to June 2021. If the situation changes and face-to-face meetings are allowed again, courses/workshops and events will be organised in different community centres throughout the county.

As in previous years, we are offering Creative Spaces, an Integration Programme, Capacity Building and Multicultural Events. New to our programme is the Women and Leadership section. We want to look at our potential as leaders and widen the network of women who are working to influence decisions made on a local and county level.

All women from the DLR catchment area are invited to join the Southside Partnership Women’s programme. In general, the programme is free of charge and will be held now mostly online through Zoom. Registration will be possible by phone or email.

We want to thank all the women who stayed engaged during this difficult time in 2020 and especially the participants from the sewing class who sewed nearly 200 facemask for families in supported living.

We wish you a good start into the new year in 2021.
Stay safe and healthy!

Please visit our website www.women4women.ie for more information on our programme, news of the region and a Directory of Services for women in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County.

For more information please check www.women4women.ie - www.southsidepartnership.ie
Facebook: www.facebook.com/women4womenldr
or email: rafika.kelly@sspship.ie
Many women who have participated in the women’s programme have brought their ideas and expertise. Those women are usually facilitating water colouring, jewellery and paper cutting workshops in Furry Hill and other Community Centre. With the restrictions in place our creative space is limited to online workshops. We hope to be able to offer more workshops in centres again.

**Creating your own Mandalas—Fridays for 2 weeks**

Mandalas—An ancient art with repeat patterns in a circle used for meditation. It relaxes you because you are engrossed in the colours and the patterns and your mind gets a rest from all the usual thoughts.

In the session you can easily create your own beautiful Mandala.

**Registration:** please phone or email by 28th January  
**Starting:** 5th February **Ending:** 12th February 2021  
**Time:** from 10am to 11pm  
Facilitated via **Zoom**

**Creative Writing Course with Fionna Bolger**

Two courses on Fridays for 4 weeks - from 10am to 12pm online via **Zoom**

An opportunity to write creatively using all your languages and cultural knowledge, and build confidence in writing and communication skills.

**Workshop 1**  
All the Words in the World: Open your mind to the poetry in your life. A creative writing course with a special focus on breaking down barriers between languages and across borders.

**Registration:** please phone or email by 19th January to book  
**Start Date:** From 22nd Jan – 12Feb 2021

**Workshop 2**  
Writing the World: You’ve started writing and want to share your work and get new ideas. We will continue to travel through words, meeting new ways of writing and communicating our worlds.

**Registration Date:** please phone or email by 23rd February  
**Start Date:** from 26th Feb to 19th March 2021

Please note - the Sewing class will continue in some shape or form after Easter break. Information will be sent out as it gets planned.

*Please contact Rafika for more information on 087 7203665  
or email: rafika.kelly@sspship.ie*
**English Language Skills**

**English Language and Conversation**

Improve your English language and conversation skills. You will find a friendly and relaxed learning group with other women and have the chance to learn more about Irish and other cultures. Due to Covid-19 classes are online via Zoom. Please choose the day you prefer and register before the date specified below.

**Mondays**
- **Time:** 10:00-11:30am
- **Registration Date:** 14th of January
- **Start Date:** 18th of January to 22nd of March (Easter Break)
- **Continue from:** 12th of April to 28th of June

**Tuesdays**
- **Time:** 10:00 - 11.30am
- **Registration Date:** 15th of January
- **Start Date:** 19 of January to 23rd of March (Easter Break)
- **Continue from:** 13th of April to 29th of June

All of the above online classes are free of charge, numbers are limited and you must register. Contact Rafika to on 087 7203665 or Email: rafika.kelly@sspship.ie

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**Information Service**

**Migrants4Migrants**

**Migrants4Migrants - Free Weekly online service**

A voluntary group of women from diverse cultures, offering a confidential support/information service to migrants in DLR County in multiple languages.

This offer is available online through phone, WhatsApp or email.

Please call Rafika for more information on 087 7203665 or email rafika.kelly@sspship.ie
All workshops on this page will be facilitated via Zoom.
Contact Marilyn for more information or to register on 087 219 8183 or email marilyn.nyquist@sspship.ie
Women and Leadership

Women are very often actively involved in their own communities but are not involved in the decision-making process. We want to look at our potential as leaders and widen the network of women working to influence decisions made on local and county levels. The focus of this programme is to develop women’s political understanding and to look at engaging with local government processes. This will bring women’s perspectives and voices to the decision making table.

**Women and Leadership Workshop**

This workshop will look at gender equality issues on global, national and local levels, allowing us to consider the implications and actions needed. This will also include opportunity to hear from women currently in leadership. After the workshop participating women will progress into the Women’s Voice Group to explore gender inequality in Ireland and actively engage in decision making structures in DLR.

**Registration:** please phone or email by the 22nd February 2021

**Starting:** 25th February  **Ending:** 22nd April 2021

**Time:** from 10am to 12pm

Facilitated via Zoom

Contact Marilyn to register on 087 219 8183 or email marilyn.nyquist@sspship.ie

Multicultural Events

The women4women network DLR organises regular Multicultural Women’s Events in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown in conjunction with SSP Women’s Programme. Women from different nationalities and cultures usually meet to celebrate, to learn and to share information and food. We have now adapted to facilitating online events.

**Multicultural Women’s Breakfasts**

**Thursdays from 10am to 12pm**

Thursday 28th January 2021

Thursday 3rd June 2021

**Multicultural Women’s Mini Festival in 2021**

This year we want to celebrate the diversity of women living in DLR. We want to promote intercultural awareness in the county and will highlight International Women’s Day and women’s achievements with an all day event.

**Thursday 11th March 2021 from 10am—3pm**

Venue or online event will be confirmed closer to the date.

If your multicultural group wants to take part please contact Rafika on 087 7203665.

Please note: Venues or online Zoom events will be confirmed closer to the date.
Connecting During Covid

**Community Integration Funds** - The main purpose of the Communities Integration Fund is to fund actions by community organisations to promote integration in their local communities.
WOMEN’S PROGRAMME
SOUTHSIDE PARTNERSHIP
and
women4women network
DLR
are located in
Furry Hill Community Centre,
off Sandyford Rd, Sandyford
D16.

For more information and to
register
please call 01 442 1004 or
087 7203665
& 087 6128740

www.women4women.ie,
FACEBOOK:
women4womenDLR
www.southsidepartnership.ie
Courses are conducted
subject to funding.

HOW TO
GET TO
FURRY HILL
COMMUNITY
CENTRE

DUBLIN BUSES
44, 44b, 114, 116

10min walk

Luas stop Kilmacud West

M50

Sandyford Village

Sandyford Road

Beacon

Hotel / Hospital

Sandyford

Buses

44, 44b, 114, 116