Longford Women’s Link

Who are we?

LWL Vision:
Longford women can fulfil their potential in a safe and equal society

➢ Social Enterprise
➢ Employs 110 staff
➢ 400 learners p/a
  ➢ Formal QQI L3-6
  ➢ Non-formal
  ➢ Third Level Outreach
  ➢ No core/DES funding

ISD Model

PURPOSE: LINK Women with RESOURCES to CHANGE their lives and TRANSFORM their community

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

COMMUNITY

GOVERNANCE Sustain a Strong, Stable, Visible and Diverse Organisation
The learner is supported, community capacity increased and social change effected
C-19 Crisis Response
Women and Children in Rural Areas

➢ Rural Isolation
➢ Access to critical services – childcare, transport
➢ Experience of Domestic Violence
➢ Community Education Response to C-19:
  ➢ Migration to online (ERT)
  ➢ Outreach support
  ➢ Challenges
  ➢ Opportunities
  ➢ Learner survey

➢ Advocacy
  ➢ AONTAS Membership
  ➢ Covid-19 Response
Change Oriented Adult Education

Democratic Engagement

- Reactive
  - Gender imbalance local government

- Proactive
  - Establish Manifesto Model

- Activity
  - Develop & Expand Model: SHE Programme

Digital Skills

- Reactive
  - Digital Skills gaps

- Proactive
  - Provide learning opportunities

- Activity
  - Delivery of programmes onsite, online e.g. DELSA (Erasmus+)
    www.delsadigital.eu
SHE Programme

SHE is a feminist, community-led, rural initiative providing pathways for women into political life.

#SHESchool is a series of programmes and seminars exploring and learning about politics which build women's capacity to participate in public life

- 300 engaged so far
- Opportunity emerging from crisis

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SHE is a collaboration between Longford Women’s Link and 50:50 Northwest.
Learner Story: Teresa

Background

• Rural Area
• Lack of opportunity to participate in third level/further education
• Isolation
• Unsure how to participate in civic life

LWL Model & collaborations

• Participation in Women's Studies Cert/Diploma (UCD)
• Education support to complete qualification
• Women's Manifesto Programme
• Virtual/Online Learning (An Cosán VCC)

Learner outcomes

• Completion of QQI L5
• Increase in confidence & technical skills
• Active participant in civic and public life
• On LWL board & represents LWL on local strategic policy committee (decision-making body)
• LWL gave me a reason to get up and come in here…. It opened doors. It keeps me relevant for myself.

Third Level Outreach
• Women’s Manifesto
• An Cosán VCC
Thank you

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