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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

- Training & Education
- Peer Support Groups
- Female Entrepreneurship
- Employment & Work Experience



- Local & National Representation & Advocacy
- Manifesto Model of Democratic Engagement

- Domestic Violence Support
- Counselling
- Childcare
- Mobile Childcare Solutions

GOVERNANCE Sustain a Strong, Stable, Visible and Diverse Organisation

LWL Integrated Model of Service Delivery



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- ▶ *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

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

Background

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)

- Third Level Outreach
- Women's Manifesto
- An Cosán VCC

- 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**

Learner outcomes



Thank you

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