



European Institute for
Gender Equality



National Women's Council



What We Can Do: Feminist Climate Justice

Gender Equality Forum 2024

December 10th, 3pm – 4pm IST



Agenda



- 3.00-3.05PM:** Welcome – Siobhan Doyle, NWC Youth Advisory Panel
 - 3.05-3.15PM:** Collette McEntee, Feminist Communities for Climate Justice –
National Women's Council and Community Work Ireland
 - 3.15-3.45PM:** Taking Action Panel discussion chaired by Siobhan Doyle with
Bel Nabuele, Irish Second-Level Students' Union
Kelsey Doyle, BelongTo
Claire Kenny, Independent Living Movement Ireland
 - 3.45-3.55PM:** Questions & Answers
 - 3.55-4.00PM:** Close by Siobhan
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National Women's Council

National leading representative organisation for women in Ireland seeking full equality for women

NWC's Youth Advisory Panel

Young women play a key role in the movement for women's rights and in shaping this country's feminist future. The Youth Advisory Panel is made up of young women aged 18- 25 from our membership who are passionate about advancing women's equality across the island.





Collette McEntee, Feminist
Communities for Climate Justice

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THE CLIMATE CRISIS IS AN EVERYTHING CRISIS

Climate justice means that while reducing carbon emissions we are also reducing social inequalities, creating a fairer and more just world in the process

Feminist climate justice pays attention to the **gendered and intersectional characteristics** of all dimensions of climate justice

'those that cause the least of the climate crisis are the most affected, with the least resources to respond'

Amplify the voices of women and marginalised communities most impacted by climate crisis

Advocate and influence policy with women and marginalised communities

Mobilise communities to support and learn from one another, with the establishment of the Feminist Communities for Climate Justice National Network

Strengthen capacity & raise consciousness of those working with or active within women's and marginalised communities through *Community Work in a Changing Ireland Certificate Programme* in partnership with the Department of Applied Social Studies at NUI Maynooth; and the development of toolkits for communities and community workers



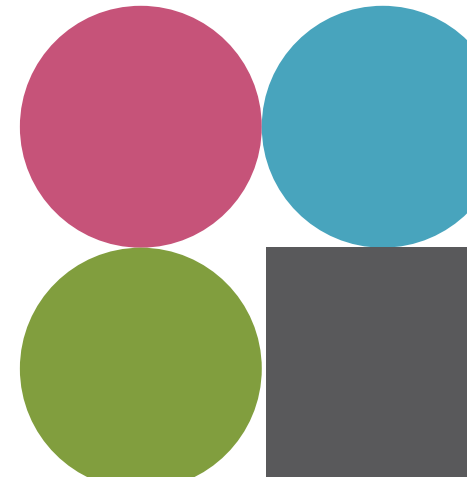
Why this project?

Responding to community workers – climate impacts coming, but a need for more information, guidance and tools

Responding to data and policy gaps – existing climate policy does not adequately pay attention to the domestic gendered impacts of the climate crisis

For a feminist analysis of climate justice

Response to National Women's Council members who wanted climate justice integrated in the Council's work



Impacts of the climate emergency worsen existing social and economic inequalities – including gender inequalities

Gender Pay Gap: **9.6%**

Gender Pension Gap: **35%**

Women do **twice** as much unpaid care work

Care work is key to how women experience & are impacted by the climate crisis and are linked to food, energy, transport choices & security

Most Irish women consider car ownership a necessity to carry out caring duties and to alleviate safety concerns with public transport



Why women?

Excluded from the economy and work in unpaid caring or domestic roles which impact transport use and vulnerability to transport poverty and injustice

Women face huge barriers in access to employment, key resources and public services including housing and health

Disproportionately represented in deaths related to air pollution

Care and support work - vital and inherently low-emissions work, must be a key part of the just transition

Marginalised women are particularly affected

Women's voices must be central – those most impacted by the climate crisis need to be at the centre of decision-making spaces.



Why a feminist community work approach?

Addresses and tackles the root causes of inequality and climate injustice – **system change, not climate change**

Cares – it champions caring work, paid and unpaid, and calls for it to be appropriately valued and recognised as green work

Transforms consultation into meaningful, non-tokenistic participation in decision-making

Focuses on the issue of women's representation in decision-making as well as other marginalised groups – those most impacted by the climate crisis need to be at the centre of decision-making spaces

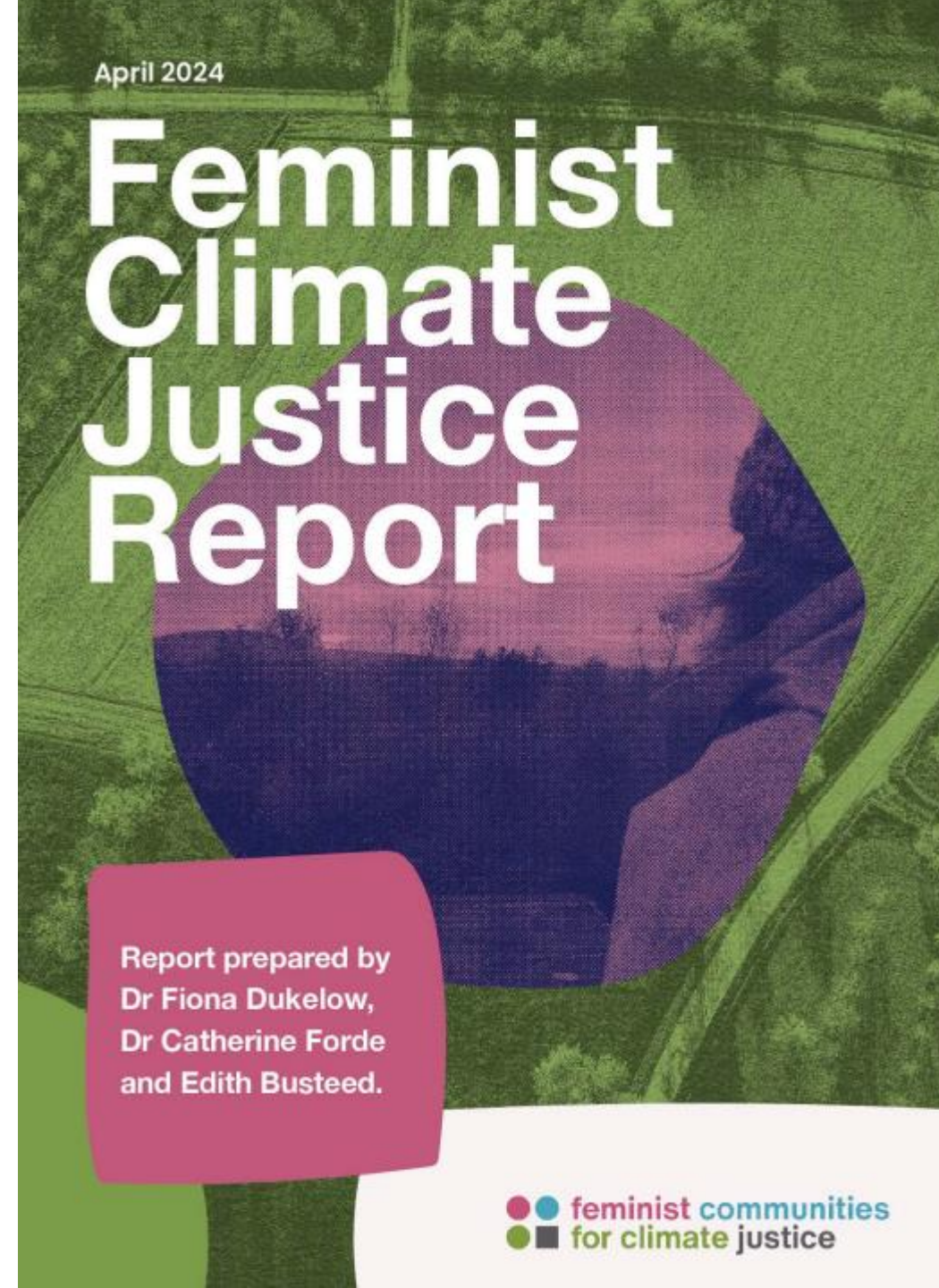
Champions a collective focus – we must fight for the many, not the few

Means better public services which benefit both people and planet!



Feminist Climate Justice: Gaps explored, what does the research tell us?

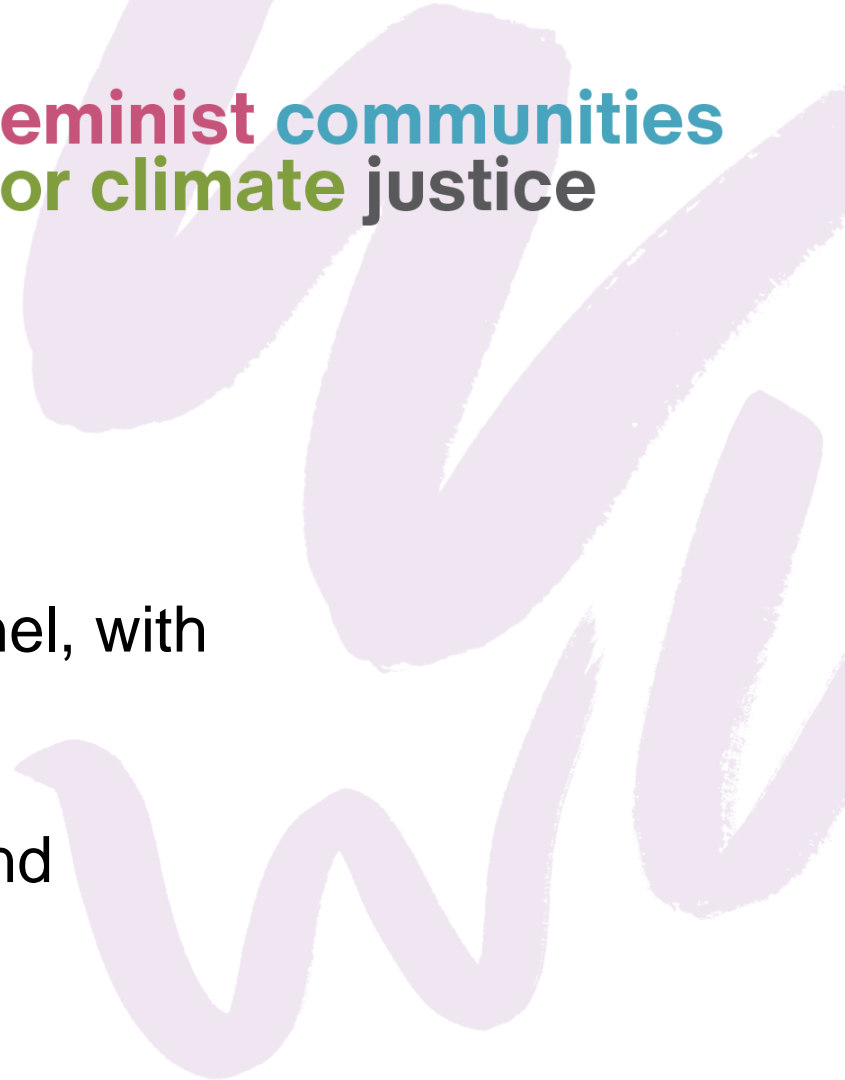
1. Just Transition
2. Care
3. Energy Poverty and Housing
4. Transport
5. Health
6. Food, Land-use, Agriculture & Biodiversity



Taking Action Panel

Chaired by Siobhan Doyle, NWC Youth Advisory Panel, with

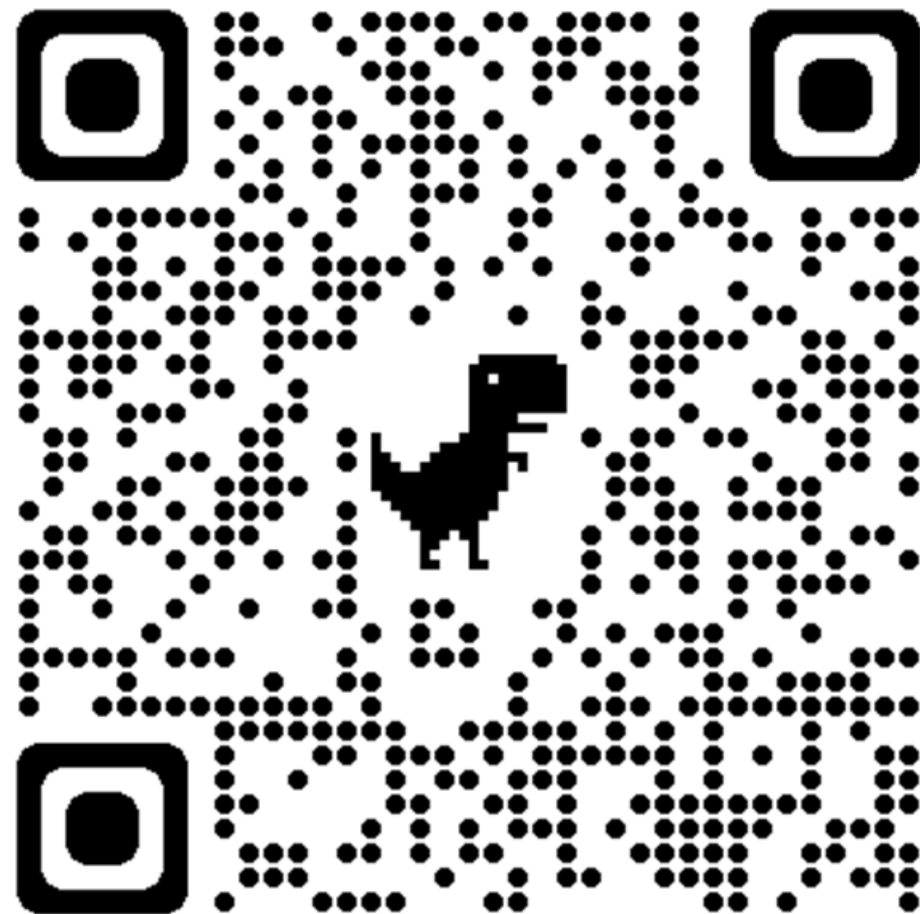
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Questions?



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Close, Thank You!



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