

National Women's Council (NWC) Job Description

Job Title: Legal and Policy Officer

Responsible to: Head of Policy

The aim and purpose of the job:

The main aim and purpose of the Legal and Policy Officer post is to support policy and advocacy development and implementation across all policy areas in line with the NWC Strategic Plan. The post holder will undertake research and provide an analysis of the broad range of issues that pertain to women's equality. In addition, the post holder will support the development of submissions, consultations, reports and presentations through feminist legal analysis and writing.

Key Areas of Responsibility:

- Supporting members of the Policy Team in delivering on work based on core policy areas outlined in the NWC Strategic Plan, as determined by Head of Policy.
- Preparing feminist analysis of policy issues and preparing policy submissions.
- Preparing feminist legal analysis of legislation and national and international policy
- Leading on the development of legal analysis, draft legislation or legal input where the need has been identified.
- Monitor legislative processes in the Oireachtas and identify and highlight campaigning and engagement opportunities
- Representing the NWC policy positions to stakeholders and in decision making and policy fora.
- Contributing policy and/or legal input to NWC campaigns.
- Responding to requests for policy materials and briefings to support the work of the Director and Head of Policy as required.
- Informing, and consulting with, NWC staff, Board, members and to develop NWC policy positions.
- Providing support to the Policy Team in the areas of event planning and management, membership engagement and other areas where the need for support has been identified.
- Provide support to the Head of Policy on an ongoing basis.



- Working in collaboration with other NWC staff to contribute to wider organisational goals.
- Participating in all appropriate NWC team meetings
- Support the development and implementation of an overall income generation strategy through identifying income generation opportunities both public and private. Make initial contacts with potential funders and develop funding applications relevant to the area.
- In liaison with the Membership Team support the implementation of the organisational membership strategy by developing and implementing a membership engagement and recruitment plan for the area of work.
- In liaison with Communications Team identify and provide key messages and communication opportunities relevant to the policy area; supply information for press releases, engage in NWC social media strategy, update the website, develop regular supporter communications emails and Newsflash updates on relevant policy areas
- Undertaking such duties as may reasonably be assigned from time to time.