



## **Guidelines for National Women's Council of Ireland Executive Board for the Ratification of Applications for Membership of NWCI**

These guidelines seek to provide assistance to the National Women's Council Executive Board in determining whether to accept applications for full membership of the organisation.

The National Women's Council of Ireland is primarily and fundamentally a membership organisation. We derive our mandate from our membership. We depend on them to create the conditions for the diverse voices of women to be heard and to be a strong and effective representative organisation for women's rights in Ireland. Our vision is of an Ireland and a world where there is full equality between women and men. Our mission is to lead and be a catalyst for change in the achievement of equality between women and men by articulating the views and experiences of our members. Our values and beliefs shape how we work and key among these are feminism, solidarity, human rights, respect for bodily integrity, redistribution of care work, collective action, collaboration, participation, women's leadership, and a society based on equality, respect and inclusivity.

In determining whether to accept a new applicant for full membership of NWCI, the Executive Board will do so in the context of ensuring the promotion and protection of the vision, mission and values of NWCI, and in recognition of its role in acting in a position of trust for NWCI members as per our Memorandum and Articles of Association. In doing so the Executive Board will take into account the following;

1. Whether the applicant organisation meets the new criteria for full membership of NWCI
2. The reason given by the applicant organisation for seeking to join
3. The kind of activity and focus of the work of the applicant organisation
4. The values, mission and vision of the applicant organisation

5. The demonstrated commitment of the applicant organisation to feminism and women's equality
6. The potential for collaboration and alliance building
7. Previous communication or relationship between the applicant organisation and NWCI or members of NWCI (where known)
8. Any perceived potential conflict of values or interest which may arise as a result of the organisation becoming a member of NWCI