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**Women in Rural Ireland  
Leading Change**

14 October 2022



Rialtas na hÉireann  
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# Agenda

10am Registration

10.30am Welcome Margaret Martin,  
Chairperson NWC

10.40am Heather Humphreys TD,  
Minister for Rural Development

MC - Mary O Donoghue,  
West Clare Family Resource Centre

10.50am Panel discussion: Women driving  
and leading change in rural  
communities

- Chaired by Amina Moustafa,  
Glencree Centre for Peace and  
Reconciliation
- Margaret Joyce, Donegal  
Travellers Project
- Louise Coyle, Northern Ireland  
Rural Womens Network
- Lola Gonzalez, Social Activist
- Lorna Costelloe, Outcomers
- Bernadette Hopkins, Save  
Inishowen from Gold Mining

12pm

**Panel discussion: Women living free from violence**

- Chaired by Ivanna Youtchak, NWC
- Kerrie Flood, Fermanagh Women's Aid
- Mary Louise Lynch, Survivors informing Services and Institutions
- Marie Mulholland, West Cork Violence against Women
- Siobhan McKenna, Tearmann Domestic Abuse Service
- Fiona Weldon, Independent Living Movement Ireland
- Gabriela Burnett, Latin America Domestic Violence Support Group



1pm

Lunch

1.45pm

Impact of COVID 19 on women in rural areas presentation of study by Dr Martina Roche and Louise Weir

2.15pm

Looking ahead: where do we go from here? Workshop discussions on a charter for women in Rural Ireland

3.20pm

Feedback from discussions

3.50pm

Closing remarks - Tara Farrell, Longford Womens Link

4.00pm

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