

Want to know more?

So, if you want to strengthen your existing network or forum or set up a new one, or are interested in finding out more (including about WRC membership), complete and return the form below or contact:

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About WRC

The Women's Resource Centre is a charity which supports women's organisations to be more effective and sustainable. We provide training, information, resources and one-to-one support on a range of organisational development issues. We also lobby decision makers on behalf of the women's not-for-profit sector for improved representation and funding.

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Stronger Together?

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Understanding and supporting women and their organisations

Why Stronger Together?

Women's organisations are facing turbulent times. They are increasingly expected to justify their existence or women-only status and are being marginalised by funders and decision makers.

Many women's organisations find it difficult to access and influence decision makers. As a result, women's equality and women's organisations are not seen by funders as priorities. Many women's organisations are at risk of closing or are having to reduce vital support services for women. Women's organisations are increasingly having to compete with each other for funding, which can lead to a fragmented sector.

The Women's Resource Centre (WRC) strongly believes that women's organisations are experts in knowing how best to eliminate discrimination and violence against women and promote gender equality. Therefore, it is vital that the women's sector can have its say.

Our **Stronger Together** programme aims to to strengthen the voice of the women's sector through supporting local women's organisations working collectively as a network or forum to participate in and influence decision making.

The Stronger Together programme is about supporting women's organisations locally to strengthen women's voices nationally

What kind of support is available for networks?

Support through **Stronger Together** is available to WRC members in England who:

- Are a member of an existing network or forum which would like support to strengthen and build its skills, sustainability or effectiveness

- Want to set up a network or forum with other women's organisations in their area

The network or forum can be formal (e.g. has terms of reference, formal membership etc) or less formal. It may also be a time-limited or issue-specific network set up to tackle a particular issue.

Our support is tailored to the needs of the network but can include:

- Training on a range of issues such as public law, the Gender Equality Duty, research, media and lobbying and campaigning
- Practical support and advice on influencing policy decision makers and funders
- Advice on conducting research to build an evidence base
- Support and advice on the practicalities of running and sustaining a network or forum
- Written resources such as factsheets, toolkits and guides on policy issues

Where we are unable to meet the needs of the network, we will, where possible, signpost on to other organisations.

The Stronger Together programme aims to :

- ▶ Strengthen the voice of the women's sector by supporting established and new women's networks across England

- ▶ Increase the participation and influence of women's organisations in decision making

- ▶ Strengthen the skills and expertise of women's organisations in research, influencing, lobbying and campaigning

- ▶ Empower women's organisations to hold public bodies to account and challenge their decisions

- ▶ Improve the infrastructure of the women's sector through supporting solidarity amongst women's organisations, networking and information and skill sharing

