

## **LONGFORD WOMEN'S MANIFESTO GROUP**

The Longford Women's Manifesto Group represents a diverse group of women who want to establish a structure within Longford County Council where women can have their say in local decision-making.

Following from the presentation the group made to the County Council in February, the Manifesto group have invited the Councillors to come along to the Longford Women's Link to regular meetings.

The group highlighted the low level of female participation in local decision making. At that meeting the councillors indicated their willingness to engage with the group and said they would come along to the women's centre at any time.

The Manifesto group have since invited the Co. Councils to a meeting, which nine Councillors attended and unanimously agreed to put a notice of motion forward to the Co. Council that the Manifesto group should be represented on the SPCs, furthermore that they should be included in the County Council Consultative process.

You can find regular updates on our website [www.longfordwomenslink.org](http://www.longfordwomenslink.org). We are always eager for new women to participate. If you would like to become involved please contact Paula on 043-3341511/086-8265751 or email: [poconnor@longfordwomenslink.org](mailto:poconnor@longfordwomenslink.org).

## **HOPE – Honoring One Parent Equality Group**

HOPE (Honoring One Parent Equality) is a lone parent group which meets every Monday evening from 7.15-9.15pm at Longford Women's Link. Free childcare is provided at the women's centre, providing it is pre-booked and transport can be arranged.

For more information about the HOPE group, contact Paula at 043-3341511 or 086-8265751. E-mail: [poconnor@longfordwomenslink.org](mailto:poconnor@longfordwomenslink.org)

## **Women's Studies**

The Women's Studies Certificate is run in LWL in conjunction with UCD (University College Dublin) and with funding from the County Longford VEC, from Longford Women's Link on a part-time basis. There are currently 21 students participating on the current course, they one third of the way through their course.

LWL has been at the centre of delivering this outreach programme since 1996, in fact we were one of the pilot centre's for making this course accessible from the community level. Thus, we have built up a strong relationship with UCD and hope this will continue long into the future. As an organization we pride ourselves in providing accessible opportunities for women within the local community. This course offers the unique opportunity for women to return to education in a friendly and supportive environment. Furthermore, the opportunity has been available in the past, subject to demand and availability of funding, for participants to further their studies to Diploma level.

If you would like more information or wish to apply for the course, please contact Paula @ 043 – 33 41511 or 086 – 8265751.