



## Partner Search Form

Identification of the applicant	
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Short overview of your organisation (key activities, experience)	<p>LWL is a dynamic social enterprise linking women with the resources to make their community safe and equal. LWL identifies and addresses key inequalities that prevent women in Longford achieving full social/ economic potential. We provide women-centred services (Childcare, DV, Counselling, Training, Female Entrepreneurship), capacity-building and local/national advocacy. Longford Women's Manifesto Group (LWMG) is a flagship project of Longford Women's Link (LWL), a rural-based women's social enterprise in Longford, Ireland. LWMG is based on a model of positive engagement between women and local decision-makers. While women are actively involved in a range of organisations at a community level, for many reasons they are not engaged politically at a local level.</p> <p>LWMG supports women to engage with local government structures in order to bring women's voices and perspectives to decision-making tables, as well as advocating for greater citizen engagement in rural areas.</p>
Description of the project	
Strand, Measure in the framework of "Europe for Citizens" Programme (e.g. European Remembrance; Civil Society Project; Town Twinning)?	Civil Society project Programme priority: Promoting solidarity in times of crisis
Timetable of the project	September 2018 – February 2020
Short description of the project, including its aims	<b>Local Democracy for Women in Europe Programme</b> LWL has long asserted that when we support the

	<p>women of our community, we support their families – the economic independence programmes run by both organisations in the past are clear evidence of this. Therefore we propose to deliver our programme which has two main outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote the engagement of women within the partner groups to effectively participate in local democratic structures (including understanding the electoral systems and reasons for active citizenship engagement) thereby not only enhancing their understanding of local democracy but also promoting a local democratic environment with more outcomes for women.</li> <li>2. Foster an awareness and understanding of how engaging as active citizens can support groups during times of economic and political crises</li> </ol> <p>The overall aim of the programme is to build on the existing model established by LWL and develop a European model which can be replicated.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide an understanding of how local democratic structures operate so that participants learn how decisions are made that impact themselves, their families and their communities.</li> <li>2. Enable participants from diverse backgrounds and beliefs to play a fuller role in the development of their communities.</li> <li>3. At the completion of the programme, encourage and support women to take up positions on relevant committee and structures within their communities</li> <li>4. Provide printed material as part of the programme evaluation: The European Active Citizenship Guide for women which will provide support to women beyond the funded life cycle of this programme.</li> </ol>
<p>Role of the partner organisation in the project</p>	<p>To provide participants and training/meeting venue</p>

Comments from the applicant	
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