

London Irish Women's Centre

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Cllr. Nimal Roy,
Chair of Race Committee,
Town Hall,
Euston Rd., NW1 2RU

Tues. 19th Sept. 1989

Dear Cllr. Roy,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Irish Women's Conference Planning Group to request a donation from Camden's Race Unit towards the costs of hosting the conference. This conference will take place on Sun. 26th Nov. and is the 5th of it's kind to be held since 1984. The total cost will amount to approximately £7,000 and we would really appreciate £1,000 to offset this.

The conference is being co-ordinated from the offices of The London Irish Women's Centre, a London-wide group catering specifically for the needs of Irish women in Greater London. Research shows (The Irish in London LSPU 1988: Irish Women in London, LSPU 1988) that a very large population of Irish women reside and work in the borough of Camden. Research shows also that Irish women, in proportion to their numbers in the population, are over-represented in the numbers of people with social problems - homelessness, poverty, mental illness. The annual Irish women' conference is the only forum in existence for Irish women to come together to formulate strategies, and organise groups to campaign around these and other issues affecting the community. Recent years have seen a huge increase in these problems.

I know that your committee is committed to working on behalf of the Irish, Black and other minority communities, and it is for this reason that I am making this appeal to you.

I would greatly appreciate if you could ring me Tues. Wed or Thurs next week to discuss this proposal. Also if you need to have a look at reports from previous conferences - these are available from the centre here.

Thank You,

Brid Boland (on behalf of the Conference Planning Group and
The London Irish Women's Centre)