

London Irish Women's Centre

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Waltham Forest *Women's Unit*

Conference Planning Group,
c/o London Irish Women's Centre,
59 Stoke Newington Church St.,
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Dear

I am writing to you on behalf of the Irish Women's Conference Planning Group to request a donation from Waltham Forests' Women's Unit towards the cost of hosting the conference. The 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 approx £7,000 and we would really appreciate about £600 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 the Greater London area. This group has strong links with the Waltham Forest Irish Project, specifically the local Irish women's group there. Research shows that (The Irish in London, LSPU 1988: Irish Women in London, LSPU 1988) that a large population of Irish women live and work in the borough of Waltham Forest. Research also shows 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's 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 /unit is committed to redressing the disadvantages faced by all women in the community and it is for this reason I am making an appeal to you.

If you need any more information on this or previous conferences, or would like to see reports from previous conferences, please ring me Tues. Wed or Thurs. between 11.00 - 1.00 and 2.00 - 5.00 on the above number.

I would greatly appreciate if you could deal with this as soon as possible.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Brid Boland (on behalf of the Conference Planning Group)

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