

Nottingham Women's Manifesto Local Elections 2019



On 2 May 2019 people in Nottingham will elect 55 councillors from across 20 wards in the city to Nottingham City Council. The council is responsible for a wide range of functions and services in the city including education, transport planning, social care, housing, libraries, leisure and recreation, strategic planning and local taxation collection.

In the lead up to these elections, Nottingham Women's Centre has been consulting with women across the City on the issues that affect them and that they would like to see tackled by the local politicians in the next 4 years.

This is a follow up to the #WoManifesto2015 campaign that resulted in the Nottingham City Council protecting domestic violence services from cuts and expanding their Living Wage strategy.

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The economic crisis and cuts to public spending continue to make women poorer, more vulnerable and less independent with disabled and BME women being even more adversely affected.

What women want:

- To see an Equality Impact Assessment of the budget with time for meaningful consultation before it is agreed each year.
- Flexible working and the Living Wage to be standard across all council jobs and those of their sub-contractors.
- For sanitary protection to be freely available.
- More publicity and promotion of Nottingham's free support groups, events and services that reduce isolation and help women feel included.
- Training and funding for female business start-ups.

SAFETY

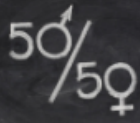


As many as 1 in 3 women will experience violence and abuse in their lifetimes and 40% of all recorded violence in Nottingham is domestic violence. We, once again, call for a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of violence towards women that recognises the devastating impact of misogynistic violence on the lives of individual women and on society as a whole.

What women want:

- Domestic and sexual violence and abuse funding to be protected from cuts.
- A city Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy in addition to the Domestic and Sexual Violence Strategy.
- All front line staff and Councillors to be trained in domestic abuse awareness so that they may more easily spot the signs.
- Transport companies to meet with women's organisations to discuss how they can improve women's safety.
- Night-time economy businesses to run misogyny awareness training for staff.
- City planners to consult with women when they are designing new developments.
- The City Council to promote Notts Police's Misogyny Hate Crime policy.

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EQUALITY

There needs to be an explicit commitment to achieving equality for women in Nottingham. Having more women in key decision making positions in the city is a significant part of this.

What women want:

- Nottingham to sign the European Charter for Equality of Men and Women in Local Life demonstrating their commitment to use their powers and partnerships to achieve greater equality for their people.
- 50% of Councillors and the Executive Board to be female.
- No Gender Pay Gap.

HEALTH



Women face particular difficulties in relation to health. Women tend to live longer than men but in doing so often spend more years in poor health and with a disability. Mental health statistics for Nottingham as a whole are worse than the national average and women are significantly more likely to develop a mental health illness than men, particularly trauma as a result of domestic or sexual abuse or pregnancy. Gynaecological issues remain largely misunderstood by health service professionals. Fear of judgement, discrimination and trauma mean women often avoid accessing health care.

What women want:

- Training for health care professionals so they have a better understanding of gynaecological health and barriers women might face in accessing services.
- A review of local service provision with a view to meeting the increasing need for trauma-informed therapeutic services.
- More support and information for relatives of people with mental health problems and for those bereaved by suicide.

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How will you vote?

How will local politicians deliver on the #WoManifesto2019?

Join us for the following events:

Fri 8th March 2019, 1 - 2.30pm - International Women's Day at Nottingham Women's Centre

Come along to hear talks by local women in politics, with time for your questions afterwards. Confirmed attendees include:

- Lillian Greenwood MP - Labour
- Cllr Kay Cutts MBE - Conservative
- Cllr Amanda Fisher - Labour
- Ruth Hyde - CEO Broxtowe Borough Council
- Rosemary Jarrett - Secretary of Arboretum Ward Labour Party
- Representative from Nottingham East Labour Party Women's Forum

April 2019 (date TBC, likely to be wc 22nd April) - Nottingham Trent University

Take part in this joint event between Nottingham Women's Centre and NTU's Department of Politics & International Relations. Local candidates will be invited to explain how they will deliver on the #WoManifesto2019. Follow **#WoManifesto2019** on Twitter for more details as they become available.



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