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Local Government and Heritage



*Comhairle Chontae Uíbh Fhailí*  
Offaly County Council



# Supporting More Women for Local Election in Offaly

# SUPPORTING MORE WOMEN FOR LOCAL ELECTION IN OFFALY

Offaly ranks as the lowest county in Ireland for female representation at Local Government level, with just one female Councillor out of 19.

In the 2019 Local Elections, only 8 women ran out of a total of 36 candidates across the three Local Electoral Areas in Offaly, that's just 22% of candidates.

The Programme for Government 2020 sets out to change this so that the council chamber truly reflects the diversity of the county. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has funded a programme supporting women for Local Election in Offaly. The programme will be delivered by Women for Election on behalf of Offaly County Council.

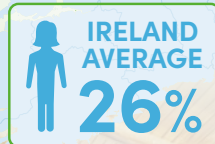
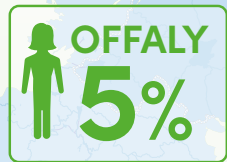
**Supporting More Women for Local Election in Offaly** is a comprehensive training and awareness programme that will aim to engage, encourage and inspire women in all their diversity from across the county to consider getting involved in politics.

Women for Election inspires, supports and equips women to enter and succeed in Irish politics.

1 OUT OF 19



Local Councillors  
is a Woman in Offaly



We know there are wonderful female leaders all across the county, and now is the time to step forward and step up to represent your community and start to prepare for the Local Elections in 2024.

# DATES OF THE PROGRAMME:

**18**  
OCT

**Launch of the Campaign  
in Tullamore Hotel**

7.00pm - 9.00pm

**19**  
OCT

**Online Introduction to Politics  
Workshop**

6.30pm - 8.00pm

**26**  
OCT

**In person Introduction to Politics  
Workshop in Tullamore**

7.00pm - 8.30pm

**02**  
NOV

**Online Be the Leader  
Workshop**

6.30pm - 8.30pm

**12**  
NOV

**INSPIRE Campaign School  
in Tullamore**

ALL DAY

**These courses are designed to give you all the tools you need to get involved and active in political life.**

Delivered by expert trainers with decades of experience in the Irish political scene. Whether you are just thinking about getting involved, or are already active and planning to run, these programmes will provide you with an excellent foundation to build on.

We would particularly encourage women from a diversity of backgrounds to engage with the programme.



# HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

If you're a woman living in the area interested in learning more about politics or upskilling, then we would love to welcome you to the trainings.

If you know a woman who would make a great leader, make sure you tell them about the programme, go to the **Count Her In** campaign at [womenforelection.ie/countherin](https://womenforelection.ie/countherin) where you can nominate her for public office.

You can also engage with the campaign online on our social media channels.

 [womenforelection](https://www.facebook.com/womenforelection)

 [women4election](https://twitter.com/women4election)

 [women4electionire](https://www.instagram.com/women4electionire)

 [women4electionire](https://www.linkedin.com/company/women4electionire)

For more information about how to sign up to trainings in the programme, please see [womenforelection.ie/offaly](https://womenforelection.ie/offaly) or connect with us on our social platforms.

To keep up to date with our work make sure to sign up for our newsletter at:  
[www.womenforelection.ie](https://www.womenforelection.ie)

#MoreWomen  
**WOMEN**  
FOR ELECTION



## What our participants say...

"We need more women at the table. We definitely do. We are 51 per cent of the population and our representation politically needs to represent that. Our councils and our national government need to be more diverse. They need to represent society. We need more migrants, we need Travellers, we need people with disabilities, we need refugees, and the LGBTQI community. We need everybody there so that nobody is left behind".

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