**COUNCIL FOR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND WITNESS**

*Presbyterian Women* Volunteers

*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized byone Spirit so as to form one body…and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.* 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

*Presbyterian Women* relies on the sacrificial giving of, and partnership with, women living for Jesus with a heart to share Him with the world. There are many different ways to serve within the organisation, each relying on the different skills and gifts brought together within the body of Christ. We can’t do mission without you!

Here are some of the ways that volunteers can serve within *Presbyterian Women:*

**PW Panel**

One member of the PW Volunteer Bank is chosen each year to join the PW Panel when the President ceases to be a member at the end of her term of office.

PW Panel is the decision-making body of *Presbyterian Women*, concerned with the following:

* The spiritual life of *Presbyterian Women* through selecting the annual theme, promoting women’s ministry, encouraging prayer, promoting home and overseas mission, producing resources, and organising the Annual Meeting and other conferences.
* Managing finance relating to the PW Mission Fund, through the allocation of grants and selection of projects to support.
* Policy making and reviewing, and communicating with PW Groups.

More information regarding the role of the PW Panel can be found in the *Presbyterian Women* Guidebook, available online.

**PW Inspirations Subgroup**

Members of this group take responsibility for the preparation of programme material for the women’s ministry resource, *Inspirations*, under the direction of the PW Panel. The group relies on having members who can bring the following skills and experience:

* A heart for communicating the gospel to women of all ages in relevant and accessible ways that will allow them to grow in faith.
* Confident written communication skills, including the ability to plan and structure resources in user-friendly and inspiring ways.
* Good working knowledge of *Presbyterian Women* and its groups, and women’s ministry within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

***Wider World* Editorial Subgroup**

The *Wider World* Editorial Subgroup provides support and encouragement for the Editor of the magazine by providing constructive feedback through quarterly meetings. Members of the subgroup may be asked to contribute ideas and suggestions for articles which may be included in the magazine.

It would be beneficial for the members of this subgroup to have some experience of the following:

* Topics and issues relevant to the readership of *Wider World*, including, women’s ministry, global mission workers, and the reality of living as a disciple of Christ today.
* Current print media, women’s magazines, and article/blog writing.

**PW Annual Meeting / Forum / Conference**

*Presbyterian Women* holds its Annual Meeting, which hosts over 1400 women from across Ireland, every May. The PW Forum normally meets twice a year, usually in September and February. Forum is crucial in the two-way communication between the PW Panel and PW LINKs, and is an educational and a motivational body that equips, enthuses and empowers women to serve Christ. On occasion, PW Forum is substituted with a larger conference.

We are reliant on volunteers from PW Groups to support the running of these events. There is a range of roles in which you may feel called to offer your help:

* Stewarding
* Welcome
* Prayer ministry
* Resource promotion
* Audio-visual support

We would love you to prayerfully consider your gifting and experiences as you explore some of the areas in which *Presbyterian Women* needs volunteers to work alongside us.

**\*Please note that PW Panel, *Inspirations* Subgroup, and *Wider World* Editorial Subgroup meetings take place during normal working hours.\***

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**SUBMISSION FORM**

**VOLUNTEER BANK**

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| **Name** | **Address** | **Phone Number(s)** | **Email Address** | **Congregation & Presbytery** |
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**Please tick YES or NO to indicate IN which of the following areas of volunteering you would be interested in getting involved:**

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|  | **YES** | **NO** |
| **Panel**  Meets monthly from September to May |  |  |
| ***Inspirations* Subgroup**  Meets quarterly from September to June |  |  |
| **Annual Conference**  Thursday 7th May 2020 – afternoon and evening events |  |  |
| **Forum**  A Saturday morning in September and February |  |  |
| **Other regional or central events** |  |  |

**We want to best use the gifts and experiences that you can bring to your role as a volunteer for *Presbyterian Women*. Please tick any of the following that you feel apply to you:**

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| Involved with *Presbyterian Women* |  | Previous leadership experience |  | Good communicator – written and spoken |  |
| Organised |  | Problem solver |  | Confident |  |
| Creative thinker |  | ICT Literate |  | Informed in areas of women’s ministry |  |