

Critical Knowledges Across Borders

Workshop 1

Healthcare



Sharing our Knowledge

When the primary welfare agencies are struggling, women often pick up the slack. Women also work in all areas of healthcare but are over-represented in roles such as nurses, healthcare visitors, care assistants and cleaners. Strong and well-functioning healthcare systems are essential for society as a whole and for women in particular. This workshop implements a 'dig where you stand' approach to enable women from N/S to share their knowledges and experiences of healthcare systems to gain greater knowledge about both systems and their outcomes.

Expanding our knowledge

There is wide variation in health outcomes for countries with similar levels of income and education due to differences in the design, funding, content and management of health systems. These differences create differentials across a range of outcomes such as fairness, quality, responsiveness and equity of treatment. This session provides an expert overview of both systems. It will cover a range of issues including: What are the strengths and weaknesses of each system?; Can greater convergence between healthcare systems improve healthcare outcomes for women?

Envisaging our futures

Rebecca Milner wrote, 'If you check the health of a woman, you check the health of a society'. What are the problems with healthcare systems on these isles? What are women's hopes for improved healthcare on the island of Ireland? What should the priorities and focus be for policy-makers in terms of healthcare. What issues does greater convergence of healthcare systems present for women?