

# #FeministClimateJustice now!



**Feminist Communities for Climate Justice (FCCJ)** is a joint project between the National Women's Council and Community Work Ireland that:

- **Amplifies, reflects & responds** to the voices & lived experiences of women & marginalised communities disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis
- **Advocates** and influences policy with women and marginalised communities
- **Mobilises** communities to support and learn from one another, through the Feminist Communities for Climate Justice National Network. Please join!
- **Strengthens capacity & raises consciousness** of those working with or active within women's and marginalised groups and communities, via the delivery of the *Community Work in a Changing Ireland* Certificate Programme in partnership with the Department of Applied Social Studies at NUI Maynooth, and by developing toolkits with and for communities

*'We may all be in the same ocean, but we're not in the same boat. Some people don't have a boat at all.'*

FCCJ highlights the disproportionate impact of the climate crisis on women and marginalised communities in Ireland. Climate justice recognises that climate breakdown impacts disadvantaged groups more, despite their lesser contribution to emissions causing climate change. Feminist climate justice pays **attention to the gendered and intersectional characteristics** of all dimensions of climate justice

## The climate crisis is a feminist issue

Women, in Ireland and globally, are more vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis, particularly those socioeconomically disadvantaged. Care is crucial to how women experience and are affected by the climate crisis, connecting with their transport, food and energy use, socioeconomic position, and political and social participation. Women and marginalised communities must be central in decision making to ensure future climate action does not worsen gender inequality.

- Women are more vulnerable to energy poverty than men, particularly older women, lone parents and Traveller women
- Women's transport needs are different to men's due to care work, and many women report feeling unsafe on public transport
- Women are disproportionately represented in deaths related to air pollution
- Extreme heat and air pollution have negative health impacts for pregnant and older women
- Women's socioeconomic disadvantage compared to men – including the gender pay and gender pension gap – puts women at a disadvantage in the face of the climate crisis and Government policy responses

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All future policy decisions - housing, energy, transport, agriculture and more - will be affected by the climate crisis.

**All policy is climate policy. And all policy needs to be gender, poverty and equality proofed.**

## A Feminist Community Work Approach to Climate Justice:

- Tackles the root causes of inequality and climate injustice – the same systems that oppress marginalised groups also destroy the environment. **System change, not climate change**
- Cares – we champion care work, paid and unpaid, and call for care to be valued and recognised as inherently green low-carbon work while advocating for high quality pay and working conditions in care work
- Transforms consultation into participation in decision-making; and capacity building into **consciousness raising and empowerment**
- Focuses on the issue of women’s representation. We need women’s voices, experiences, and leadership in all sectors of society so that those most impacted by the climate crisis are at the centre of decision making
- Means better public services for all – frequent, clean and accessible public transport; more affordable, warmer homes, to name a few. These improve not only women’s equality, but benefit all in society, including other marginalised groups. These are all also better for the planet!
- Champions a collective focus rather than individual, fostering solidarity too. Solving a single person’s crisis does not create equality for all – **we must fight for the many, not the few**
- Is informed by social justice and sustainable development – core values enshrined in the All-Ireland Standards for Community Work

A **just transition** ensures that nobody is left behind in the journey to a zero-emissions society. It aims for justice and equality, ensuring that marginalised communities are not further left behind. This includes offering good quality jobs to people leaving carbon-intensive industries, consulting with disabled people when pedestrianising streets, and ensuring that participating in the green future does not depend on disposable income. The just transition ensures that the green transition is enjoyed and participated in by all, not just a few at the expense of the majority.

We want everyone to enjoy our green future on equal footing – a future that should not benefit some at the expense of others. Clean air, warm homes, accessible and affordable healthy food and safe public transport should be available to everyone.



Our **Feminist Climate Justice Report** covers six key areas related to climate policymaking and our net-zero transition – just transition; care; energy poverty & housing; food, land use, agriculture & biodiversity; transport; and health. It explores existing international examples of good practise, including from fellow member states of the European Union, and how we might strengthen intersectional gender proofing of our climate policy. **Scan the QR code to access our full report.**

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