



## WRDA Research Ethics Policy

### ***WRDA Ethos and Values***

WRDA's vision is of a fair and equal society where women are empowered and are a visible force for change and influence in all areas of life. WRDA works regionally to advance women's equality and participation in society. We believe that all women have the right to dignity, equality and respect. We work from a feminist perspective, informed by women's lived experiences, recognising that inequality is based on and sustained by structures and systems that limit personal choice and freedom.

### ***WRDA Primary Research***

To ensure that WRDA's work is informed by women's lived experiences, we sometimes undertake primary research with women and girls. This primary research seeks to shine a light on gender inequalities in our society and understand what actions are required to tackle these inequalities. WRDA is committed to ensuring that this research is of a high quality and is conducted in a way that protects and safeguards research participants, researchers and relevant third parties. WRDA has a complaints procedure in place which can be viewed [here](#).

### ***Research Ethics***

When conducting primary research, WRDA commit to:

- Promoting the welfare, dignity, rights, health, safety, and privacy of research participants, researchers and relevant third parties.
- Taking an intersectional approach, informed by an understanding of how women are impacted by intersectional harms such as racism, sexism, ableism, homophobia, sectarianism, transphobia, classism and xenophobia.
- Ensuring that adequate trigger warnings are given before conducting research and when discussing the findings of research.
- Ensuring the anonymity and confidentiality of research participants and organisations taking part in the research.
- Providing research participants with clear information about how their data will be collected, used and stored.
- Conducting a risk assessment prior to the research which will be approved by the relevant line manager.

WRDA subscribes to the principles contained within the five STEER pillars set out in the Women's Aid [Research Integrity Framework](#) for conducting research on Domestic Violence and Abuse. These pillars include: Safety and wellbeing, Transparency/accountability, Equality, human rights, and social justice, Engagement and Research ethics.

### ***Signposting and Support***

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Speciality</b>
Alliance for Choice	<a href="http://www.alliance4choice.com">www.alliance4choice.com</a>	Abortion
Belfast Trans Resource Centre	<a href="http://www.belfasttrans.org.uk">www.belfasttrans.org.uk</a>	LGBTQ+
Cara Friend	<a href="http://www.cara-friend.org.uk">www.cara-friend.org.uk</a>	LGBTQ+
Childline	0800 1111 <a href="http://www.childline.org.uk">www.childline.org.uk</a>	Children
Common Youth	hello@commonyouth.com Belfast: 028 9032 8866 Coleraine: 028 7034 2178	Young people
Domestic & Sexual Violence Helpline	0808 802 1414	DSV
Equality Commission NI	<a href="http://www.equalityni.org/Home">www.equalityni.org/Home</a>	Rights
HereNI	<a href="http://www.hereni.org">www.hereni.org</a>	LGBTQ+
Labour Relations Agency	<a href="http://www.lra.org.uk/">www.lra.org.uk/</a>	Employment
Lifeline	0808 808 8000	Mental health
Mens Advisory Project	<a href="http://www.mapni.co.uk/">www.mapni.co.uk/</a>	Men
Nexus	<a href="http://www.nexusni.org">www.nexusni.org</a>	Sexual violence
PSNI	<a href="http://www.psni.police.uk/contact-us">www.psni.police.uk/contact-us</a>	Crime
Rainbow Project	<a href="http://www.rainbow-project.org/counselling">www.rainbow-project.org/counselling</a>	LGBTQ+
Rape Crisis	08000246991 <a href="http://www.rapecrisisni.org.uk">www.rapecrisisni.org.uk</a>	Sexual violence
Rowan Centre	<a href="http://www.throwan.net/contacts">www.throwan.net/contacts</a>	Sexual violence
SOLA (Sexual Offences Legal Advisor)	Belfast Hub: 028 9024 3133 Foyle hub: 0287370086 Email: <a href="mailto:sola@victimsupportni.org.uk">sola@victimsupportni.org.uk</a> .	Sexual violence
Victim Support	<a href="http://www.victimsupport.org.uk">www.victimsupport.org.uk</a>	Crime victims
Women's Aid	<a href="http://www.womensaidni.org">www.womensaidni.org</a>	DSV
Youth Action	<a href="http://www.youthaction.org">www.youthaction.org</a>	Young people