

# **WOMEN'S LIVESLEEDS**

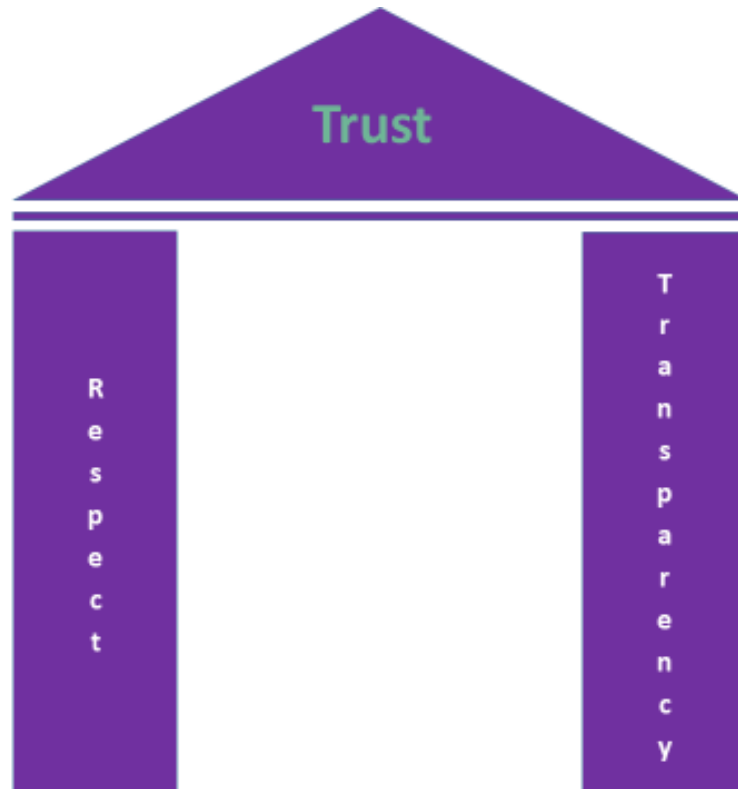
Empowering **Women and Girls** in Leeds

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**Invitation to Submit an  
Expression of Interest  
for Membership of  
Women's Lives Leeds  
Alliance**

**September 2020**

## Women's Lives Leeds Core Values



Women's Lives Leeds is a dynamic and strategic Alliance of women's and girls' organisations in Leeds. Alliance members have been working together since 2016 to empower women and girls, and to support the people and structures around women and girls which enable them to reach their potential

## Our Vision

That all women and girls in Leeds thrive and flourish

Women and girls in Leeds are empowered through the support they give to each other, the support they receive through our work and the support they are offered by their families and the wider community

Every person and organisation in Leeds champions our aim of creating a safe, empowering and sustainable city

*(UN Women's Safe Cities and Safe Global Spaces)*

## Our Mission

To ensure that the most vulnerable women and girls have improved and extended access to the services and support they want, when they choose, with the support of a dynamic, responsive and strategic Leeds Women's Sector

To prioritise and support the needs of women and girls with multiple and complex needs through the work of the Women's Lives Leeds Alliance, leading to a holistic response from services that enables women and girls to live fulfilling and independent lives

To empower women, girls and Women's Sector Organisations to support their peers and influence service delivery, development and design across the city

## Membership Criteria

Applications to become a member of Women's Lives Leeds Alliance are invited from Women's and Girls Organisations in Leeds which fulfil the following criteria, subject to approval by the existing Alliance members:

- (i) The Organisation is led by women

This means that the organisation's Chair of Trustees and CEO/Director are women, apart from in exceptional and temporary circumstances and with a clear succession plan in place.

- (ii) The Organisation's main purpose is to provide services which support women and girls
- (iii) The Organisation is separately constituted and has its own bank account
- (iv) The majority of people benefitting from the Organisation's work are women, either directly or through support that the Organisation offers to family and community members
- (v) The Organisation has a track record of providing women's and girls' specialist services in Leeds
- (vi) The Organisation agrees that it will commit and adhere to the Women's Lives Leeds Alliance Agreement

## New Alliance Members

If you would like to apply for membership of Women's Lives Leeds Alliance and your organisation fulfils the membership criteria, please send an Expression of Interest of no more than 2 pages of A4 to:

**[Chair@womenslivesleeds.org.uk](mailto:Chair@womenslivesleeds.org.uk) by midday on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Expressions of Interest should give full details of how your organisation fulfils the membership criteria. Please contact Sally Egan, Women's Lives Leeds Strategic Development, if you would like a copy of the full Women's Lives Leeds Alliance Agreement, or if you have any other questions about membership of the Alliance.

**[SallyE@togetherwomen.org](mailto:SallyE@togetherwomen.org)**

Applications from prospective new members will be considered at the next Women's Lives Leeds Alliance Strategic Meeting.