



Leaders, Leading Change

WOMEN IN POLITICS

FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2013, CITY HALL, BELFAST
8.15 – 11.45AM INCLUDES BREAKFAST

As a key leader in Northern Ireland you are invited to the first of a series of events examining how we can increase the number of women in leadership positions delivering positive change for all people.

This event follows from a US State Department initiative last year - *Women in the Workplace*, when 10 women from NI and ROI engaged with their American counterparts to examine strategies to support women in the workplace. The US Department of State has provided funding for an event in Belfast that develops these Northern Irish, Irish and U.S. dialogues on women in leadership.

Facilitated by BBC's Tara Mills, the first area to be examined is 'Women in Politics'. The format will be interactive and results based and following the speakers, you will be asked to contribute to an agreed action plan through group discussion.

The first theme is around women in politics and our speakers are:

NAN SLOANE Director at the Centre for Women & Democracy author of "Sex and Power 2013" report published earlier this year.

JESSICA GROUNDS Executive Director of the United States based Running Start Programme that supports the young women who will shape tomorrow's world. "We aim to plant the seed of interest in politics so that they will run earlier, climb higher through leadership, and share more in the decision making power of their country".

PROF YVONNE GALLIGAN Director of Queens University Belfast Gender Initiative and Director of the Centre for the Advancement of Women in Politics.

RSVP by Friday 10th May 2013 to millsl@belfastcity.gov.uk

