

Feminism and Migrant Women's Rights

Women feel separate from white feminism – be part, not separate
Feels great to have migrants – one woman thought of herself as white until migrants
FMG is here with us, supported by Irish women – more solidarity
Feminism doesn't affect Irish women and travellers and disabilities – be more aware
of the diversity of other women. Ireland is small, but realities come from real people
unlike larger countries. Migrant women's lives are a feminist issue.
Quotas and linking to ensure all types of women are involved bring movement into
communities (Roma/Muslim).
Important to be open to such networks of women so vulnerable women have new
perspectives. Muslim women started outreach to get Muslim women together.

Gender equality in Roma community – issues like forced sterilisation. Little
understanding of Roma community. Setting agenda for minority groups is not good.

No flexibility on social welfare issues is worse on migrants.
Pressure for results causes patronising attitude to migrants and Roma. State doesn't
support Roma. They don't know what to do. Settled people assume solutions but
solutions come from those experiencing discrimination. Funding cuts don't help.
Human rights framework for all not some. Habitual residency undermines migrant
women. Consistent measures for all. Getting to know them. Irish women facilitated
connection of AkiDwA with TDs.

Stay radical. Minority groups define needs (a right) and have need supported. Older
feminists don't listen to voices of Muslim women. Default of pity or disgust from
Irish community.

Creating space for dialogue – start by understanding different voices.
Legislation kick-starts a process but recognising integration is important.