



AkiDwA membership is open to all who are in agreement with its vision and values.

**AkiDwA has two types of membership:**

1. Full Members (groups)
2. Supporting members (individuals or groups who do not meet the criteria to be a Full Member).

**Full Member:**

To become a Full Member of AkiDwA, you must belong to one of the following:

- A women's group
- An organization, where women form majority of membership
- In existence for six months
- Have a minimum of 7 individual members.

**Supporting Members:**

Supporting membership is open to all individuals and groups who do not meet the criteria above but wish to support the mission and work of AkiDwA.

**Membership fees:**

Membership fees are payable per year

**Full membership:**

€35

**Supporting Member/s**

Employed €15    Unemployed €10    Asylum seeker €5

**Voting**

Each member organisation/group shall be entitled to one vote at meetings of the General Assembly

## AkiDwA Background, Vision, Mission and values

Established in 2001 AkiDwA (Swahili for sisterhood) is a national network of migrant women living in Ireland.

AkiDwA **Vision** is a just society where there is equal opportunity and equal access to resources in all aspects of society: social, cultural, economic, civic and political.

AkiDwA **Mission** is to promote equality and justice for migrant women living in Ireland

AkiDwA values are-

- ❑ **Respect for peoples dignity.** We believe in a non-judgemental approach, which respects the dignity of all the people we engage with, staff, volunteers, members, partners and the general public.
- ❑ **Integrity and Honesty.** We believe that all our work should be undertaken with integrity, openness, honesty and professionalism.
- ❑ **A learning organisation.** We believe in open mindedness and curiosity and will continue to open our organisation to learning while keeping our passion and enthusiasm for the work..
- ❑ **Empowerment.** We believe our work should empower people, assisting them move from dependency to independence.
- ❑ **Solidarity and Partnership.** We believe in a partnership approach which facilitates solidarity between people, between migrant communities and between Irish and migrant communities.
- ❑ **Accountability and transparency.** We believe we should be responsible to each other and to the people and organisations with whom we engage.
- ❑ **Equality and Justice.** We believe that there can be an equal and just society and all our work will be underpinned by the promotion of justice and equality for migrant women in Irish society
- ❑ **Participation.** We believe in the principle of participation.

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