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Benefits of AkiDwA Membership

What members can expect

- Be the first to know about AkiDwA events including seminars, conferences, workshops etc.
- Attend and participate AkiDwA events and network with other women's groups throughout Ireland
- Participate in our campaigns and influence our policy work and research
- Receive support/information in group development
- Receive free information and referrals
- Receive AkiDwA quarterly newsletter
- Receive free publications
- Profile your events on the AkiDwA website
- Link your website to AkiDwA

What AkiDwA expects from members

- Respect and confidentiality
- Active participation at all events
- Not to speak for or on behalf of AkiDwA unless assigned to do so
- Agree to abide by rules and procedures of AkiDwA
- Willingness and ability to contribute to the work of AkiDwA



AkiDwa Background, Vision, Mission and Values

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

AkiDwa's 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's mission is to promote equality and justice for migrant women living in Ireland.

AkiDwa's values are:

- **Respect for people's 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 organisation 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.

For more information contact AkiDwa or visit our website and social media.

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