FABIAN WOMEN'S NETWORK

ANNUAL REPORT

2019/2020

SISTERHOOD, SOLIDARITY, SERVICE

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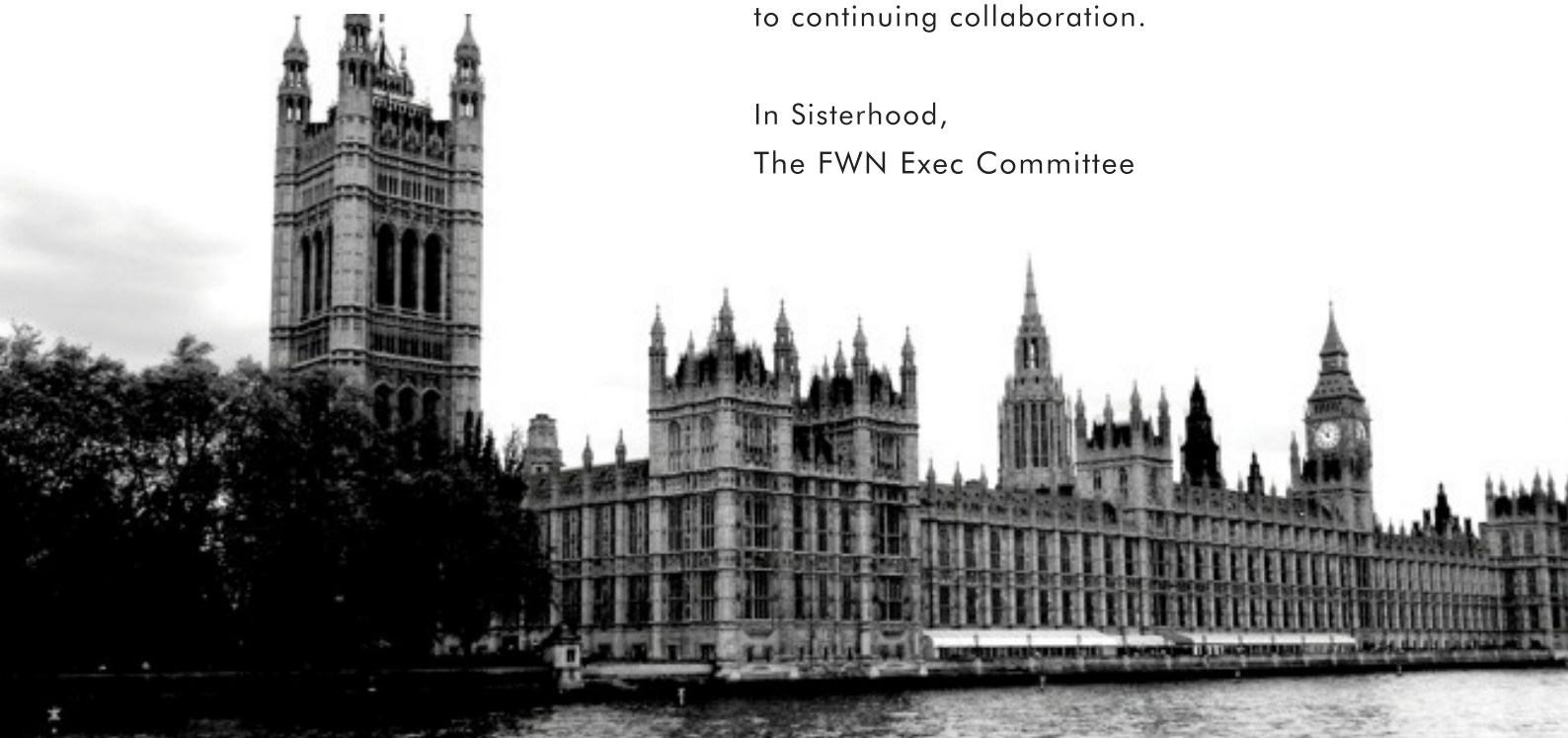
WHERE WE ARE NOW

We kicked off 2020 by continuing our work on the climate emergency at the Fabian's New Year conference and had been planning our first members conference for mid- March.
And then Covid-19 forced itself into our lives. Not letting the pandemic defeat us in our resolve we quickly programmed a series of zoom events, during lockdown, across a variety of policy topics from the multiple impacts of Covid-19 through to tackling food poverty and commemorating the 50 year anniversary of the Equal Pay Act. We also ran a series of Wonder Women Wednesday events, designed to encourage women earlier on in their political journeys to meet their goals.

In May 2020, Cllr Abigail Marshall Katung and Dr Sarah Hutchinson did a brilliant job at (re)launching FWN North.
We launched our FWN Councillor Network for those members already elected as local government representatives.
The ninth mentoring scheme cohort began in September 2019; they have had to contend with the disruptions of the General Election and then Covid-19. Caroline Adams and Christine Megson have done a brilliant job, as ever, to facilitate a worthwhile experience for participants. We have recruited cohort 10, who started in December 2020.
Thank you executive committee members, mentees and wider members for being such an exceptional group of women and for all your graft in this bizarre and difficult year. We look forward to continuing collaboration.

In Sisterhood,
The FWN Exec Committee



IMPACT AT A GLANCE

2019 - 2020

In total

Our events attracted over 1000 attendees

Areas of policy

- MUMS IN POLITICS
- EDUCATION AND WELLBEING
- HEALTH INEQUALITY
- WOMEN IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

60 of our mentees are now or have previously been Councillors

OUR COUNCILLOR NETWORK

Has over 50 women signed up and that number continues to grow !

Thirteen

MEMBERS OF THE SHADOW CABINET

Spoke at our events

Our Social Media following grew by 30% in 2020

Launched

Councillor Network and FWN North

FWN MENTORING SCHEME

Cohort 9 2019/2020

250 +

Women have participated in the FWN mentoring scheme so far.

Many of our mentees have either been promoted or have gone on to become school governors and trustees on the boards of charities. Some have formed their own charities. The majority of mentees have gained promotion earlier than anticipated, written for or spoken in national and international media. Many report that their lives have been transformed.

Though I am a Councillor, I realised that as a fairly new migrant, I needed to deepen my knowledge and build both necessary capacity and network as I proceed in my political journey.

The FWN mentoring programme provided me with leadership knowledge of keeping my team engaged and motivated through the pandemic. My career in NHS has blossomed as I apply key learnings gained from the programme. I will always cherish the privilege of being in the programme and would strongly recommend it

Favour - Cohort 9 mentee

Caroline Adams & Christine Megson
FWN Mentoring Scheme Coordinators

"During the pandemic, these women have shone. supporting their communities and exceeding expectations"

Christine Megson FWN Mentoring Co-ordinator

ABOUT US

FWN Executive Committee

Cllr Sara Hyde
FWN Chair

Cllr Kindy Sandhu
FWN Co-Vice Chair

Cllr Shaista Aziz
FWN Co-Vice Chair

Caroline Adams OBE
FWN Mentoring Scheme Coordinator

Christine Megson MBE
FWN Mentoring Scheme Coordinator

Cllr Josie Channer
FWN Councillor Network

Cllr Abigail Marshall Katung
FWN North Convenor

Cllr Sarah Hutchinson
FWN North Covenor

Rachel Maguire
FWN Communications Manager

Cllr Anya Sizer
Mums In Politics

Cllr Kelly Grehan
FWN Events Coordinator

Charlotte Rous
FWN Treasurer

Victoria Akintomide-Akinwamide
Health Inequality

Emily Batchelor
FWN Secretary

Taiwo Owatemi MP

Cllr Mumtaz Khan
Mums In Politics

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FWN Executive Committee

The Fabian Women's Network (FWN) was founded in 2005 by Seema Malhotra, who was Chair from 2005 - 2011 and is now the President. Ivana Bartoletti was Chair of FWN from 2011- 2018.

From 2013, FWN had a formally elected committee. We are really grateful to all the women who have given time, energy and ideas to FWN over the years and especially those who served on our committee.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2013-2015: Shamshia Ali, Jayne Almond, Ivana Bartoletti, Ellie Cumbo, Susie Gilbert, Farah Hussain, Sarah Hutchinson, Sara Hyde, Paulina Jakubec, Sofie Jenkinson, Claire Leigh, Christine Megson, Abena Oppong-Asare, Reema Patel, Charlotte Proudman, Felicity Slater, Kate Talbot, Shama Tatler, Abigail Wood.

2015-2017: Jayne Almond, Ivana Bartoletti, Jos Bell, Vicki Butler, Megan Corton Scott, Ellie Cumbo, Sara Hyde, Jessie Joe Jacobs, Paulina Jakubec, Anna Kere, Beth Knowles, Claire Leigh, Christine Megson, Abena Oppong-Asare, Reema Patel, Charlotte Proudman, Sarah Sackman, Alex Sanderson, Felicity Slater, Kate Talbot, Abigail Wood.

2017- 2019: Amna Abdul, Rachel Agnew, Seyi Akiwowo, Sanchia Alasia, Zahra Alijah, Shaista Aziz, Ivana Bartoletti, Johanna Baxter, Jos Bell, Sheila Chapman, Tamara Cincik, Megan Corton-Scott, Sara Hyde, Paulina Jakubec, Christine Megson, Reema Patel, Charlotte Rous, Kindy Sandhu, Denise Scott-MacDonald.

2019 - 2020: Sara Hyde, Dr Kindy Sandhu, Shaista Aziz, Charlotte Rous, Cllr Mumtaz Khan, Taiwo Owatemi MP, Christine Megson, Caroline Adams, Kelly Grehan, Cllr Abigail Marshall Katung, Sarah Hutchinson, Josie Channer, Anya Sizer, Amy Moran, Victoria Akintomide - Akinwamide

ABOUT US

FWN Vision & Values

THE VISION

To create a dynamic network of politically engaged women, nationwide, that is representative of our communities, underpinned by our values of sisterhood, solidarity and service.

To create anti-racist, intersectional spaces where these values are active and are the foundation of all our work. To create spaces where all women are supported; where women can reflect, connect with others and flourish.

To do the work needed to ethically dismantle the racist and patriarchal structures that make it hard for Black women, women of colour and minoritized women to excel in politics and public life.

To provide prescient policy insights to the front bench, regional and local government based on the lived experience, expertise and research of our members.

OUR VALUES

SISTERHOOD: creating space for and elevating the voices of those women given the least space to be heard. Working collectively to support and enable each other in our goals.

SOLIDARITY: that we identify and name hidden power dynamics, then stand alongside and take action with women to address these. We lead by example.

SERVICE: that we look to serve other women's goals, dreams and visions first, seeking the good of the whole community. We can only thrive as individual women if all women are able to thrive.

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GET INVOLVED

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

To find out more about the work we do and how you can join our network Visit: FABIANWOMEN.ORG.UK

If you have a question or want to make a comment about our work you can get in touch at:

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Twitter – @FABIANWOMEN
Facebook –FACEBOOK.COM/FABIANWOMEN
YouTube – FABIAN WOMEN'S NETWORK

SUPPORT OUR WORK

We are a volunteer led organisation. Your support can make a real difference not only to the women who work so hard on behalf of FWN but also to the many communities across the UK that our members work with as Councillors, MP's and otherwise. You can support us by;

MAKE A DONATION
FUNDRAISE FOR US
LEAVE A LEGACY

Please get in touch at fabianwomenfwn@gmail.com to talk with us about supporting our work

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