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Rural Women's Network**

#ChartingBrexit



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Northern Ireland Rural Women's Network (NIRWN) was established in September 2006 'to promote and support rural women in rural Northern Ireland'. We are a membership based organisation.

Mission

'To amplify and articulate the voice of rural women at local, regional and strategic level'

Objectives

- To increase the voice of rural women at a policy level
- To advocate and lobby on behalf of rural women
- To provide information and networking opportunities for rural women
- To represent rural women on the Women's Regional Consortium
- To pilot innovative projects to further the vision of rural women
- To hold statutory bodies to account to measure their impact on rural women



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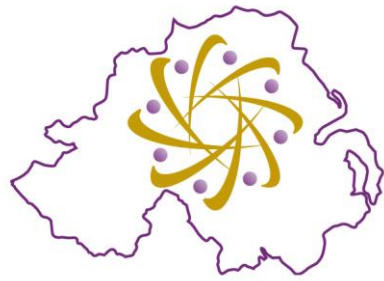


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CURRENT PICTURE

- Rural areas are home to 40% of the NI population
- There has been no substantial, dedicated mainstream rural development fund in NI Border Areas; we have relied on European funding since the early 1990's
- Historic underinvestment in rural women



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What impact do you believe BREXIT will have on you, your family, your community?

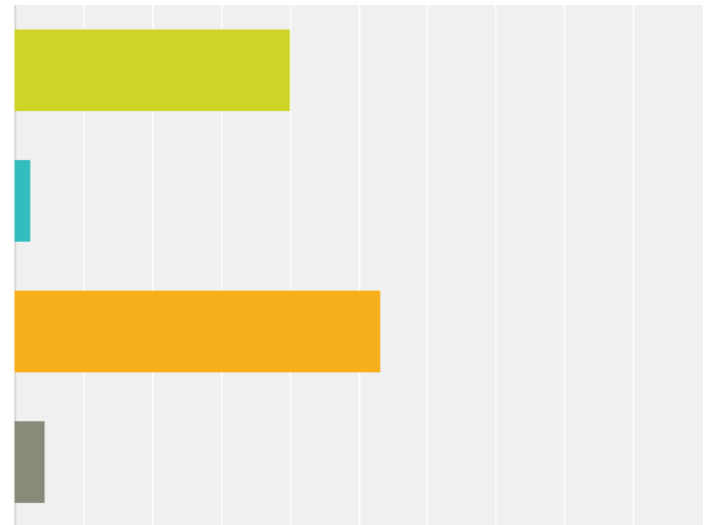
Mostly Negative **40%**

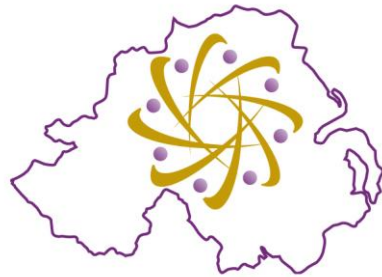
Mostly Positive **2%**

Unsure but concerned **53%**

Unsure but not

Concerned **5%**



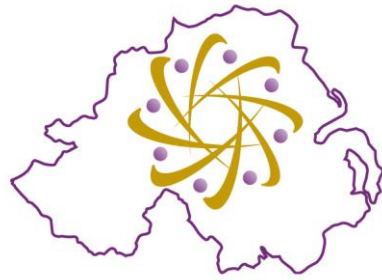


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POTENTIAL IMPACT OF BREXIT

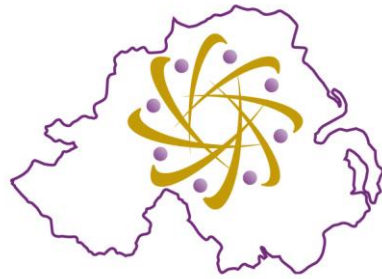
- EU funding
- Social and Human Rights
- Peace process
- Border Areas
- Uncertainty



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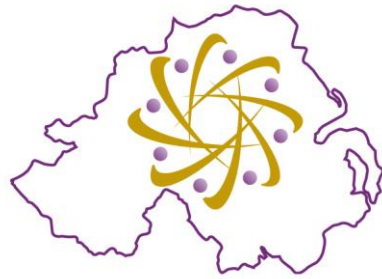


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CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE

- Timeframe for BREXIT
- Government??
- No unified political position from NI
- Budget
- Border
- Lack of clarity in language 'hard'; 'soft', 'Brexit means Brexit' etc.



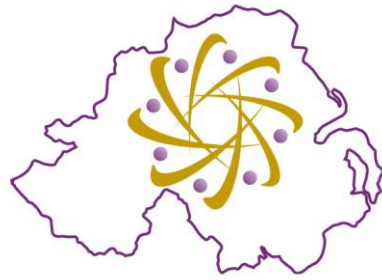
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

New opportunities :

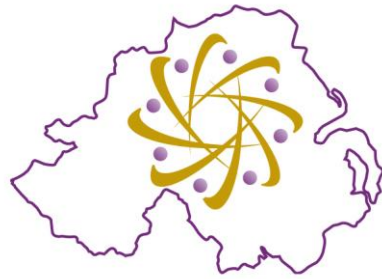
- to engage Civil society and rural in new policy planning and development (Rural Needs Act)
- for better collaborative working
- Bill of Rights for NI
- NI bespoke Rural Development Programme
- Achieve more regional balance of support
- For more visible women



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