

# Women's Breakout Membership

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## Key Aim

The key aim of Women's Breakout is to *“support **voluntary and community sector organisations** which divert women from the Criminal Justice System through the provision of **women only, women centred, holistic, community based services.**”*

## Full Membership

Full membership is open to voluntary and community sector organisations that divert women from the Criminal Justice System through the provision of holistic, women centred, community based services:

These organisations must be either:

- Women only voluntary and community sector organisations, being organisations that are established for the purpose of providing services for the benefit of vulnerable women and their families; and where a majority of services provided are exclusively for women; or
- Voluntary and community sector organisations that are running women only projects, being projects providing services for the benefit of vulnerable women and their families; and where a majority of services provided by the project are exclusively for women;

These services provided must be holistic, women centred and community based.

- **Holistic:** The organisation or project must provide a holistic service by providing a range of different support to address multiple and complex needs faced by women, across most of the nine pathways identified in the Corston Report.
- **Women Centred:** Women centred services are focused on vulnerable women, where each woman is treated as an individual with her own set of needs and problems, and where she is engaged in identifying and agreeing her own support needs.
- **Community Based:** The organisation or service should be based in a local community, serve a specific area or region, and involve the local community in the running of the project.

## Other categories of membership

### Associate Membership

Open to organisations that are

- (i) working to provide alternatives to custody for women, divert women from the Criminal Justice System and reduce reoffending by women; **or**
- (ii) delivering women only services; **and**
- (iii) supports the aims of Women's Breakout.

### Affiliate Membership

Open to any organisation that supports the aims of Women's Breakout.

### Individual Membership

Open to any individual wishing to support Women's Breakout. Executive Board may, from time to time, confer Honorary Membership on individuals who have made a significant contribution to advancing the agenda of Women's Breakout.