



Labour Women's Declaration Cymru

Speaker – Bronwen Davies

LWD Cymru has about 60 gender-critical women members of Welsh Labour in it, from 17 of the 40 CLPs in Wales.

So, we still have some way to go in improving our reach.

We came together three years ago, almost exactly, when eight of us met in Cardiff, to discuss the opposition, from trans rights activists, to women meeting to discuss our concerns about proposed changes to the Gender Recognition Act.

This was at the time of the attack on Maria MacLachlan at Speaker's Corner, in London.

Those of us on Facebook were added to a secret group for gender-critical women in the Labour Party.

We went on to set up a secret Facebook group for **all** gender-critical women in Wales.

So, the group has its roots in the wider women's movement, we are not separate from it.

We have been involved in action with women outside the Labour Party, in the Fair Play For Women campaign in 2018, for instance. And in the T-shirts action organised by Resisters in January 2019, when four separate groups in south Wales dressed statues in T-shirts which said: "woman = adult human female", and got some great media coverage.

We have also asked questions and leafleted at Labour Party Conference and at Welsh Labour Conference. We were due to hold a fringe meeting at Welsh Labour Conference this year, cancelled, sadly, because of the lockdown.

As Paula said, it has been a question of gathering support one conversation at a time.

We started collecting supporters' email addresses, so as not to exclude women who did not use social media. So, this year it has been easy for us to move to having Zoom meetings, which we started doing in May and we've continued monthly.

We are currently focusing on trying to influence the Manifesto for the Senedd elections in Wales in 2021.

Women in Scotland, London, the North and other regions are supporting each other in similar ways to us.

Your journey won't be the same, but knowing that you have the support of other women in your locality and your region of the Labour Party is priceless.

Go for it.