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GM4Women's event in Bolton delivers powerful momentum for Greater Manchester's equality agenda

Full house of attendees engage in meaningful action-focused discussions on women's safety, health, employment and political representation

GM4Women's inspiring 'Dialogue, Deeds & Determination' event took place on (Saturday 12th July 2025) at Imagination Street in Bolton, drawing a capacity crowd of over 100 women, girls and male allies united in their commitment to accelerating gender equality across Greater Manchester.

The day-long event, which ran from 10.30am to 4.00pm, saw exceptional attendance and participation from engaged attendees taking part in dynamic discussions, interactive workshops and meaningful networking opportunities that translated data insights into concrete action plans.

Highlights from the day included:

The presentation of GM4Women's 'Half-Way There' report, which documents the story of how and why GM4women came about, the experiences of those involved and what the data has highlighted.

A powerful plenary session on 'Responding to Domestic Abuse - Local Innovations in Practice', showcasing ground-breaking approaches being implemented across the region to support survivors and prevent abuse.

An engaging 'Diversity in Democracy' panel discussion hosted by Helen Pankhurst CBE, featuring Bolton North East MP Kirith Entwistle, Councillor Hanif Alli and Councillor Akhtar Zaman which explored practical strategies for increasing women's engagement in political processes.

Four intensive workshops covering Safety, Employment, Health and Education Data, where attendees collaborated on solutions and shared experiences across these critical areas affecting women and girls in Greater Manchester.

Moving poetry readings and storytelling performances by local artists that brought personal experiences to the forefront of the equality conversation.

Helen Pankhurst CBE, Convenor of GM4Women said: "Yesterday's event in Bolton perfectly embodied the spirit of 'Dialogue, Deeds & Determination'. We had a full house of passionate individuals who didn't just listen – they actively participated, shared their experiences and committed to concrete actions."



The event concluded with final reflections, performances and celebrations that reinforced the collaborative spirit and determination to continue driving change across Greater Manchester.

Next events:

GM4Women's 'Dialogue, Deeds & Determination' series continues with:

Data, Deeds and Determination Virtual Event - Friday 6th February 2026 (online format focusing on data analysis and actionable initiatives)

Dialogue, Deeds & Determination - Rochdale - Saturday 4th July 2026 (full day community event, 10.30am-4.00pm)

For more information about GM4Women's ongoing work and future events, visit www.gm4women2028.org.

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Notes for editors

About GM4Women

GM4Women2028 is a volunteer-led initiative led by a diverse team of passionate women working across Greater Manchester to improve outcomes for women and girls by advancing gender equity and building a brighter future.

Established in 2018 with the aim of improving gender equality in the Greater Manchester region by 2028, its mission is to address inequalities, amplify voices, influence policy and drive change, ensuring the needs of women and girls are heard and acted upon.

Each year, GM4Women produces the Pankhurst-Fawcett Scorecard, which collects data on the experiences of women and girls in Greater Manchester. This data allows the charity to hold gender equality initiatives to account.

Convened by Helen Pankhurst CBE – granddaughter of Sylvia and great-granddaughter of Emmeline Pankhurst – GM4Women continues the Pankhurst legacy of advocating for gender equality and social justice.

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