RWN hosts 'Be Bold for Change' event

Roscommon Women's Network hosted a coffee morning at Gleeson's Restaurant last week to celebrate International Women's Day 2017 and Adult Leaners week.

This year's international theme was 'Be Bold for Change'. A large crowd joined in the celebrations to hear four inspirational women speak.

Nora Fahy, the manager of Roscommon Women's Network (RWN), spoke of RWN's journey over the last 10 years. "RWN has grown despite large funding cuts," she said. She brought the crowd through a number of celebrations that RWN had hosted over the years and complimented the continued support RWN receives from the community.

Marie Paul came prepared for the day dressed as a suffragette. She spoke highly of the successes of women throughout the ages and how far women had come in the last 100 years. Maire highly regarded the great political local Roscommon women who had done so much throughout the years advancing women's status in society. Marie also paid regard to all those who were affected by the recent Tuam babies scandal and lit a candle in their honour.

Ann McNamara of the Galway-Roscommon Education Training Board gave a positive outlook for the future of adult education while Mhoira Patterson gave an account of her life spanning several countries and careers and the importance of education in all our lives.

RWN has a number of on-going projects including the Roscommon Women's Manifesto Group, which aims to promote political awareness among women and how to inform policy. This is a new dynamic group still in its infancy. If you would like to get in-

Mary Kelly, Tom Dwyer, Castlerea; Imelda Flanagan, RWN and Claire Harrington, Ballinagare, pictured at International Women's Day in Gleeson's, Roscommon. Pic. Gerard O'Loughlin

Nicola Miller, Cloonbrackna, Roscommon; Maria Harris, RWN and Natasha Bishop, Abbey Town, Roscommon, pictured at International Women's Day in Gleeson's, Roscommon. Pic. Gerard O'Loughlin

Dr. Mhoira Patterson, guest speaker; Helen Hunt, Catherine and Bridget Quinn, Castlerea, pictured at International Women's Day in Gleeson's, Roscommon.

Vera Woods, Anne Smyth, Marilyn O'Connor, Anne Adler and Marie O'Neill, Boyle, pictured at International Women's Day in Gleeson's, Roscommon.