

Women's Councillor Shadowing Scheme Supporting Information

The shadowing scheme will give women the opportunity to shadow existing councillors at a series of Council meetings, which are normally held in the evenings.

Women on the scheme will be given the opportunity to attend a training session and will be asked to give feedback through a diary.

The cost of reasonable expenses will be covered e.g. child care/travel.

The overall aims and objectives of the scheme are:

- To give women the opportunity to see all aspects of elected office and how the democratic process works
- To give women the opportunity to gain experience of life as a councillor
- To improve the representation of women in elected office
- To help the Council identify incentives that encourage people to stand for election at a local level.

To apply for one of the six places on the scheme you:

- must be a woman, aged 17 years plus
- must live and/or work in Gloucester
- must be able to attend meetings outside of working hours (early evenings), up to 15 hours over 4 months (May-Aug)
- must be an EU citizen
- must want to make a difference in your City and local community

Applications should be returned to:

A Tarren
Democratic Services
Gloucester City Council
North Warehouse
The Docks
Gloucester GL1 2EP

The closing date is 31st March 2010.

This scheme is a positive action initiative aimed at improving the representation of women within the local democratic process and as such it is only open to women. Within the Sex Discrimination Act there are provisions for positive action.

