

**AkiDwA, the African and Migrant Women's Network,
in association with**

Dublin City Council

Invites you to the launch of photo exhibition

MIGRANT WOMEN TRANSFORMING IRELAND

Date: 12 September 2011
Time: 11 am-1pm
Venue: Exchange Dublin, Exchange Street Upper, Temple Bar, Dublin 2

While integration is always a challenge for ethnic minorities, the current economic climate has increased migrants' feelings of marginalisation and 'racialisation'. This is especially the case for asylum seekers in Ireland, who are segregated and not allowed to work or take up third level education, which often results in a sense of isolation.

Women migrants, regardless of their immigration status, face additional, gender-based obstacles to integration and equality. The obstacles can include: their migration status, their roles as mothers, gender-based violence, female genital mutilation (FGM), reproductive health issues and also their often overlooked marginalisation within migrant communities. However, despite the difficulties they face, migrant women in Ireland have shaped and continue to enrich Irish society.

This event, held collaboratively by **AkiDwA** and the Dublin City Council, will present the official opening of the series of activities organized to mark **AkiDwA's** 10th anniversary as an organization. The photo exhibition consists of images of ten migrant women whose stories feature in **AkiDwA's** new publication '*Home and Away*'. The book, which highlights contributions these women make to their own communities and to Irish society, will be launched at **AkiDwA's** conference on 14th September 2011 in Trinity College Dublin.

Admission is free but booking is essential as places are limited.

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For full list of AkiDwA's 10th anniversary events, please visit www.akidwa.ie