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Founded in 1939, the National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW) is a forum in which Catholic women of England and Wales come together to share their views and concerns at diocesan and national level. It is a consultative body to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and has consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC).

The National Board of Catholic Women:

- Works nationally and internationally to challenge discrimination and promote a woman's right to gender justice.
- Actively seeks to promote the presence, participation and responsibilities of Catholic women in Church and society in order to enable them to fulfil their evangelical mission and to work for the Common Good.
- Represents the views and concerns of Catholic women to the Bishop's Conference and to the government.
- Works ecumenically with women of other faiths and with secular groups.

The NBCW provides a forum enabling Catholic women in England and Wales (members of Catholic organisations and other women representatives of diocesan structures) to meet together in order to share experiences, express their hopes and concerns and make recommendations on the life and missions of the Church. These they will communicate to their member organisations, to their dioceses and to the Bishops' Conference for the purpose of enhancing the contribution of Catholic women to the life and mission of the Church and to the service of the community. The NBCW also forwards to Government and others submissions dealing with matters of public interest and concern.

For further information about the National Board of Catholic Women see our website at:

[www.nbcw.org](http://www.nbcw.org)