



Women's Role in Society: The Experience in Afghanistan 'Call to Action'!

The Mary Ann McCracken Foundation, having listened to recommendations from our speakers and attendees at our inaugural lecture on the 18th November 2021, intends to do the following:

1. Support refugees and asylum seekers already living here

Encourage the donation of good quality, clean clothes, particularly men's and children's, to Storehouse, a Belfast based charity. Please contact Storehouse directly if you can make a donation.

Bring together relevant voluntary organisations to discuss possible opportunities for volunteering and work experience.

Contact elected representatives to lobby them to create or consider opportunities for access to training for refugees in their professional fields to enable them to work in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

2. Continue to raise awareness of the plight of others, particularly women, true to the legacy of Mary Ann McCracken

- Host relevant talks and guest lectures
- Develop the 'Friends of the Foundation'. By becoming a 'Friend' of the Mary Ann McCracken Foundation, you are not only supporting its ongoing work, but you will also receive a number of benefits including 20% off all talks, tours and merchandise. Please email lucy@cliftonbelfast.org.uk for an application form.

3. Donation of funds raised

The Foundation have agreed, based on comments at the lecture, that the funds raised from the event will be donated to a humanitarian charity working in Afghanistan - Qamar Charity Foundation. If you wish to make an additional donation you can do so via the Mary Ann McCracken Foundation (www.maryannmccrackenfoundation.org) or directly via the Qamar Charity Foundation's website (<https://qamarcharity.org/>).