



### Margaret

*Interests:* crocheting, arts & crafts, swimming, walking her wee dog, dancing, socializing with friends, and going to the movies.

*Strengths:* I am focused, motivated, work well in a team, and get on with everyone.

*How I want to make the world a better place:* Peace between our neighbours to bring down barriers that divide Protestants and Catholics. I feel we are all the same, we all face the same issues. Coming together makes a stronger community.



### Sharon

*Interests:* Wall-papering, cinema, attending community groups, and spending time with my grandchildren

*Strengths:* I am an outgoing person, I challenge people and situations in appropriate ways, and I have a good sense of humour.

*How I want to make the world a better place:* I want to make our community a better place because the people in it deserve it. Our community has come through so much and is stronger because of the experiences in it but it still has a long way to go.



### Bernadette

*Interests:* swimming and socializing

*Strengths:* I am outgoing, I like participating in activities, and I like facing on challenges.

*How I want to make the world a better place:* I would like to make my community a better place for women. I feel they need support and a place to come together so they are not in isolation. Studies recently show that loneliness is worse than depression and I feel this is true for many women in my community.



### Michelle

*Interests:* Making blankets, arts and crafts, and going to women's group

*Strengths:* I am good at organizing events and programs, a good listener, and can work well in a team.

*How I want to make the world a better place:* Trying to tackle the drug problem in today's society is a real passion for me as I have seen many lives wrecked due to addictions in the community.



### Joanne

*Interests:* making hampers to sell and caravan

*Strengths:* I am reliable, independent, and supportive.

*How I want to make the world a better place:* People's mental health.

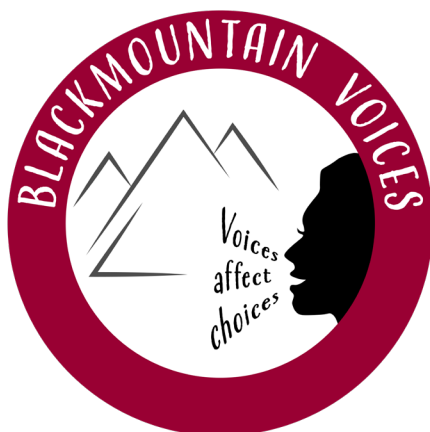


### Rosaleen

*Interests:* Crafting, walking, and spending time with my children

*Strengths:* I am patient, good at organizing, and a good listener.

*How I want to make the world a better place:* Making my community drug free.



Team Name: **Blackmountain Voices**

Team Slogan: **Voices affect choices.**



### Paula

*Interests:* Reading, photography, walking, church, and socialising with friends

*Strengths:* I have strong organizational skills, a sense of

humour, and the ability to show empathy.

*How I want to make the world a better place:* How young people see themselves.



### Donna

*Interests:* walking, reading, listening to music, and spending time with my family, friends, and dogs

*Strengths:* I am caring, self-aware, and observant.

*How I want to make the world a better place:* I feel really passionate about the community I work in. And really love helping people realise that they have so much to offer.



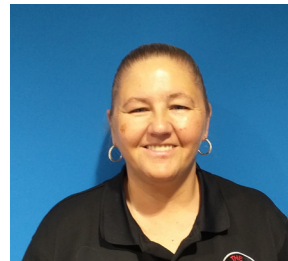
### Denise

*Interests:* sewing and crochet, Bingo, and being with family

*Strengths:* I am creative, imaginative, and always willing to take part.

*How I want to make the world a*

*better place:* My community and making it drug free or even reducing the amount of alcohol and drugs in the area.



### Tracey

*Interests:* Reading, walking with my dogs, and going out with my kids

*Strengths:* I am confident, friendly, and I socialise well.

*How I want to make the world a better place:* Mental health is the number one thing that concerns me and I feel it should be on everyone's mind.

## About the Team

Blackmountain Voices first began meeting together to address and overcome the legacy of the Troubles, which directly impacted their lives. The communities in Belfast, Northern Ireland that they are from are still grappling with the history that shaped them. The women of this team come from a variety of backgrounds, from nurses to youth workers to full-time parents, but they all share a vision of a future where all people feel empowered to share their stories and strengthen their communities.

In 2018, FFI began to expand our program offerings beyond youth to work with adult community leaders from around the globe. Past programs have included adults from Ukraine, Cyprus and Tajikistan. Each program is tailored to the specific participants and nations. The Blackmountain Voices team intersects with our programs focused on women's empowerment and shared existence.

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**FRIENDS FOREVER  
INTERNATIONAL** | **Conversation  
Series**

**November 13<sup>th</sup>  
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**Friends Forever International**

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Durham NH, 03824

*Light refreshments will be served.*

FFI is an independent 501(c)3 whose mission is to empower youth leaders to connect, strengthen, and serve communities around the globe by combining their passion to make the world a better place with the skills, experiences, and resources required to do so.