

Aki Dwa



Celebrating 15 years

*“As a woman I have no country.
As a woman my country is the
whole world”.*

Virginia Wolf





“African women in general need to know that it’s ok for them to be the way they are - to see the way they are as a strength, and to be liberated from fear and from silence”.

Wangari Maathai

“The double jeopardy of being black and female in a racist and sexist society may well make one less afraid of the sanctions against success. A non-subservient black woman is by definition a transgressive - she is the ultimate outsider”.

Mamphela Ramphele





“It’s so clear that you have to cherish everyone. I think that’s what I get from these older black women that every soul is to be cherished, that every flower is to bloom”.

Alice Walker

*“For what is done or learned by one
class of women becomes, by virtue of
their common womanhood, the property
of all women”.*

Elizabeth Blackwell





“We recognise that women world wide, in rich and poor countries, face discrimination and inequality, in particular African women have gender specific needs that need to be represented in a safe environment, therefore African women need to be empowered to speak for themselves”.

Salome Mbugua



Akina Dada wa Africa (AkiDwa) means African sisterhood in Swahili. AkiDwa is a national network of African women living in Ireland which aims to empower and provide a platform for change on issues affecting their lives.

AkiDwa was established in August 2001 by seven African women living in Ireland. It is a voluntary organisation and a representative body for all African women living here irrespective of their national/ethnic background, tradition/religion, socio-economic or legal status.

AkiDwa's work focuses on development and human rights issues from a gender perspective.

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