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Womens Fun Weekend = FUN!



Cork is slowly recovering from the biggest and the best ever 'Women's Fun Weekend'.

Over 250 women from all over Ireland, Britain and elsewhere took part in the weekend's revels. The highlight was the cabaret, ceili and disco on Saturday night featuring Pom Boyd and 'Miss Brown to You'.

The legendary Loafer's pub quiz on Sunday afternoon attracted a capacity crowd to the pub's sun-baked garden. Quiz mistresses were Marie and Gemma - to ensure they did not win yet again. The exhausted survivors boogied into Monday morning at the 'hot' disco in the Other Place

Other events of the weekend included the Soccer Match (serious) and the Soft Ball Match (not serious) as well as workshops on Drama, Astrology, Tarot, and Lesbians & Philosophy.

The Women's Fun Weekend was founded in 1984. That was an era of serious politics. Struggles around contraception, abortion, divorce and for the most elementary rights for lesbian and gays were the focus for virtually every meeting that brought women together. The Fun Weekend aimed to provide a space to recognise and celebrate the identity, culture and community that women were creating. It also aimed to raise some money for women's groups. A measure of its success has been the emergence over the years of a similar events in other places.

The number of women coming back from abroad was a feature of the weekend. They flew in from Britain and the States reminding us of how many have left in the past decade. Also notable was the number of young women attending for the first time.

The success of the weekend was a tribute to the stamina and determination of the small group of organisers. As we head towards its tenth anniversary the future of the weekend seems assured.