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## Pro-Choice campaigners in Derry



Pro Choice supporters dressed as handmaidens at the abortion rights campaign group ROSA, Reproductive Rights Against Opp Sexism and Austerity rally at Guildhall Square on Thursday evening last. DER2218G026

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gathered with local activists at Guildhall Square on Thursday as they brought their #Bus4Choice to the c



Pro Choice supporters hold placards at the abortion rights campaign group ROSA, Reproductive Rights Against Oppression, Sex and Austerity rally at Guildhall Square on Thursday evening last. DER2218G027

Several of those participating arrived dressed in white caps and crimson cloaks in imitation of the women featured in 'The Handmaid's Tale' book and TV series.

During the event, activists called for an Extension of the 1967 Abortion Act to include Northern Ireland and those gathered held placards with the message, 'We Won't Be Left Behind.'

The rally was part of a day of action staged by the groups across Northern Ireland. It came after people in the Republic voted by around two to one to repeal the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution recently, paving the way for new legislation for the termination of pregnancies south of the border.

Organisers had said that in conjunction with the Netherlands-based, doctor-run womenonweb.org, they planned to "defy Northern Ireland's archaic abortion laws by providing information and access to safe abortions with pills under medical supervision".



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Pro Choice supporters, from the Alliance for Choice Derry, at the abortion rights campaign group ROSA, Reproductive Rights / Oppression, Sexism and Austerity rally at Guildhall Square on Thursday evening last. DER2218G024

In a statement issued by the group, they said: “ROSA and Women on Web organised important acts of civil disobedience in the South using abortion pills including the Abortion Pills Train and #Bus4Repeal.

“These acts of civil disobedience, along with supplying women with pills, have been instrumental in shaping the debate on abortion in Ireland, demonstrating that abortion is a daily reality in Ireland.”

The #Bus4Choice started with a rally in Belfast before travelling to the constituency offices of prominent life’ MLAs and MPs from the the main political parties. The day of action ended with the rally at the G



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Some of the attendance at the abortion rights campaign group ROSA, Reproductive Rights Against Oppression, Sexism and Au rally at Guildhall Square on Thursday evening last. DER2218G030



Goretti Horgan speaking at the abortion rights campaign group ROSA, Reproductive Rights Against Oppression, Sexism and Au rally at Guildhall Square on Thursday evening last. DER2218G023



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Pro Choice supporter holds a placard at the abortion rights campaign group ROSA, Reproductive Rights Against Oppression, S and Austerity rally at Guildhall Square on Thursday evening last. DER2218G031

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