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Women and Children in Transition (WACKIT)

The first meeting of a support group for women going through a crisis situation after their marriage had broken down was held on 14 June 1978. The group, which was initially called Women in Transition (WIT) and later became Women and Children in Transition (WACKIT), was a self-help group for women who needed information, support and advocacy around the issues of leaving the marital home, whether or not to take the children, fighting for custody, the impact and implications of being a lesbian mother and other related issues.

WACKIT went on to concentrate on the effect the Family Law Act had on women and how they were treated while going through the Family Court as well as looking at the level of pensions, the availability of legal aid and taking action on these issues as necessary..

WACKIT continued to meet on a regular basis as a discussion, referral and action group as described for a couple of years till it folded in July 1982.