

The Women's Devising Project
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The Women's Devising Project (WDP) is an evolving theater project that explores the lives of women in North Dakota, past and present, while they consider the future of women in the state. They are creating a devised theatre piece, a love letter, exploring the varied viewpoints of women in North Dakota. The WDP offers unique perspectives and wish to give voice to many different women with various experiences and beliefs. Devised theatre, like *The Laramie Project*, depend on a group of committed individuals to create a play from the ground up using historical research, interviews and other materials t relevant to their project.

The WDP was thrilled to participate in WE Rise Lobby Day at the invitation our partner organization The North Dakota Women's Network on March 12th. Kathryn Dunlap and Eichellette Armstrong, WDP collaborators, presented workshop materials inspired by Marshall Ganz's Story of Self advocacy training. They encouraged event participants to see their stories of challenge and choice as tools for self-advocacy and change. It was a wonderful opportunity and experience, surrounded by passionate advocates for women.

As summer approaches the WDP is gearing up for some busy months ahead. They are making adjustments to the project website which goes live in June. Starting that same month both Kathryn and Eichellette will be spending weekends through the summer visiting communities around the state, conducting interviews, and exploring the lives of women. Anyone interested in adding their voice to the project should contact us at womensdevisingproject@gmail.com or 701-989-4316 with your name and where you're from. Or if you know of someone that would be a wonderful additional to our project you can also reach out to us. We can let you know when we'll be coming through your area! Also please contact us if you'd be interested in hosting us.