

## Women's Ordination

In **May 12 -14, 2011**, the retreat centre 'Passaddhi' in Ireland will offer a special opportunity for women to ordain as a Buddhist nun on a temporary basis (followed by a vipassana retreat open to all from Saturday May 14 - Sunday May 22). Temporary ordination for both women and men is a common practice in Burma.

This kind of ordination offers an opportunity to first-hand experience the shift from being a lay person to becoming a monastic. Already shaving one's head and wearing the monastic robes proves to be a powerful outer transformation that can have a deep impact on one's inner life and practice. It allows one to let go of outer bondages and restrictions and, therefore, to fully immerse one's heart into the practice of the Dhamma.

The ordination and retreat will be carried out by Ven. Ariya Nani, a Swiss nun who has been ordained in the Burmese tradition since 1992.

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