What a year this has been, as the world continues to be gripped by the Coronavirus pandemic we are all having to adapt to newer, more stringent, measures to combat its effects and have had to accept changes in order to continue our work. I am sure we are all experiencing the same.

Among these changes has been our greater reliance on electronic forms of communication, which has served us well as an alternative to our usual social meetings. We have been able to continue with management meetings and arrange discussion sessions with our members, and had representatives at a number of our associates meetings on line. For members who are unable to join on line we have sent, by post, a regular newsletter. Up until the latest Lockdown we have been able to keep in touch with our NCYW School line they responded very well to the Challenge to raise awareness of November 25th, the UN Designated Day about the need to eliminate violence against women and girls. Activities included Assembles and non-uniform days which enabled money to be raised for organisations which support vulnerable women. Students tuned into the linked colour orange by wearing clothes, hair ribbons, wrist bands and nail varnish in that shade.

The Network 18+ group activity has been held up due to the ever changing COVID restrictions. But Students have kept in touch with email connections. Some of our 18+ members have been working with the six form groups great help to all, and good leadership training for Network 18+ members.

We had four Resolutions passed at our ZOOM AGM in November Subjects were Climate Change, Care Homes, Overseas Aid and The Istanbul Convention (proposed by a member of the 18+ Network Group)

Our activities have certainly been affected by the pandemic but we look forward to being able to continue to work closely with you all to improve the quality of life for everyone.

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