

Resolutions process

- Members have been considering the shortlist of resolutions for the 2021 Annual Meeting. These cover a diverse range of topics including the symptoms of ovarian cancer, coronary heart disease in women, racism and discrimination, creating wildlife-friendly communities and peat bogs.
- We anticipate that one or two resolutions will go forward to the Annual Meeting in June.

Current campaigns

Make a Match (stem cell donation)

- An action pack for members is currently being produced for online publication in early spring. This will have a focus on supporting members to hold virtual events to raise awareness of stem cell donation. We are also looking to produce a short series of educational videos.
- We continue to promote registration to the aligned stem cell registry through our WI-specific sign up links.

Stop Modern Slavery

- We are currently developing future plans for the campaign to build on the awareness raising activities members have been undertaking.
- However, we continue to explore opportunities that will help to improve understanding of the difference individuals can make by learning to spot the signs of modern slavery, and how to report suspected cases.

Get on Board for a better bus service

- A report with the findings of the NFWI's survey to understand the availability of bus services in England and Wales, and people's experiences of using them, is currently underway. We are looking at publishing this in late winter/early spring.

5 Minutes that Matter (cervical screening)

- We are developing plans to publish the findings of our survey on cervical screening, which covered issues including self-sampling and the barriers people face to attending their appointments. Next steps may include creating educational resources targeted at specific issues identified in the research.

End Plastic Soup

- We have worked with Alberto Costa MP to set up the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics, which was formed in September. The NFWI is performing the secretariat function. The most recent roundtable in January focused on the issue of microfibre filtration in washing machines.
- We have continued to campaign alongside environmental organisations on strong plastics reduction amendments in the Environment Bill.

Climate change

- We continue to support The Climate Coalition's Show the Love campaign during February with members making, wearing and sharing green hearts to raise awareness and lobby their MPs.
- Two webinars, one on craftivism and the other on nature conservation, are also planned for February as part of our Show the Love activity.
- In collaboration with The Climate Coalition and independently, we are developing plans to engage members on key issues ahead of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) taking place in November 2021.

End violence against women campaign

- A range of activities were developed to support member involvement in the 16 days of activism against gender based violence. Two virtual events were also held as part of the NFWI-Wales Not in my Name campaign to mark International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and International White Ribbon Day.
- In December we held a 'Supporting Survivors' webinar with speakers including the Domestic Abuse Commissioner Nicole Jacobs.
- We have launched a new craft project called 'WI women in activism'. The project involves creating procession banners or pennant flags, with the aim of featuring them in an NFWI online exhibition to mark International Women's Day in March and using them in any future marches we attend once Coronavirus restrictions are lifted.

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