

October 2024

Dear WI Secretary

There is a lot to update you on, and a few reminders this month. As always, if you need any clarification or assistance with what's covered, please contact me.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the cluster meeting initiative. There are now just a couple of meetings still to take place. Within the next week or so, we will send out a review of what has been covered to all WIs, including the PowerPoint presentation, which should help you cascade information to your members.

A few reminders:-

- ✚ **ACM Lytham – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025** – Please remember to book your free delegate place for the ACM by 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please do this via the website under event booking. A delegate name isn't required, just a commitment to send a delegate. If you're unable to send a delegate, please email [officeadmin@lfw.org.uk](mailto:officeadmin@lfw.org.uk) to give your WI's apologies, as these will be recorded at the meeting. Details about the meeting, preliminary agenda and observer ticket details will be sent out in the November mailing.
- ✚ We have a few stalls left for our Makers Market at the ACM. If you're interested, please contact the WI office. Stalls are charged at £20 which includes both the stall and the ticket entry for one member.
- ✚ **Team Formations (formerly sub-committees)** - LFWI are recruiting team members for the Make and Create, Lifestyle and Leisure, Public Affairs and Editorial teams. If you can spare some time to help organise events and activities for your fellow members, we would love to hear from you. Application forms are with your WI Secretary, or on the 'useful forms and info' tab on the website. Closing date for applications is 18<sup>th</sup> November.
- ✚ LFWI Board Co-options – LFWI would like to co-opt up to three new Board members to help shape the future of the federation. Further details and how to apply are included again in the attachments. Closing date is 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Remaining Copyright Compliant online** – We were recently contacted regarding an infringement of copyright by one of our WI's which resulted in the WI having to pay a substantial penalty. Some tips on how to remain copyright compliant are attached. We advise you to review your online presence and remove anything you think may be subject to copyright.

**The WI Lottery** – An information sheet on the recently launched WI Lottery is attached, together with a link to set up your own WI Lottery. We now have our own Lottery page and a few WIs have now followed suit. It could be a good source of income for WIs and the federation, but participation is of course optional.

**WI Insurance** – LFWI will again cover the cost of insurance for all WIs for the coming year. The insurance certificate will be emailed when received, which will likely be early December.

**NFWI AGM – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (Virtual)** – Attached is a revised link delegate list for this meeting. Link WIs are listed under 2025 and highlighted in yellow. I will be emailing link WIs soon to ask if they can provide a link delegate. Link delegates should be available to attend the whole meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June and be digitally active. The majority of WIs are grouped within their

locality but a few are not, and this is unavoidable. As the next two meetings will be virtual, this should not pose a problem, as voting instructions and meeting feedback reports can all be done via email.

**Safeguarding** – In line with NFWI policy on safeguarding, we need to let WIs know there is a dedicated email address set up to report safeguarding concerns that may arise within your WI. The email address is [safeguarding@lfw.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@lfw.org.uk) Please note this is not an emergency contact email address and will only be reviewed during office hours.

**Red Rose Residentials – Higham Hall 4 – 6 July 2025** – Following on from the success of our Red Rose Residential trip in May, details of a weekend break in 2025 are included with this mailing.

**Resolutions** – Attached are some ideas on how to get involved with the Dental Health Matters resolution. Thank you to Janette Sharp, our Resolutions Officer for preparing this.

**Let's Dance** – NFWI are joining with other organisations in supporting Angela Ribbon's #LetsDance campaign on 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025. This is an invitation to everyone to join in the fun with just one objective – to get people dancing. Full information on how you and your WI can get involved is available at <https://mywi.thewi.org.uk/interests/lets-dance>

### **200+ Club October Draw**

Best wishes

**Diane Jenkins**

**Federation Secretary**

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Subscription Notification

Flyer – Higham Hall

Higham Hall Application

Flyer – Mosaic Workshop

Flyer – Officer Workshop

Link Delegate List NFWI AGM 2025

WI Lottery information

How to remain Copyright Compliant

Resolutions information

Board co-option information