

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES  
2025 ANNUAL MEETING  
RESOLUTION SELECTION SLIP**



Please fill in the slip below using **BLOCK CAPITAL** letters.

WI: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Resolution	No. of Votes
1. <b>Let's talk about incontinence</b>	
2. <b>Bystanders can be lifesavers</b>	
3. <b>Join the repair revolution</b>	
4. <b>Eliminate landfill of medication packaging</b>	

WIs should meet to cast their collective votes. WI Link Delegates will then vote on behalf of WIs at the Annual Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

Resolutions that are passed at the Annual Meeting then become mandates and form the basis of campaigns and educational activity in the years ahead.

**Additional materials including detailed briefing notes are available from 'My WI'. A brief explanation of each Resolution is given overleaf**

***This selection slip is to be returned to The Federation Secretary, Office 8, Croston House, Lancashire Business Park, Centurion Way, Leyland PR26 6TU BY THE 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 – Please ensure all votes are recorded***

## **NFWI Resolutions shortlist 2024/25**

### **1. Let's talk about incontinence**

It is estimated that 14 million people in the UK of all ages are suffering from bladder problems and a further 6.5 million with bowel problems. However, it is still a subject that is misunderstood and difficult to talk about. We call upon the UK Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and Wales' Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care to examine in detail all areas of health and wellbeing that are affected by incontinence issues. We call for the government to commit to an up-to-date audit to provide a national picture of incontinence care, offering a baseline from which to drive improved services. We call upon the members of the WI to raise public awareness, remove the stigma around incontinence, to help reduce the significant impact on people's lives.

### **2. Bystanders can be lifesavers.**

There are over 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests a year in the UK, and less than one in ten people survive. Women have a lower chance of surviving than men. Early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation can more than double the chances of survival. We can work on WI members to work together to increase public confidence and training in the delivery of CPR and to work with local organisations to help improve access to defibrillators in their communities to give every person the best chance of surviving cardiac arrest.

### **3. Join the repair revolution**

There is a huge excess in clothing production which has devastating consequences for the environment. The WI calls on the UK Government to join the repair revolution and strengthen the law and investment to support a circular economy of clothing and fabrics in the UK, where repair and reuse are achievable, accessible and affordable to all. We also call on WI members to promote clothing reuse and repair in their communities.

### **4. Eliminate landfill of medication packaging**

Medication packaging, due to its complexity, is not routinely recyclable through local authority collections, usually leading to disposal in landfills. We call on the WI to proactively raise awareness by encouraging additional collection points where empty packaging can be easily returned for recycling. Furthermore, we call on manufacturing companies to acknowledge their moral responsibility to reduce their environmental impact by exploring simpler packaging alternatives that are easier to recycle or have less impact.