

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES  
2020 ANNUAL MEETING  
RESOLUTION SELECTION SLIP**



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

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

Title of resolution	No. of Votes
1. A call to increase potential stem cell donor registration	
2. Female crash test dummies	
3. End modern slavery	
4. Time to talk about death and dying	
5. Protect our precious helium	

WIs should meet to cast their collective votes. WI Link Delegates will then vote on behalf of WIs at the Annual Meeting in London on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

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

Short briefing notes and the selection form will be published in the November edition of WI Life. Additional materials including detailed briefing notes, PowerPoint presentations, quizzes and videos will be published on the WI website and MyWI during November. 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 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 20.***

## Shortlist of resolutions for the 2020 Annual Meeting

### **1. A call to increase potential stem cell donor registration**

There is an urgent need to increase the number of people registered on the aligned UK stem cell registry in order to provide potentially life-saving treatment to people of all ages with certain blood cancers. We call on all WI members to promote registration to the database to avoid people dying whilst waiting for a match.

### **2. Female crash test dummies**

Women are significantly more likely to die, or be seriously injured, in car crashes than men. The WI calls on the government to mandate equitable testing with female crash test dummies to that of male dummies in regulatory vehicle safety tests; and for consumer organisations, such as EuroNCAP, to include a gendered breakdown in their published results.

### **3. End modern slavery**

There are tens of thousands of victims of modern slavery hiding in plain sight in the UK. Modern slavery has severe consequences for the health and mental wellbeing of survivors. The NFWI calls on Government to protect victims of modern slavery in the first instance and deliver longer term support to help them rebuild their lives. We call on our members to raise awareness of the prevalence of modern slavery throughout society and to campaign to defeat it.

### **4. Time to talk about death and dying**

64% of people in the UK think that we do not talk enough about death in this country, yet these conversations can be really helpful in enabling people to receive the end of life care they would want. In order to demystify a natural part of life, and support more people to share their wishes, the NFWI calls upon members to encourage open discussions about death and dying.

### **5. Protect our precious helium**

Helium is a precious resource that is widely used in healthcare, medical and scientific research, but it is non-renewable and in short supply. The NFWI calls on WI members to help raise awareness of the need to conserve helium, and on government and industry to work together to ensure it is used responsibly, and to support innovative research that could address the shortage such as reducing use or improving capture and recycling.

Please note that all resolutions that are taken forward for further debate, and potential voting at the Annual Meeting must further the NFWI's charitable objects. The titles and wording of some of the resolutions have been amended since the selection meeting, in agreement with the resolution proposers.