

WI RESOLUTIONS 2025/2026 Timetable & Casting your Vote

December 2025/January 2026

WI members select the resolution which they would like to have as our national campaign in 2026. All details of the resolutions are in the November edition of WI Life together with a voting slip. Further resources will be available on MyWI in November

It is really important to read the details carefully and understand exactly what the resolution means – sometimes titles are misleading! See over for details.

At your January meeting 2026 - please collect each member's voting slip, complete the form attached and email the total votes or return the slip to the Federation Office for me to count. Please remember that you are NOT submitting a majority vote, but each member should select one resolution. The deadline is important! If a member had, in a fit of tidiness, consigned her WI Life to the recycling pile you could accept a handwritten vote!!

DEADLINE FOR TOTAL VOTES TO REACH OUR FEDERATION OFFICE = 6 FEBRUARY 2026

February/March 2026

Based on the votes of the members, the National Board of Trustees looks at the selected resolutions and decides which should go forward and the result is published in WI Life.

April 2026

Monday 28th April – the Norfolk Federation meeting to discuss the resolution/resolutions and give information about it/them. We will also discuss possible ideas for future resolutions. It would be helpful for delegates to the National Annual Meeting to consider attending this meeting, so they understand the arguments for and against.

May 2026

In your May WI meeting you should discuss the resolution/resolutions and mandate your delegate as to how to vote at the National Annual Meeting. Some WIs find it helpful to ask their Adviser, myself or a member of the PA Committee to attend this meeting to lead the discussion – contact the Federation Office if you need help.

4th June 2026 National Annual Meeting

Your delegate votes on behalf of your WI at this meeting.

Please contact me (Naomi.catlow@gmail.com) or the Federation Office if you are unsure of any of the procedures or need help!

Naomi Catlow- Resolutions Co-ordinator

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NAME OF WI

NAME OF RESOLUTION - details on reverse	Number of votes cast
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Votes counted by

Position in WI

TO BE SUBMITTED TO NORFOLK FEDERATION OFFICE -

Evelyn Suffield House, 45 All Saints Green, Norwich NR1 3LY by 6th February 2026

OR SEND YOUR NUMBERS BY EMAIL TO – admin@norfolkwi.org.uk

Resolutions to be considered

Final resolutions shortlist 2025/26

1. Accessible public toilet facilities to promote dignity, health, and social inclusion

This resolution is a call for accessible, clean, free public toilets which are fundamental to inclusion and wellbeing, especially for women, older people, disabled individuals, parents and carers. It invites WI branches to take meaningful action—through advocacy, partnership, and community engagement—to support local authorities and civil society in reversing the closure trend and ensuring dignity for all.

2. Action on women's homelessness

The NFWI echoes the calls of homelessness charities and urges all levels of government to take action to reduce women's homelessness, reduce the number of women at risk of homelessness, and improve the quality of temporary accommodation. We call on WI members to support homelessness organisations in their communities and campaign to ensure that all women have a place they can safely call home.

3. Every child needs a friend

We call on all WI members, the care system, and government to raise awareness of the independent visitor system for children in care in order to increase the number of volunteer Independent Visitors and the children in the care system who are befriended by them. We want every child in care to be offered the opportunity to have an adult figure in their life who chooses to spend a few hours a month with them.

4. Love Your Vulva – Self checking is your best defence against vulval cancer

Self-checking your vulva is important in ensuring the earlier detection of vulval cancer and to enhance survival chances. We call upon WI members to work together to raise awareness of the importance of self-checking and seeking medical advice as early as possible, and, to help highlight this rare cancer to GPs to promote prompt referrals to medical specialists when needed.

5. Nearer to Nature

There is a growing body of evidence that getting closer to nature is of great benefit to physical and mental health as well as to the environment. This is called 'green health'. We call on WI members to work locally to improve access to local green spaces and support others to access it too. We call on health promotion services to increase public awareness of the use and benefits of 'green health', and health and care commissioners to support