

## WI RESOLUTIONS 2023/2024 Timetable & Casting your Vote

### December 2023/January 2024

WI members select the resolution which they would like to have as our national campaign in 2024. All details of the resolutions are in the November edition of WI Life together with a voting slip.

***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 2024** - 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 = 11 FEBRUARY 2024**

### February/March 2024

The National Board of Trustees looks at the selected resolutions and decides which resolutions should go forward and the result is published in WI Life.

### April 2024

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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 2024

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.

### 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 National Annual Meeting

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

*Please contact me ([elizabethbarkerwi@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethbarkerwi@gmail.com)) or the Federation Office if you are unsure of any of the procedures or need help!*

**Liz Barker, Resolutions Co-ordinator**

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NAME OF WI \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF RESOLUTION - details on reverse	Number of votes cast
1. Dental Health Matters	
2. Impacts of poor housing conditions	
3. Say 'no' to gambling advertising	
4. Improving Outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System	

Votes counted by \_\_\_\_\_

Position in WI \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE SUBMITTED TO NORFOLK FEDERATION OFFICE -  
Evelyn Suffield House, 45 All Saints Green, Norwich NR1 3LY by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
OR SEND YOUR NUMBERS BY EMAIL TO – [admin@norfolkwi.org.uk](mailto:admin@norfolkwi.org.uk)**

## Resolutions to be considered

### Final resolutions shortlist 2023/24

#### **1. Dental Health Matters**

There is a chronic shortage of NHS Dentists and people are suffering health issues as a result. The NFWI calls on the Government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists and to review the current inadequate NHS contracts in order to ensure everyone can access an NHS dentist wherever they live.

#### **2. Impacts of poor housing conditions**

Poor housing can have a deleterious effect on human health and wellbeing, safety and quality of life and can disproportionately affect the most vulnerable groups in society. The NFWI calls on the UK Government to boost housing standards and regulations, increase funding for housing renovations, increase the supply of affordable and secure housing and strengthen collaboration with local authorities, housing associations and other relevant stakeholders to develop strategies that address local housing challenges.

#### **3. Say 'no' to gambling advertising**

Harm caused by excessive gambling is a global problem. Some countries are already addressing this by banning advertising. The NFWI calls on members, the government, regulators, the NHS, educationalists and gambling charities to work together towards achieving a complete ban on gambling advertising. This will reduce gambling harm, save the NHS money, protect family relationships and decrease the number of suicides, around 400 per annum at present.

#### **4. Improving Outcomes for Women in the Criminal Justice System**

There is an urgent need to radically reform decision making in respect of women in the criminal justice system and in particular, pregnant women and women with children. We urge cross government collaboration to deliver on the 2018 female offender strategy by setting goals, robust governance and performance measures to reduce the number of women who have committed non-violent offences from being imprisoned.