

## WI RESOLUTIONS 2024/2025 Timetable & Casting your Vote

### December 2024/January 2025

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 2025** - 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 2025**

### February/March 2025

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 2025

**Monday 28<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 2025

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.

### 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025 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** .....

| <b>NAME OF RESOLUTION - details on reverse</b> | <b>Number of votes cast</b> |
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| 1.   |                             |
| 2.   |                             |
| 3.   |                             |
| 4.   |                             |

**Votes counted by** .....

**Position in WI** .....

**TO BE SUBMITTED TO NORFOLK FEDERATION OFFICE -**

**Evelyn Suffield House, 45 All Saints Green, Norwich NR1 3LY by 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**OR SEND YOUR NUMBERS BY EMAIL TO – [admin@norfolkwi.org.uk](mailto:admin@norfolkwi.org.uk)**

## **Resolutions to be considered**

### **Final 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 with bladder problems, and a further 6.5 million with bowel problems. However, it is still a subject that is misunderstood and very hard 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 defibrillating can more than double the chances of survival. We call 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 to improve access to defibrillators in their communities to give every person the best chance of surviving a 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 is 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 on the environment. These steps can significantly improve recycling rates to move towards eliminating landfill.