



Norfolk Federation of WIs

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Dear Secretary

National Annual Meeting, Royal Albert Hall, London – 4th–5th June 2024

We have been advised by National that they are returning to a delegate ratio of 1:4, which is encouraging and will ensure that next year we will have a full complement of delegates. However, they are again offering delegates and observers virtual tickets, as an alternative to attending in person. As last year, this has once more caused us (and other Federations) a considerable headache!

Because we do not know how many people will want to attend virtually, at present it is very difficult to establish how this will affect delegate expenses. Delegates' expenses cover the cost of travel, the hotel and a meal on the first night. Louise's attached letter explains this.

The National Annual Meeting is a major event in the WI calendar and being there with fellow members from all parts of the country strengthens our appreciation of the organisation we belong to. Whilst many members look forward to the Federation's visit, some find it difficult to attend in person and so the opportunity to be present virtually is very appealing.

We hope that those who have joined us in the past have enjoyed the experience. The Federation offers more than just a coach trip with a meeting! We organise a welcome reception, dinner on the first night, the opportunity to socialise with friends, old and new, informally on the second night and, we hope, enjoy an interesting stop on the return leg.

You will appreciate how important it is for us to establish the number of members who may wish to attend virtually. This will affect the plans we had to put in place for coaches and the hotel some time ago, before this announcement was received.

This is not to say that we discourage anyone from attending virtually, but to emphasise that if we do need to alter arrangements, we will need your forms returned by 18th January at the latest.

It has to be said that meeting in the Royal Albert Hall is particularly special and it will be wonderful to catch up with delegates and observers from around the County.

With all best wishes

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