

WI RESOLUTIONS 2022/2023 Timetable & Casting your Vote

December 2022/January 2023

WI members select the resolution which they would like to have as our national campaign in 2022. 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 2023 - 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 = 14 FEBRUARY 2023

February/March 2023

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/May 2023

Thursday, 27th 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.

April/May 2023

In your April or 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.

25th May 2023 National Annual Meeting

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

Please contact me (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. Save our water	
2. Women to Women Tea Workers	
3. Online Gambling	
4. Clean rivers for people and wildlife	

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 14th February 2023

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

no later than 14th February 2023

Resolutions to be considered

NFWI Resolutions shortlist 2022/23

1. Save our water – every drop matters

As global temperatures rise, there is a risk drought will become more frequent in the UK. This will place increasing strains on the UK's water supply and endanger our natural world. The NFWI calls on government and water companies to work together to develop robust plans that would ensure the UK's long-term water security, including addressing water leakage from pipes. The NFWI calls on WI members to take immediate personal actions to value and conserve water.

2. Women to women – turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea workers

While in the UK we enjoy our daily cuppa, the mostly women tea workers who produce our tea struggle to access living wages, decent housing, sanitation or education for their children due to the low prices paid to producers for tea. The NFWI calls on UK tea companies and retailers to take action to fix the broken tea buying system to enable plantation owners to give women tea pluckers a fair deal so they can live the healthy and prosperous family life they deserve.

3. Online gambling harm: time for action

Online gambling has substantially increased, resulting in a growing number of people being exposed to the risks of gambling-related harms. Current legislation is inadequate in addressing the harms caused by problem gambling and in providing protections to those affected. This resolution calls on decisionmakers to introduce updated legislation and regulation to address these issues, and for increased support to be made available to those affected by problem gambling, particularly women and children.

4. Clean rivers for people and wildlife

Water quality in our rivers is shameful. Legally, designated bathing waters must be regularly monitored for pollution. The NFWI urges its members, the wider public, local authorities and Government to make, support and promote applications for official designated bathing sites on appropriate stretches of rivers in their area. This will be as instrumental to the clean up of rivers as it has been for water quality improvement at coastal beaches.