

South Yorkshire Federation of WIs

News and Views

To be, or not to be

INCORPORATED

That is the question!



The Board of Trustees are considering starting the process of the Federation becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). A CIO is a relatively new, alternative legal form for a charity which gives the charity its own legal personality and gives Trustees greater protection from being personally liable. Several Federations nationally have already completed this process. At present, SYFWI is an unincorporated charitable organisation and there is no protection from liability for any of the Trustees, who can then be held personally liable for any debts. This also applies to WI Committee members who are also “Trustees” of their own WI, so this is a situation that affects all WIs.

Becoming incorporated is recommended for Federations that own property and employ staff, both of which applies to our Federation and the cover would extend to all WIs in the Federation.

There will be further explanation at our Federation Annual Meeting on Saturday 20 April in Barnsley with voting on whether to proceed with incorporation. Trustees therefore, strongly recommend that all WIs send a Delegate to the meeting (who can attend free of charge), so that important information concerning this process can be fed back to every WI. If you would also like more information, please look at the Charity Commission’s website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>) and search “Charitable Incorporated Organisation”.



Federation Chairman
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Message from Federation Chairman

I do hope that you are looking forward to next year's membership. £48 is good value for money as it is only £4 per month. Where else can you get so much for so little? A ladies group may be cheaper but what does it offer - no national or regional meetings with like minded people. No opportunity to make a difference to the society that we live in - just hearing a Speaker and having a chat!

There are many events being planned by our Teams (formerly known as Committees) at Hall Cross Cottage. The majority of our planned events will be at the same price as in previous years. We do understand that members' finances may be limited.

I can see by reading our News and Views that many WIs have also arranged many varied and interesting events, so keep the photographs coming in to let us know what you are getting up to.

We look forward to meeting many of you next month in Barnsley at our Annual Meeting.

Best wishes
Dorothy

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £13 No 2 - Jayne Spaven, Wadsley WI

Winning £13 No 7 - Anita Reynolds, Crosspool WI

Winning £13 No 82 - Barbara Green, Thurlstone & Millhouse Green WI

MEMBERSHIP

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Each WI has an allocated WI Adviser. If you need any help, advice or support please contact your Adviser.

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Bents Green, Bread & Roses, Chapeltown, Crosspool, Finningley, Goldthorpe, New Swaine, Sprotbrough, The Forge, Thorpe Hesley, Warmsworth, Wath upon Dearne.

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Barnsley Opals, Bawtry, Darfield, Dunsville, Fulwood, Harthill with Woodall, Norton, Stocksbridge, Wentworth, Whiston Evening, WI Nether Edge, WI on Ecclesall Road.

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Barnsley Phoenix, High Levels, Kimberworth, Loversall, Misson & Springs, Penistone, Stannington, Thurlstone & Millhouse Green, Todwick, Wadsley, Walkley Orchids, Wharncliffe Side, Wickersley

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Auckley, Cantley with Branton, Carcroft Corkers, Dore Belles, Dungworth Storrs, Greystones, High Green, Maltby, Ravenfield, Seven Hills, Tickhill, Woodsetts.

CURRENT AFFAIRS & RESOLUTIONS

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Now we know the outcome of the first round of voting in the Resolutions process, we are already turning our sights on those Resolutions being crafted for next year! With this in mind, the team has decided to offer another free Zoom meeting at which more detail of these Resolutions can be disseminated, and questions asked. The format will be the same as last year, although, it has been decided to stay clear of a Friday evening to avoid disrupting anyone's weekend plans. The chosen date is Monday 2 December 2024, starting at 7 pm. It is hoped that the change of day will mean that attendance numbers will increase, allowing information to be shared among more representatives of WIs who can then feed it back to their own meetings.

Whilst the Team is aware that there is easy access to a lot of detail in WI Life and on NFWI's website, the hope is that such an evening will save individual members time and effort looking things up, and also hearing something first hand often adds an extra dimension, especially if there is the opportunity to discuss the topic.

It is hoped that the Zoom event will be well supported so that it becomes a regular feature on our calendar, so please add the date to your diary.

ACTIVITIES & SOCIAL

Maureen Hall: keithhall1@sky.com

The team have been busy researching and planning an exciting programme for 2024. So far on our list we have visits to The Botanical Gardens in Sheffield, probably in the summer to see them at their best, Old Moor Nature Reserve in Barnsley, Yorkshire Lavender fields, Yorkshire Sculpture Park in Wakefield and maybe a race meeting at Doncaster Racecourse.

If you have any suggestions for trips or place of interest to visit please do get in touch.

HOW SOUTH YORKSHIRE MEMBERS VOTED IN THE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS SELECTION

Thank you to all of you who selected one Resolution to take forward for further discussion and final voting at the NFWI Annual Meeting.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Title of Resolution

Dental health matters	239
Impacts of poor housing conditions	221
Say 'no' to gambling advertising	148
Improving outcomes for women in the criminal justice system	63
TOTAL NUMBER OF SELECTIONS	671

ANSWERS MODES OF TRANSPORT QUIZ



1. Car
2. Rickshaw
3. Golf Buggy
4. Troika
5. Hovercraft
6. Scooter
7. Vespa
8. Bicycle
9. Aeroplane
10. Cable Car
11. Sedan Chair
12. High Speed Train
13. Hansom
14. Truck
15. Bus
16. Glider
17. Gondola
18. Narrow Boat
19. Lorry
20. Felucca
21. Coach
22. Hot Air Balloon
23. Tandem
24. Canoe
25. Helicopter
26. Limousine
27. Tuk Tuk
28. Dray
29. Tube
30. Vaporetto

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INSPIRING WOMEN IN YORKSHIRE (using International Day format)



Saturday 22 June 2024 at 10 am to 3 pm
Dinnington Resource Centre, Laughton Road,
Sheffield S25 2PP

Our Inspirational Speakers will be:-

- Kate Jenkinson PhD, poet
- Pamela Liversidge OBE and South Yorkshire Deputy Lord-Lieutenant
 - Pam Warhurst CBE, activist, and environment worker
 - The Right Honourable Dame Rosie Winterton DBE MP

Includes: Tea/coffee on arrival

Light lunch of soup and a roll, followed by choice of dessert
(Please advise of any dietary requirements at time of booking)

There will of course, be a raffle!

It is the intention to donate to one or more local Women's Refuges, and any donations of toiletries, personal hygiene items or nappies would be very gratefully received on the day of the event.

Cost: £22.50 per person

Please contact your WI Secretary to book a place or you can download the application form from our website and pay by BACS if you prefer.

PLEASE ENSURE IF PAYING BY BACS THAT YOU STATE WHICH WI YOU ARE FROM AND WHAT EVENT YOU ARE PAYING FOR i.e. WentworthWI Insp Women
No tickets will be issued but names of those who have paid, will be checked off at the entrance.

Closing date: 30 May 2024

FULWOOD WI

We are absolutely thriving! We didn't think we would get many back for our chilly January meeting but we packed in 45 members to make clay pinch pots!



GOLDTHORPE & DISTRICT WI

It was our WI's 40th Anniversary on 9th February 2024, we celebrated by having Afternoon Tea at Wentworth Woodhouse.



Auckley WI

The Parish Centre,
Auckley
7.15pm



Thursday 4th July
we will be hosting
an evening with
"The One Armed
Sewist" Gill
Thomas from The
Sewing Bee.

The event is
open to all, £5 a
ticket to include
refreshments,
it's the WI ...
expect cake!

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OUR ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

Positive Steps for the Environment – Number 2

Let's Bin Litter!

The protection of the countryside has always been important to the WI. In 1954 the WI's resolution called for a campaign to 'preserve the countryside against desecration by litter'. This led to the foundation of the Keep Britain Tidy group.



Anyone who's been for a walk recently will know that 70 years later, litter is still a massive problem. Well, Keep Britain Tidy are still working on it! From Friday 15 – Sunday 31 March, they are organising 'The Great British Spring Clean' and all WI members are invited to take part.

Why do we need to pick litter?

To protect wildlife and marine life

To enable the government to spend the hundreds of millions of pounds a year currently spent on clearing up litter on other public services like social care and education instead

To avoid wasting resources such as plastic bottles, aluminium cans and glass bottles which are all recyclable. Each day, around 20 million drinks containers are 'lost from the loop' (this means they are not recycled)

To take care of our neighbourhoods and make them attractive and well-cared for

What can you do?

Take part in a local litter pick

Organise your own litter pick with your WI group

As an individual you could pick up litter on your street and ask your neighbours to help

Look at the information on the Keep Britain Tidy website

Every act to protect the environment, no matter how small, makes a difference.

You might like to focus on plastic waste and sign up to the Big Plastic Count which is being held 11 – 17 March. This is an investigation into UK household plastic waste. You count your plastic waste for a week and then send in the results. These results will be used to convince UK ministers to lead the way at the talks this year on a Global Plastics Treaty and push for a really strong treaty. Details about taking part can be found at thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up.

Footnote

You may have noticed that this section has changed its name from 'Climate Change Corner' to 'Our Environment Matters'. This more general title will allow us to include a wider range of environmental issues that may be of interest to WI members.

EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Officers Training Workshop	Sat 24 Feb 2024 @ 10 am	Hall Cross Cottage, 5 Albion Place, South Parade, Doncaster DN1 2EG	20 Feb	£10 per WI
Officers Training Workshop	Sat 23 March @ 10 am	Burton Street Foundation, 57 Burton Street, Hillsborough, Sheffield S6 2HH	19 Mar	£10 per WI
Federation Annual Meeting	Sat 20 April @ 11 am	The Fairway, Barnsley S75 4LS	2 April	Free - Delegate Save 10% if booked before 31.1.24 £25 - Visitor
NFWI AM 2024	Tue/Wed 4&5 June	Royal Albert Hall, London	14 Dec 2023	£79 (B&B) single supplement £50
Inspiring Women in Yorkshire	Sat 22 June @ 10 am	Dinnington Resource Centre, Laughton Road, Sheffield S25 2PP	30 May	£22.50
SAVE THE DATE				
Federation Quizzes	Fri 4 Oct 2024			
Resolutions Shortlist Mtg	Mon 2 Dec 2024 @ 7 pm	Zoom		

COURSE/EVENT FEES AND/OR DEPOSITS WILL NOT BE RETURNED UNLESS CANCELLED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR RELEVANT SUB TEAM.