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DO YOU HAVE A LITTLE SPARE TIME AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TRAINING AS A FEDERATION INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL EXAMINER OR WI ADVISER?

FIFE - No previous experience of being an Accountant or similar is required, just an interest in number crunching and being a present or previous Treasurer is sufficient.

WI Adviser - No previous experience is required, just an interest in the WI and learning more about the way the organisation works and helping WIs in our Federation.

ALL TRAINING IS COMPLETED ONLINE and can be done to fit around your job or commitments.

There is **NO COST** to you and you will be fully **SUPPORTED BY THE FEDERATION.**

If you are interested please get in touch by contacting the WI Hub



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EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Federation Quiz	Fri 3 Oct	Wesley Hall, Crookes, Sheffield S10 1UD	23 Sept	£30 per team of 4
	AND AT	Wickersley Methodist Church, Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 1JJ	23 Sept	£30 per team of 4
Cheese and Wine Evening	Fri 7 November	The WI Hub, Unit 6, M&M Business Park, Doncaster Rd, Kirk Sandall, Doncaster DN3 1HR	21 Oct	£10
Christmas Craft Day	Sat 22 November	The WI Hub, Unit 6, M&M Business Park, Doncaster Road, Kirk Sandall, Doncaster DN3 1HR	11 Nov	£10 pay on the day
Carol Service	Mon 8 December	United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB	20 Nov	£8
SAVE THE DATE				
Brass Band Concert	Fri 6 February 2026			
Federation Annual Meeting	Sun 19 April	The Consort Hotel, Rotherham		
Potteric Carr	Wed 29 April			
International Day	Sat 18 July			
<u>NO APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE</u> <u>PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO 'SYFWI' OR PAY BY BACS.</u> Send completed Application Form to the Federation Office for <u>all payment</u> methods by post or email.				

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

SUE DENTON - CHAIR

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Hello ladies, who's ready for Autumn? I have to say, as much as I love summer one of my favourite seasons is Autumn, lovely colours, time to look out your cosy jumpers and comfy boots and soup! Ooh I could live on soup! September saw me start my first visits and by the time you're reading this I will have been to Darfield, Barnsley Phoenix and Crosspool Afternoon WIs. We'll also have had the 110th Anniversary Afternoon Tea & Fashion Show. It's been really lovely to get out and about and meet so many of you. We've so much to look forwards to this Autumn with the Quizzes, Craft Days and Cheese & Wine. See you soon.



ACTIVITIES & SOCIAL TEAM

Maureen Hall: maureen.hall45@icloud.com

Federation Quizzes - Friday 3 October

Please note that due to the restrictions at both venues, members should only bring **NON-ALCOHOLIC** drinks to consume on the night.

Cheese & Wine Evening - Friday 7 November

Book early - places limited to 30!!

Monthly Craft Workshops

We are pleased to announce monthly Craft Workshops will begin on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 10:00 am to 2:00pm at our new offices, The WI Hub, in Kirk Sandall. Doncaster.

First craft session will be on **Wednesday 8 October** with the second on **Wednesday 12 November**. 2026 dates to be announced later.

Cost: £5 to include tea/coffee and all materials. Bring your own lunch.

To book a place please contact the Federation office and pay on the day.

Email: southyorksfed@gmail.com or Tel: 01302 579027.



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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £14 No 64 - Barbara Green, Thurlstone & Millhouse Green WI

Winning £14 No 65 - Linda Longley, Thurlstone & Millhouse Green WI

Winning £14 No 82 - Gwen Smithies, Chapelton WI

CURRENT AFFAIRS & RESOLUTIONS

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Time marches on and we find ourselves in the midst of deciding autumnal weather (at least as I write this!). No doubt you will have seen in My WI and other communications from NFWI's Public Affairs' team that our current resolution, Bystanders Can be Lifesavers, is gathering momentum with many WIs engaging in CPR training. It would be great to hear from WIs in South Yorkshire Federation how you are engaging with the new campaign.



As part of our survey earlier in the year some South Yorkshire members asked about the progress of the Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife campaign which aims to raise awareness and take action for better water quality. The WI week of River Action falls between 29th September and 5th October this year and no doubt the next issue of WI Life will be full of photographs of WIs "making waves" on this issue, to quote My WI. Again, it would be nice to see some of our WIs featured. As ever, resources and ideas can be found on My WI.

The Thinking Differently campaign also featured in our survey, with a few members asking about its progress. October is ADHD Awareness month and this year NFWI are marking it by hosting a webinar on Friday 24th October between 12 noon and 1 pm. It will explore the hurdles faced by those seeking diagnosis and highlight that the process is far from ADHD friendly. The webinar is free to members.

There is a lot of information about active campaigns provided by NFWI, granted much of it circulated digitally, which can be an obstacle for some members. Perhaps it may be worth individual WIs taking a look at the profile of their membership and taking steps to periodically update everyone on the progress of campaigns. The campaigns calendar on My WI could also be an aid to programme planning if you wish to link a monthly meeting to a particular resolution.

Whatever route you choose, happy campaigning!

WATH UPON DEARNE WI



Our August outing was to The Mansion House in Doncaster. We had a very informative guided tour by Richard Cuell who is one of the members of The Friends of Doncaster Mansion House. They are having more open days and more information is available

at <https://www.mansionhousedoncaster.com/>

THE WI HUB - OPEN DAYS

We had a great turnout to our Open Day during August, thank you to everyone who came from Loversall,

Wentworth and Sprotbrough. It was also lovely to see Sandy Acaster, former Trustee and WI

Adviser along with her friend.



MISSON & SPRINGS WI Dental Health Matters

The ladies of Misson & Springs WI have very generously collected toothbrushes and toothpaste as part of the Dental Health Matters campaign. Two members - Brenda Lindsey and Liz Smith, made cotton bags from the pattern in WI Life, and almost 50 were filled and taken to the Bassetlaw Food Bank in Worksop. Our contribution was most welcome, all donations are weighed and our bag came in at 8kg. Toiletries

are often overlooked when donations are made to food banks but they form a vital part of the crisis packs which are delivered to vulnerable families.



NORTON WI

Askern firefighters visited Norton WI at their August meeting to demonstrate CPR and to give valuable information on how to access and use a defibrillator. Our members were extremely grateful to the firefighting team for giving up their time, especially as they had just returned from a gruelling shift helping out with the extensive fire on Langdale Moor, North Yorkshire.



NORDON GROUP BOWLING EVENT

Ladies from Goldthorpe and Darfield WIs had a great afternoon of fun and games, organised by Darfield bowling club members, followed by a lovely cream tea. Our eventual winner was Maria Pickering who was awarded a trophy from Nordon Chair, Pam Wigley.



WENTWORTH WI

Andy Wilson, Yorkshire Cancer Research Charity Fundraiser accepting a cheque for £540 raised by Wentworth WI during 2024/2025

This money was raised by clothing donated by members, family and friends to the Cancer charity shops in Rotherham. People kindly donating their small loose change and a 'Clothes Swap' evening after our meeting in May. The latter event coincided with VE Day and as there was a celebration in the village, the general public were also invited in to browse and buy the clothes that were on offer for a donation of £5 for any 3 items and were offered free refreshments as well.

250 bags of good quality clothing went to charity shops in Rotherham and Park Gate and we were told by the manager that each bag of clothes would sell for at least £25.

Andy Wilson accepting our donation along with Lynn Glossop (committee member), Christine Van-Morrison (who organised all the events and is a committee member) and Jennifer Brunskill (President)



PENISTONE WI

Penistone WI members, together with a few friends, had a wonderful day out in Bradford, this year's "City of Culture" and what a lovely surprise it was. We started in Bradford Cathedral with coffee and biscuits, and then had a guided tour of the Cathedral, which is the oldest building in Bradford as it dates back almost 1400 years. Maggie, our guide, was fantastic and told us all about the history of the Cathedral and a lot about the history of Bradford itself. She was so informative and knowledgeable, everyone was enthralled. Afterwards we went for lunch to The Sweet Centre, the oldest Indian Restaurant in Bradford, which I think everyone enjoyed.

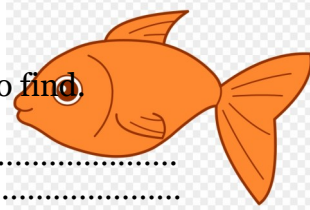
The afternoon was a guided walking tour of Bradford. Our guide Nigel, took us first of all to a Synagogue, then walked us through "Little Germany" and into the middle of Bradford to visit a Waterstones, which is in the premises of the old Wool



Exchange building. Well worth a visit!!, not just for the books. Eventually to Centenary Square and back to the coach waiting for us outside the Alhambra Theatre. A very enjoyable and interesting day.

QUIZ - FISH

There are 33,000 species of fish existing in the world. Here are a few for you to find.



1. A fresh water fish which fits in all forfeits (4)
2. This flat fish was struggling clumsily in the shallow waters (8)
3. Well known for beluga caviar (8)
4. You will have ten chances to catch this olive green fresh water fish found in lakes and reservoirs (5)
5. To catch a highly prized large game fish, just add manganese to a liar (6)
6. Surname of a Conservative MP for Hastings from 2010 - 2019 and was Home Secretary from 2016 – 2018 (4)
7. This fish sounds like a juvenile version of a fish which is widely consumed by the human population (7)
8. And this fish can be found in every defibrillator (5)
9. The most common of these tiddlers have three spines on their backs which act as defence against predators (11)
10. Radar Cuba, but beware of the teeth (9)
11. Does this fish come from Buckfast Abbey or Ampleforth Abbey? (8)
12. A crazy mixed up amber fresh water fish (5)
13. Blue fin, yellow fin or skipjack – take your pick (4)
14. Visit an authentic Hub in Doncaster to find a fresh water fish (4)
15. Add tin to paper and this fish often turns red (7)
16. This fish is often sold as “rock salmon” (7)
17. A 20th century American painter who was a major figure in the abstract expressionist movement, but also known as a fish! (7)
18. Go nudge this small fish which is often used for bait (7)
19. Well known quote from ‘Dad’s Army,’ which lurks in the river vegetation and is known to have very sharp teeth (4)
20. This large expensive flat fish is almost a strange habitual visitor to the sea floor (7)
21. Add nitrogen to a pariah and find a voraciously, carnivorous fresh water fish from South America (7)
22. The condiment, Worcestershire Sauce, is not vegetarian because of the inclusion of these salty little fish (7)
23. A citrus fruit on your foot (5,4)
24. This fish just melts in your mouth (5)
25. And this fish sounds like pewter coloured heather (8)
26. Cherubim and Seraphim in the aquarium (5,4)
27. A fresh water fish always in supercharger, but never in turbocharger (5)
28. The star of ‘Finding Nemo’ (5,4)

CHEESE & WINE EVENING
FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER at 7 pm
 The WI Hub, Unit 6,
 M&M Business Park,
 Doncaster Road, Kirk Sandall,
 Doncaster DN3 1HR

Come and sample a selection of wines
 paired with a variety of cheeses provided
 by a local cheesemonger

Cost - £10
 Closing date: 21 October 2025

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 INSPIRING WOMEN

Christmas
CAROL SERVICE
Monday 8 December 2025
 United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street
 Sheffield S1 2JB
2 pm - 3 pm

Join us for an afternoon of traditional Carols and festive
 cheer.
 Followed by refreshments
 Cost: £8
 Closing date: 20 November 2025

OUR ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

Fair Green Future

You may have noticed when reading WI Life, that the WI has launched a new environmental campaign called Fair Green Future. Its aim is to call for a green transition that works for everyone.

Climate change affects us all but it doesn't affect everyone equally. Women and people from minority ethnic backgrounds are often most affected yet are not included in climate discussions and decision making. Community, inclusion and fairness are important to all WI members so the WI wants to make sure that all voices are heard.

It's important to have conversations about climate change and green solutions to find the right policies for our communities. The majority of people in the UK are concerned about climate change and want the government to take action. However, there are also false and misleading claims about climate measures that can confuse the debate and put progress at risk.

The first stage of this campaign is about gathering information on how WI members are affected by climate change. The second stage will be using the voice of the WI to call on decision makers to listen to communities and give them a say in shaping their future.

If you're interested in getting involved in this campaign, there's more information on MyWI and in WI Life. You could start by having a discussion to explore some of these ideas at a future WI meeting.



PERSONAL COLOUR ANALYSIS AND STYLE

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Finding the Right Colours for you!

Are you a Cool, Warm, Deep, Light, Soft or Clear? Lets find out....

I will talk you through why it matters, and show you with a quick demonstration using my colour drapes and you will see for yourself what a difference wearing the right colours makes to you.

A little history on the use of colour and how it can affect how you feel and are seen.

Cost of Talk - from £85

