



**Ionawr
2024
January**



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Gair gan y Cadeirydd / *Chairman's Message,*

Blwyddyn Newydd dda – Happy New Year to you all.

Many of you will now be preparing your programmes for the coming year. Your WI programme is an effective way to promote your WI . Make January / February a focus for recruitment with posters (paper or on social media) - see below details of our promotional drive .

I look forward to meeting up with you over the coming months at various CFWI events

Gay Evans

WI Posters - You have received your promotional posters for the January Recruitment Drive. Can we suggest that you hold an open evening in January or February and invite non-members from your village or town. Are there any craft events or fairs where you could partner with a neighbouring WI on a stall? Ein Swyddfa has promotional material which you could use. We may be able to offer practical help by coming out to help you.

RESOLUTIONS VOTING PROCEDURE – ONE MEMBER, ONE VOTE, ONE RESOLUTION.

In October, Federation representatives nationwide met to discuss this year's 58 resolutions and select the shortlist of 4 which all members can now consider. Select the one you would most like to see go forward to the Annual Meeting in June 2024. If adopted at that meeting it will become a campaign. The 4 resolutions are detailed in the current issue of WI Life and further resources are available on MyWI.

Our Federation is holding a Resolutions Meeting on Saturday 7th January from 10.00am-1pm when there will be For and Against debates. These will be presented by members of 4 WIs -one for each Resolution, with an opportunity for questions. No voting will take place at this meeting. Following this, each WI is expected to arrange a meeting to present the Resolutions and allow members to vote individually for the ONE Resolution they prefer.

The number of votes received for EACH Resolution must then be forwarded to Ein Swyddfa to arrive no later than 11th February 2024.

If you are unable to be present at your WI when the voting takes place, you may submit your vote to your WI Secretary before the meeting, by email, phone or on the form in WI Life. Do not send individual votes to Ein Swyddfa or to NFWI. All votes received from each WI will be counted and forwarded to NFWI as the votes received for each Resolution from Ceredigion Federation.

Please vote. Your vote really does count!

Margaret Peel, Resolutions Officer

Resolution Discussion Meeting This popular event is back at Aberaeron Church Hall (Post code - SA46 0AY) on **Saturday, 6th January 2023** at 10.00am – 1pm. NFWI Resolutions shortlist 2023/24. Free admission.

1. Dental Health Matters
2. Impacts of Poor Housing conditions
3. Say 'no' to gambling advertising
4. Improving outcomes for women in the criminal justice system

Further information is available in your WI Life and on MyWI. **One member - one vote.** Please submit the number of votes for **each** resolution to Ein Swyddfa by phone, form or e-mail. Closing date, Sunday, February 11th at the latest.

CRAFT DAY – Saturday, 27th January 2024 – Rhydypennau Hall. Morning session 9.30am for a 10.00am start – 12.00 noon. Afternoon session 1.00 – 3.00pm. You will be able to take part in one craft in the morning and choose a different craft in the afternoon. Each craft session will be 2 hours and will include crocheting a modern granny square, quilling, making a rope-work coaster, paper-craft decorative ball, iris folding, macramé, creating a patchwork pin cushion. This event is partially sponsored by Local Giving (Little Stars) and you are welcome to bring a non-WI friend along. Cost £3 per session to be paid at the door. Tea and coffee available. Please indicate on the form morning or afternoon session and preferred craft for each session. Enquiries to cfwi.creativeskills@gmail.com

CLIMATE CHANGE DAY Aberaeron Memorial Hall, Thursday February 15th. 10.30am - 3pm. Entry fee £5 to include soup at lunchtime. The session will open with a relaxing session of armchair yoga. This event is grant supported by the Natural Heritage Fund, NFWI Office - Federations of Wales. Please return form to Ein Swyddfa by Monday, 5th February. Cheques made payable to CFWI.

NFWI Wales Conference – Theatr Brycheiniog, Brecon. Thursday 4 April 2024. One day visit. Please choose your activity on the enclosed form by **Thursday 25 January**. Morning Conference (in person) £10. Morning Online conference - £5. Group viewing online - £20. Afternoon activities - Sing-along; Mindfulness and Meditation; Acrylic Painting or Historical Walk around Brecon £5 extra. Online conference and introduction to British Sign Language £5 extra. Cheques to be made payable to CFWI. Coach cost to be confirmed.

NFWI Annual Meeting 2024 will be held at the Royal Albert Hall, London on Wednesday 5 June. CFWI have arranged a two-evening bed and breakfast stay at the Copthorne Tara Hotel, London, Kensington from Tuesday 4 June - Thursday 6 June. We have 10 delegate packages for one full member from Borth, Penllwyn, Llanilar, Llangwryfon, Llanfair Clydogau, Aberporth, Llanarth, Llanrhystud, Cilcennin and Felinfach WIs. Observer tickets are available at £28. There is a free to view streaming online service. This 2024 event will be a hybrid model for both delegates and observers to join online.

Single room cost – £375 (total)

Twin Room cost - £230 (total per person)

Coach - £ 16

Agenda / Entry £ 28

Observers - Please pay your non-returnable £50 deposit to CFWI by **Wednesday 10 January**.

2023-2024 Membership Subs The WI subscription from the beginning of April 2024 onwards will be **£48 per member**. CFWI share £11.30. NFWI share £13.10. Your own WI share of £23.60 is to be kept by your own WI. WIs continue to have the flexibility to decrease the amount they charge for their own WI share if they choose. Please return your Annual Report form (lilac) so that your Officers' details can be included in the CFWI Contact Book 2024.

200 Club - November -1. Janet Jones, Cross Inn WI £20; 2. Jenny Ward, Llanfarian WI £15; Jake Willis c/o Felinfach WI £10.

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| Resolution Meeting | Saturday, January 6th 10.00am | Aberaeron Church Hall SA46 0AY |
| Craft Day | Saturday, January 27 9.30 for 10 / 1pm-3 | Rhydypennau Hall SY24 5BQ |
| Climate Change Day | Thursday February 15th 10.30-3pm | Aberaeron Memorial Hall |
| Wales Conference - Brecon | Thursday April 4th 2024 | One day visit |
| Spring Rally | Saturday 18 May | Venue TBC |
| NFWI Annual Meeting, London | Wednesday 5th June | Royal Albert Hall. (June 4-6) |

Recruitment Drive Posters in English and Welsh – please display in your community / Craft Day form / Craft Day Poster / Resolutions Discussion Meeting Agenda / Resolution Voting Slip / NGS Gardens information