January 2022

**Resolution Selection**

Dear WI Secretary

Each member is entitled to have one selection for the resolution they think should be discussed at the NFWI AGM 2022 at the M & S Bank Arena, Liverpool. Full notes and voting slips are in the November issue of WI Life. However, if it is easier for WIs to discuss the proposed resolutions and then select on ‘a hands up basis’ at your meeting you can use this form.

Please remember the following:

* Whether voting individually or by WI, send your slip here to the office – a selection sent to National **WILL NOT COUNT.**
* If using this form, members who have already voted as individuals should **NOT** be included in this WI selection.
* Include the selection of all your members, not just the resolution with the majority of votes

I have drafted a table below to record your WI’s selections.

Please let me have your selections, by post or email **by no later than FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2022** at the very latest.

***Complete the form below:***

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| **Name of WI** | |
| **Title of Resolution** | **Number of votes** |
| **1. Fit for purpose – fit for girls**  Girls’ clothing ranges often promote harmful gender stereotypes and can lack the practicality and robustness of boys’ clothing due to the differing design features and materials used. The NFWI calls on clothing manufacturers and retailers to produce and market clothes for girls at all ages which are equal to their boys’ clothing ranges in terms of design, quality and coverage, and which aim to empower and enable girls to feel comfortable and confident in whatever activity they choose throughout their childhood. |  |
| **2. Appropriate sentencing of non-violent women offenders**  Women in prison are some of the most vulnerable in society. The majority have committed non-violent offences, and many have been victims of much more serious offences than those they are accused of committing. Prison can do enormous lasting damage to women’s mental health, and research shows that community support and management can be far more effective and produce better reoffending outcomes than custodial sentences, as well as mitigate the negative impacts on children and their wider families. The NFWI therefore urges government to renew its focus on early-intervention and community-based solutions for women who have committed non-violent offences as a matter of urgency. |  |
| **3. Equality in law for the menopause**  Too many women are experiencing discrimination at work and in wider society during the menopause. The NFWI calls on the Government to strengthen equality law by including the menopause as a protected characteristic alongside pregnancy and maternity under the Equality Act 2010, in order to provide better protection for women and to help tackle the stigma around menopause. |  |
| **4. Women and Girls with ASD & ADHD – under-identified, under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under-supported**  Women and girls presenting with autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) are going undiagnosed. The NFWI calls on the government and funding bodies to fund research into the female presentation of ASD and ADHD, and for action to be taken to improve the diagnosis process for women and girls, to ensure that they are equipped to better manage these conditions and do not suffer in silence.  The NFWI further calls on WI members to raise awareness within their WIs of the issues facing women and girls with ASD and ADHD. |  |
| **5. Tackling digital exclusion**  Digital exclusion in the UK is preventing a significant proportion of the population from accessing the internet, and therefore limiting access to essential services, learning opportunities and social connection. This can be due to a lack of internet connection, lack of access to devices or lack of digital literacy. With millions of people affected, the NFWI calls on the government to increase investment in digital infrastructure, ensure access to suitable devices and appropriate education and training. |  |

* Briefing notes were published in the November/December 2021 edition of WI Life.
* Additional supporting materials including detailed briefing notes, PowerPoint presentations, quizzes and videos are published on the NFWI website. [Resolution Shortlist 2021/22 | National Federation of Women's Institutes (thewi.org.uk)](https://www.thewi.org.uk/campaigns/resolutions/resolution-shortlist-202122).

*This form is available on the Surrey Federation website.*