

6th October 2026

To: Federation Chairmen
Federation Treasurers

Cc: Federation Secretaries
NFWI Board of Trustees
NFWI Senior Staff



Dear Federation Chairmen and Treasurers,

Membership subscription rates for 2027/28

Each year, the NFWI reviews the membership subscription with great care and in consultation with National Council. Our aim is to balance the organisation's financial needs for the year ahead with our commitment to keeping membership as affordable as possible. Alongside this, we continue to look for ways to manage costs and generate additional income, helping to minimise the amount that needs to be covered by the membership fee.

This year, the NFWI Board again considered a range of financial options to ensure the organisation can operate effectively, while passing on as little of the charity's costs to members as possible. These options were shared with National Council, comprising two representatives from each federation, for discussion and vote. The Board greatly values members' views and the insight of federation representatives, and remains committed to working collaboratively across every level of the organisation.

As part of this discussion, we also ensured that the NFWI's Practical Pledge to 2030, to continually improve the percentage of the fee that is retained by the WI. This is based on the feedback shared by members during our latest strategic consultation which reflected the need for greater financial resources within WIs to support their ability to deliver a varied and vibrant programme.

I can confirm that the NFWI Board of Trustees has set the membership subscription for 2027/28 at £57. This was one of the recommendations from the National Council in their meeting held on 8 September 2026, which was ratified by the NFWI Board on 30 September 2026. The overall subscription distribution for 2027/28 membership year will therefore be:

Total subscription	WI share	Federation share	NFWI share
£57.00	£28.60	£13.30	£15.10

The timetable for membership fees is set below. We request that wherever possible BACS should be used for a quicker, effective and less expensive mode of payment:

Deadline	To action
1st April 2027	WI to collect subscription payments from members
30th April 2027	Payments from WIs to Federations including pooling of fares
31st May 2027	Subscriptions and pooling of fares payments from Federations to the NFWI

Pro-rata subscription for new members in their first year

New members joining the WI from April 2027 for the first time, or who have not been members of any WI in the past year, will pay a pro-rata subscription depending on the quarter in which they join. The rate per quarter and the distribution are shown in the following table.

Date of joining	Total subscription	WI share	Federation share	NFWI share
1 April to 30 June 2027	£57.00	£28.60	£13.30	£15.10
1 July to 30 Sept 2027	£42.75	£21.45	£9.98	£11.32
1 October to 31 December 2027	£28.50	£14.30	£6.65	£7.55
1 January to 31 March 2028	£14.25	£7.15	£3.33	£3.77

New WIs starting in 2027/28

New WIs starting from April 2027 will keep all the subscriptions paid by their members in 2027/28 membership year (their first operating year).

Flexibility Policy

WIs can apply the flexibility policy to their 2027/28 subscription. This means they can charge the full amount of the WI portion, reduce their portion, or waive the WI portion of the subscription entirely based on the financial situation of their WI. This power was included in the WI constitutional changes formalised in June 2025. WIs have the autonomy on the issue of the WI portion of the membership fee with regard to all of their members, including the pro-rata calculation of their fee for multi-members. WIs are reminded that they cannot charge more than the limit set by NFWI and if all or part of their WI portion is waived, this must be applied fairly across all its members.

Pooling of Fares

Pooling of Fares is a charge applied in the years where there is a face-to-face NFWI Annual Meeting. These create a fund which federations can draw on to cover travel costs to the event, ensuring fair access to all federations and delegates, regardless of the location of the event. The NFWI Annual meeting pooling of fares for 2027 is set at £25 per WI and £50 per federation. New WIs formed in 2027, before the Annual Meeting in June, will pay the pooling of fares contribution. WIs should ensure payment is included with their payment of membership fees to their federation. Please ensure the information included in this letter is cascaded to your WIs.

I thank you for your continued support to the charity and your contribution to ensuring that we remain a strong and vibrant organisation. I hope that you and your fellow members continue to enjoy your membership of the WI.

Yours sincerely,



Tracy Baker
Honorary Treasurer