



Resolutions 2017/18

Find all the information you need on the resolutions process for 2017/18, including essential paperwork, the resolutions timetable and our guide to holding a resolution discussion with your WI.

Every resolution passed throughout the WI's 102-year history has **stemmed from a concern put forward by members**. This uniquely **democratic model** offers the opportunity for you to combine your voice with 220,000 others to **make a real difference** on important issues.

This year **68 resolutions** were submitted. These were narrowed down to **five** by representatives from federations at a **shortlisting meeting in London on 2 October**.

The next step is for you to **consider all five** and **select the one you would most like to go forward** for further discussion and **final voting at the Annual Meeting** in June 2018. The selection process is **open to all WI members** and you can make your selection by **filling out the selection** form found in the November & December issue of *WI Life* magazine.

Submission forms need to be submitted to your federation by **9 February** (please check arrangements for this with your WI Secretary). Federations must return their tallied results to the NFWI by close of play on **16 February**.

Below is a **selection of resources** to help you learn more about each of the resolutions. We recommend WIs and **federations hold discussion meetings** to explore the issues in more depth.

2017/18 resolution shortlist

1. Positive body image in a digital age

This meeting urges every WI and the NFWI to campaign to ensure that **government** and the **media industry** promote **healthy body images** and ensure **diversity is represented** in the media.

- [Briefing Notes](#)
- [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Online quiz](#)
- Video - this Ted Talk from Meaghan Ramsey explains the impacts of negative body image on girls: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gXIIAS-rl4E>

2. Stop female genital mutilation

Almost **200,000 women and girls in England and Wales** are affected by or threatened with the risk of female genital mutilation (FGM). This figure rises to **200 million worldwide**. FGM is illegal in the UK, but it is still happening. We urge the NFWI to use its collective voice and influence to **raise wider awareness** of the traumatic health consequences of FGM and support and **partner with agencies** that are working to end this practice in the UK and worldwide.

- [Briefing Notes](#)
- [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Online quiz](#)
- Video – a series of short films developed by the Royal College of Midwives to highlight the consequences of FGM: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC33RQaJyF3H5EyVlzY3V3rw?view_as=subscriber
- A film produced by the Home Office with interviews with health professionals, survivors and the NSPCC: <https://youtu.be/HkDuzLA8T9w>

3. Raising awareness of modern slavery in the UK

Modern slavery **affects thousands of people in the UK** every year, and leaves them facing servitude, forced or compulsory labour, sexual exploitation and human trafficking. This meeting calls on every WI and the NFWI to **raise awareness** of this important issue and to **lobby for more effective support** for the physical and psychological health of victims of this crime.

- [Briefing Notes](#)
- [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Online quiz](#)
- Video – this Home Office film explains the issue and how to spot the signs of modern slavery: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jv1H_fAoOG4

4. Mental health matters

Mental health matters as much as physical health. The NFWI urges all WI members to **recognise the importance** of parity between mental health and physical health, and **take action** to make it as acceptable to talk about mental health issues as much as physical health issues, and to **lobby government** for better support for mental illness.

- [Briefing Notes](#)
- [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Online quiz](#)
- Video – this film from charity Mind features young people talking about their experiences with mental illness: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_y97VF5UJcc

5. Healthier mouth, healthier body

Research suggests that there is a link between **gum health and serious illnesses** such as heart disease, stroke and even dementia. The NFWI calls upon the government to **raise awareness** about the importance of oral health and the impact that it can have in preventing life-changing acute and chronic health conditions.

- [Briefing Notes](#)
- [PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Online quiz](#)
- Video – this video from Listerine explains the link between oral and wider health: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m-BGfwCoJJA>

Need more information?

If you have any questions about making your selection please **contact your federation**. You can also contact the Public Affairs department: publicaffairs@nfwf.org.uk