

Final 2017/18 Resolution Shortlist



Below is the final shortlist of resolutions for the 2017/18 resolutions process. This list was developed by federation representatives at the Resolution Shortlist Selection Meeting on 2 October.

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.

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.

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.

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.

5. Healthier Mouth, Healthier Body

Health 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.

Next steps

- Briefing notes and the selection form will be published in the November edition of WI Life.
- Additional supporting materials including detailed briefing notes, PowerPoint presentations, quizzes and videos will be published on the NFWI website and MyWI during the first week of November.
- The deadline for members to return their selection slips to federations is **9th February**. This deadline will be published in WI Life.
- Federations must return their tallied results to the NFWI by close of play on **16th February 2018**.