

## WELCOME TO THE WI

The aim of this leaflet is to explain how the WI works in Derbyshire.



<b>DFWI - Derbyshire Federation of WIs</b>	When you joined your WI you immediately became a member of DFWI, that in turn is a member of a national organisation, NFWI.
<b>NFWI - National Federation of Women's Institutes</b>	There are 175 WIs in the Derbyshire Federation and 69 Federations in England and Wales. They all come under one national body, NFWI.
<b>WI Life</b>	You will receive 8 copies of WI Life magazine each year via post as part of your membership subscription.
<b>Who does what in WIs?</b>	Each WI has a President, Secretary and Treasurer. At WI meetings they pass on information from DFWI and NFWI.
<b>Who does what in DFWI?</b>	The Federation Chairman and Treasurer are volunteers and working with them are 12 other WI members making up the Board of Trustees and chairing the following sub-committees:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archive Team</li> </ul>	Records and stores documents and items of historical value safely and offers advice to WI officers regarding the safe keeping of WI archives.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catering</li> </ul>	Provide catering at events.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Craft</li> </ul>	Arrange the schedules and judging for the craft entries at shows, they run workshops, dabble days and displays.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events</li> </ul>	Organise major fundraising events including the very popular County Quiz.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Economics</li> </ul>	Arrange the schedules and judging for the home economic entries at shows and various demonstrations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media Hub (includes PR)</li> </ul>	Produces Derbyshire Link our newsletter. Manages website and social media and offers members training to encourage their use. Promotes Derbyshire WIs in external publications.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership Support Committee (MSC)</li> </ul>	Made up of WI Advisers, trained and appointed by NFWI. They attend various WI meetings, and form and suspend WIs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office &amp; Finance</li> </ul>	Oversees the general finances including the building and paid staff.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Affairs &amp; International (includes ACWW)</li> </ul>	Takes action on the WI mandates and keeps members informed about campaigns run by NFWI, they also arrange educational and social events. Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) raises awareness and funds for this international charity to which NFWI is affiliated.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Show</li> </ul>	Responsible for the layout and staging of displays at shows, Federation Meetings and other events.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports &amp; Leisure</li> </ul>	Organise the Federation spring and autumn walks and other events to exercise the mind and body, anything from Archery to Zumba!

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