**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Federation Chairmen, Treasurers and Secretaries

**CC:** Federation Resolution Coordinators, NFWI Trustees, Senior Staff

**FROM:** Alexandra Barker, Interim Research and Campaigns Manager

**Date:** 23rd February 2021

Dear all,

The results of the 2021 resolution shortlist selection process are:

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| **2021 resolutions** | **Selections**  |
| **1** | **A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer** | **30,240** |
| 2 | Stop women dying prematurely from coronary heart disease | 16,285 |
| 3 | Racism and discrimination | 5,363 |
| 4 | Now’s the time to act! Protect your nature space to create wildlife-friendly communities  | 7,808 |
| 5 | Stop the destruction of peat bogs to tackle climate change | 6.616 |
|  | **Total selections received** | **66,312** |

This year there were 66,312 selections cast. We know this has been a more difficult year due to the challenges surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic and multiple lockdowns, so thank you for supporting your WIs throughout this process.

The NFWI Board of Trustees has decided to put forward the top resolution to the Annual Meeting in June.

The wording of the resolution is as follows:

**A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer**

Wording: *Every two hours in the UK someone dies of ovarian cancer. Making sure GPs and the public know what to look for will not only ensure the early detection and treatment of this disease, but transform lives today and for generations to come. NFWI calls on WI members everywhere to help increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer.*

**What happens next?**

Members now have the opportunity to learn more about the issues, and to discuss the resolution in their WIs before deciding how they wish to vote after the Annual Meeting. All WIs get one vote– for or against the resolution.

**The deadline for WIs to cast their vote is 9th July 2021.** With the Annual Meeting now taking place in June, it has been possible to move this date back from 5th July, as set out in the resolution process timetable published last year.

This means that WIs will have April and May to hold virtual meetings (or face-to-face if this is possible in line with Government advice) to discuss the Annual Meeting resolution and decide how they wish to vote. Federations are also encouraged to hold discussion events.

The voting will take place via an online form (with an alternative available where this is not feasible). More guidance on how WIs can cast their vote online will be circulated in due course.

**For information, I am also enclosing the resolution process timetable for 2020/21.** This is slightly different to the timetable published last year as it has been possible to make a small number of adjustments to provide members with more time at different stages of the process.

The timetable will be uploaded to My WI and circulated in the March mailing, but please do cascade it to your WIs in the meantime to help disseminate these minor changes.

**You can find a selection of resources to help you learn more about the resolutions on the WI website and on My WI:**

* A detailed briefing on the resolution.
* A PowerPoint presentation on the topic.
* A quiz to test your knowledge.
* A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document about the resolutions process.
* A discussion guide with ideas about how to discuss the resolution in your WI.
* Videos, included in the briefing note

If you have any questions about the Annual Meeting resolution or the resolutions process please contact the NFWI Public Affairs Department.