

# Your Weekly Update From Your WI Federation

Dear W.I. Secretaries,

I hope this finds you all well. The Federation Board of Trustees want to keep in regular contact with our members, to let them know we are thinking of you all and also when we receive any information, or are able to share with you any news we may have. In order to achieve this we will be sending you a weekly update, every Thursday. Please forward this to your members. This weekly communication will be in addition to your Federation Newsletter.



**May Federation News:** It will only be possible to send out an email copy to WI Secretaries plus usual email subscribers at the end of this month, due to staff homeworking. The format of each month's issue of Fed News during the Coronavirus outbreak will change, hopefully to try and reflect what we hope members will want to hear about as the crisis progresses: trying to keep members up to date on the re-arranged Federation events schedule, and on what's happening across the Federation. We will include new content for "How WIs are staying in contact with members" and "Lock Down Tales".

Any WIs expecting to struggle without paper copies are asked to email the office on [nywfw@btconnect.com](mailto:nywfw@btconnect.com) so we can try to help.

**Refunds for Federation events that cannot now take place as planned:** Due to government advice on social distancing all Federation meetings, events and workshops were stopped from the middle of March up to the middle of July. It is planned to re-arrange as many as we can of the postponed events for either later-on this year or otherwise to re-schedule for next year. Shibden Hall will now move to 2021.

For all those events that cannot now take place as planned we are working to issue refunds as quickly and efficiently as possible.

In the interests of keeping additional costs down we hope to issue one cheque per WI for all affected events (except such as Denman Trip where bookings were made directly by individual members, and so will be returned the same way).



**Telephone calls:** Whilst the office is closed the office phone is diverted to a mobile so please try to keep calls to a minimum.

**Standards and complaints:** We will always do our best for our members, trying to maintain highest standards at all times. Coronavirus is however likely to stretch the most robust arrangements in any organisation, and under pressure there maybe a mistake or a mis communication.

In such unforeseen circumstances please bear with us as we strive to do our best and correct any mistakes as soon as possible.

**NFWI:** Please log on to My WI where you will find a link to **#My Virtual WI** and find out how to take your W.I. online.



Here you will find lots of information including 'Advice on holding a virtual W.I. meeting or other information such as some Store Cupboard recipes.

As yet we still do not have any idea on what the plan from National is re the Resolutions that have been chosen to go to vote, however, that does not mean that you cannot still be involved with previous Campaigns. Many of you I know will be helping in your own community and amongst yourselves to make sure the vulnerable and those who are isolated have contact with the outside world which is our message with the Combating Loneliness Campaign.

**Federation appeal:** The ICU department at York Hospital have asked if anyone is able to knit or crochet some little red hearts (about 6.5cm). The patients that die in ICU are not allowed to have their family with them and the nursing staff want to put a little heart with their loved one as they sadly pass away and a duplicate heart will be sent out with a card to the families.

Please post direct to the Hospital - Hearts for Covid-19 ICU, The York Hospital, Wigginton Road, York, North Yorkshire, YO31 8HE



Link for the patten:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/hearts-28>

**Kathleen Bird/Norah Worth:** Rest assured your competition entries are safely secured at Alma House.

Please look out for our 'Thursday Weekly Update'.

I hope you found this weekly update helpful. I wish you all a very peaceful and happy Easter weekend. Please stay home, stay well, stay safe.

Kind regards

*Julie*