



# Public Affairs Digest

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Dear Member,

Welcome to the NFWI *Public Affairs Digest*, an e-update on all the latest WI campaigning news, delivered directly to your inbox.

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The main priority for the NFWI is the safety and wellbeing of our members. If you haven't already, please visit [this link](#) for the latest, up to date government guidelines.

See more information about support [at the end of this Digest](#).



## Sgrinio Serfigol & COVID-19

Y sefyllfa bresennol yng Nghymru a grymuso menywod i wneud penderfyniadau hyddysg am sgrinio serfigol.

**22 Gorffennaf 2020, 2yp - 3.30yp**



### Siaradwyr

Linda Wood, Sgrinio Serfigol Cymru  
Bex Raven, Aelod SyM  
Ymchwil Canser DU



## Cervical screening & COVID-19

The current situation in Wales and empowering women to make informed decisions about cervical screening.

**22 July 2020, 2pm - 3.30pm**



### Speakers

Linda Wood, Cervical Screening Wales  
Bex Raven, WI member  
Cancer Research UK



### There is still time to join our webinar

Tomorrow, Wednesday 22 July at 2pm, NFWI-Wales will be hosting a virtual event as part of the 5 Minutes that Matter Campaign.

Attendees will be updated on the current situation with regards to the cervical screening programme in light of COVID-19 and will hear about the support and advice available to women. The webinar also aims to raise awareness of the importance of cervical screening and provide an opportunity to discuss some of the challenges around improving the uptake of the test.

Speakers include:

- Linda Wood, Cervical Screening Wales
- Bex Raven, WI member
- Cancer Research UK

There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion after each presentation.

You can still register for this event, which will take place via Zoom, please e-mail [walesoffice@nfwi-wales.org.uk](mailto:walesoffice@nfwi-wales.org.uk)

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*Photo: Anne Marie Bickerton*

### **Update on the new Domestic Abuse Bill**

Last week the Government's Domestic Abuse Bill passed its final stage in the House of Commons.

Whilst we are pleased to welcome this groundbreaking piece of legislation, the bill still fails to protect migrant women. No survivor should be left behind. We will continue to push for change so that all survivors have access to the support they need.

To find out more visit [\*\*Southall Black Sister's page.\*\*](#)

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### **New report: Covid-19 and the transport system**

In a new report, the Campaign for Better Transport (@CBTransport) highlights the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on the transport system and the need for a future focused strategy from the Government.

The report also outlines a transformative vision of the transport system and calls for 100% zero-emission road and rail transport, improved connectivity post Covid-19 and reforms to the bus sector.

**[Read the report here](#)**

#GetonBoard



We want to hear about local WI campaign activities. Please email us with your news!





# SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FREE JULY

Are you ready for the SFWI Bingo challenge? Join us and take part in single-use plastic July. How many squares can you cross through?



**HAVE A VIRTUAL  
PLASTIC FREE PICNIC  
WITH FRIENDS**



**MAKE A LOAF OF  
BREAD**



**FIND AN  
ALTERNATIVE TO  
CLINGFILM**



**SHARE A 'MEAT FREE  
MONDAY' RECIPE**



**USE REUSABLE  
SHOPPING BAGS**



**TAKE A REUSABLE  
WATER BOTTLE ON A  
WALK**



**SHOP IN YOUR  
LOCAL COMMUNITY**



**USE REUSABLE  
ALTERNATIVES TO  
COTTON WOOL/MAKEUP  
WIPES**



**USE A SOAP BAR  
INSTEAD OF LIQUID  
SOAP**

#SFWIsimpleswaps #SFWIsayno

To celebrate PlasticFreeJuly, Surrey Federation has developed an innovative

way to encourage less plastic use. Check out their single-use plastic bingo board! Let us know how you get on!

#PlasticFreeJuly is still ongoing, so please keep an eye out for our social media tips, and don't forget to share your own tips and experiences of reducing plastic use with us!

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### **Support and help during pandemic**

This can be a particularly difficult and worrying time for adults and children living with domestic abuse. [This link](#) will take you to a page of support sources, please share as widely as possible. It is important that survivors know that they are not alone.

This can also be a difficult and worrying time if you require additional assistance. If you need emergency food or support you can find the contact details of your local food bank using your postcode [here](#).

If you are able to support your local food bank with donations or by volunteering, click here to visit the [FareShare website](#).

You can also visit [this section](#) of our website for information from the NFWI on ways you can help your community, sources of support and other helpful information such as setting up a virtual meeting.

We have a PDF versions of the digest available, that you can share with the people around you. Please [get in touch](#) with the Public Affairs department if you would like a copy.

Please also encourage other members of your WI to sign up to receive this monthly digest.

Kind regards,

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