

# The Federation of Women's Institutes of Northern Ireland



## Annual General Meeting

**Europa Hotel, Belfast**



**Thursday, 28th March 2024**

**11:00am – 4:15pm**

## Morning Session

11:00am – 12:30pm

**Welcome** Margaret Broome (Federation Chairman)

**Announcements and Apologies** Mary McManus (Operations Manager)

**Flowers** Lorna McClure (Riada Area Executive)

### Areas

<b>Abercorn</b>	<b>Lower Bann</b>
<b>Ards Peninsula</b>	<b>Moyallen</b>
<b>Clogher Valley</b>	<b>Quoile</b>
<b>Erne</b>	<b>Ranfurly</b>
<b>Gosford</b>	<b>Riada</b>
<b>Inver</b>	<b>Roe Valley</b>
<b>Iveagh</b>	<b>Rowallane</b>
<b>Knockagh</b>	<b>Scrabo</b>
<b>Lagan</b>	<b>Slemish</b>
<b>Lisnagarvey</b>	<b>Sperrin</b>
<b>Londonderry</b>	

**Minutes** – As no amendments have been received, the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023 will now be signed by the Federation Chairman.

**Introduction of New Executive Committee Members** – Margaret Broome (Federation Chairman)

**Presentation of Badges to outgoing Executive Committee Members** – Margaret Broome (Federation Chairman)

**Sub-Committee Reports** Reports have been printed and a copy attached.

**Treasurer's Report** Sheelagh McRandal (Federation Treasurer)

**Seconding the Financial Report** Ruth Carroll (Ranfurly Area Executive)

**Federation Report** Margaret Broome (Federation Chairman)

**Resolutions** Kathleen Verner (Federation Vice-Chairman)

## **Resolutions**

### **Federation Membership Fees**

After careful consideration, the Executive Committee proposes that Federation fees be increased from £20.00 to £25.00 with effect from 1st September 2024. FWINI has been operating at a deficit for the past two years as the fees have not kept pace with the rate of inflation. This increase is required to ensure that the organisation's income is sufficient to meet its expenditure.

Proposed: Sheelagh McRandal (Federation Treasurer)

Seconded: Christine Rankin (Ards Peninsula Area Executive)

### **Limited Company**

Presentation by Andrew Talbott (Managing Partner, Collaboration Ireland)

The Executive Committee proposes that the Federation changes its legal status and becomes a Limited Company. This would ensure that the Trustees are not personally liable if something goes wrong, provided they have acted within the law and reasonably, and comply with the requirements of some funders.

Proposed: Sheelagh McRandal (Federation Treasurer)

Seconded: Brenda Richardson (Rowallane Area Executive)

### **Prescriptions**

In light of the cost and availability of prescription drugs, Ballywalter WI proposes that when a patient is prescribed a new long-term drug, only a small amount should be issued to the patient in case of reaction. The remainder to be held back by the pharmacy as unused drugs cannot be returned for further use.

Proposed by: Angela Martin (Ballywalter WI)

Seconded by: Ina Watson (Maghaberry WI)

**Presentation of new FWINI Website – Sheelagh McRandal (Federation Treasurer)**

**Lunch 12:45pm – 2:00pm**

## Afternoon Session

2:15pm – 4:15pm

### Welcome

Margaret Broome (Federation Chairman)

### Greetings from our guests

The Rt, Hon. the Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Ryan Murphy

Hilda Roche, National President – Irish Country Women’s Association

Linda McTurk, Board Member – Scottish Women's Institutes

Ann Jones, Chair – National Federation of Women’s Institutes

John Henning, President – Royal Ulster Agricultural Society

Stuart Mills, President – Young Farmers Clubs of Ulster

Jacqui McLoughlin – Women's Forum NI

Kay Simpson, Northern Ireland Chair – Townswomen’s Guilds

### Guest Speaker – Anne Harper – *‘Women in Myth and Music’*

Anne Harper is a musician and storyteller from County Down. She is passionate about heritage, folklore and the environment; and it was this that drew her into the realm of storytelling. A multi-instrumentalist and composer, Anne is inspired by the ancient Bardic tradition, weaving the evocative sound of the harp (and other instruments) into her performances. From timeless ingredients, Anne creates a fresh, magical mixture of myth and music which resonates strongly in the modern world.'



**Presentations of Awards – Margaret Broome (Federation Chairman)**  
**Kathleen Verner (Federation Vice-Chairman)**

<b>Homecraft:</b>	
<b>Doreen Dawson Cup</b> (Team entry of 3 different crafts)	<b>Ballymoney WI</b> <b>(Joanne Campbell, Tanya Everett &amp; Florence Gregg)</b>
<b>Greenisland Cup</b> (Institute gaining the greatest number of grade A awards in proportion to the number of members during the year)	<b>Ballymoney WI</b>
<b>Etta Stewart Cup</b> (Best entry of craftwork exclusive of cup winning entries)	<b>Tanya Everett, Ballymoney WI</b>
<b>Emily Bossence Tray</b> (Gold Award holders)	<b>Tanya Everett, Ballymoney WI</b>
<b>Peggy Adams Memorial Trophy</b> (White embroidery)	<b>Tanya Everett, Ballymoney WI</b>
<b>Burnside Trophy</b> (Irish crochet, tatting or knitted lace)	<b>Florence Gregg, Ballymoney WI</b>
<b>Hilda Stewart Trophy</b> (Limerick, Carrickmacross or bobbin lace)	<b>Florence Gregg, Ballymoney WI</b>
<b>Isobel Lusk Cup</b> (Knitting)	<b>Florence Gregg, Ballymoney WI</b>
<b>Janet Jones Trophy</b> (Modern or unusual craft not included in the Homecraft Syllabus)	<b>Anne Martin, Ballievey WI</b>
<b>Brookeborough Trophy</b> (Novice team entry of 3 different crafts)	<b>Crumlin WI</b> <b>(Eilish Grant, Pat Parkes &amp; Joan Ward)</b>
<b>Clanabogan Cup</b> (Team knitting)	<b>Crumlin WI</b> <b>(Eilish Grant, Pat Parkes &amp; Joan Ward)</b>
<b>Olive Kane Cup</b> (Wool embroidery)	<b>Kate Kenndy, Cullybackey WI</b>
<b>Coey II Cup</b> (Embroidery on linen, canvas or similar fabric)	<b>Anne Hunter, Maghaberry WI</b>
<b>Thelma Goldring Trophy</b> (Best individual item)	<b>Anne Hunter, Maghaberry WI</b>
<b>Roe Valley Trophy</b> (Full Circle holders)	<b>David Irvine, Moira WI</b>
<b>Emily Blair Trophy</b> (For restricted ability)	<b>Jane Laverick, Newtownbreda WI</b>
<b>Full Circle Award:</b>	
<b>Diana Thompson, Ballyclare WI</b>	

<b>Gold Spinning Wheel Award:</b>	
<b>Pamela Spiers, Ballievey WI</b>	
<b>Kerrie Mumford, Ballyblack WI</b>	
<b>Tanya Everett, Ballymoney WI</b>	
<b>Lorraine McGaughey, Kilrea WI</b>	

<b>INTERNATIONAL:</b>	
<b>Mary Boyd Trophy</b> (Mary Boyd Competition 2023 – ‘Create a shoe bag for travelling purposes’ – <b>1st Place</b> )	<b>Christine Rankin, Donaghadee WI</b>
<b>Margaret McMillan Bowl</b> – (Mary Boyd Competition 2023 – <b>2nd Place</b> )	<b>Ann Eccleston, Jerrettspass WI</b>
<b>MAGAZINE AND LEISURE:</b>	
<b>Mourne Cup</b> (Best poem written by a WI member published in the <i>Ulster Countrywoman</i> magazine during the previous calendar year)	<b>Hazel Campbell, Crumlin WI</b>
<b>Quoile Trophy</b> (Best overall <i>Ulster Countrywoman</i> magazine cover photograph published during the previous calendar year)	<b>Heather Freestone, Portglenone WI</b>
<b>Phyllis Gailey Trophy</b> (Literary Competition – <b>1st Place</b> )	<b>Jennifer Gardiner, Kilrea WI</b>
<b>Waringstown Cup</b> (Scrapbook Competition – <i>Open</i> class – <b>1st Place</b> )	<b>Broughshane WI</b>
<b>Carryduff Cup</b> (Scrapbook Competition – <i>Novice</i> class – <b>1st Place</b> )	<b>Spa WI</b>
<b>Crystal Cup</b> (Scrapbook Competition – <i>Front Cover</i> class – <b>1st Place</b> )	<b>Spa WI</b>
<b>Crystal Cup</b> (Scrapbook Competition – <i>Single Page</i> class – <b>1st Place</b> )	<b>Spa WI</b>

**Vote of Thanks**

Lynd Roper, Gosford Area Executive

**Closing Remarks**

Margaret Broome (Federation Chairman)