



The Federation of Women's Institutes of Northern Ireland

Autumn Council Meeting 2024

Saturday, 26th October 2024

Mossley Mill, Carnmoney

Welcome

Federation Chair Brenda Richardson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Brenda then gave the announcements.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Lady Anthony (Federation President), Margaret McCracken (Sperrin Area), Downpatrick WI, Magherafelt WI and Tobermore WI.

Greetings - Councillor Neil Kelly, Mayor of Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council.

Roll Call

Abercorn	3	Knockagh	27	Ranfurly	6
Ards Peninsula	9	Lagan	2	Riada	5
Clougher Valley	2	Lisnagarvey	4	Roe Valley	0
Erne	3	Londonderry	2	Rowallane	7
Gosford	1	Lower Bann	8	Scrabo	1
Inver	4	Moyallen	0	Slemish	9
Iveagh	8	Quoile	5	Sperrin	0
			Total		106

Minutes – Minutes of the 2023 Autumn Council Meeting held in The Manor House, Killadeas had been posted on the WINI website in September. No amendments had been received, and these Minutes were duly signed by Federation Chair Brenda Richardson.

Treasurer's Report – Delivered by Federation Treasurer Sheelagh McRandal, who also answered several questions from the floor.

Chair's Report – Delivered by Federation Chair Brenda Richardson.

Sub-Committee Reports – Reports from the Chairs of the Sub-Committees were circulated in paper form as members arrived.

Speaker

The guest speaker was Dr. Tony Macaulay, internationally acclaimed author, broadcaster, international speaker, peace builder and suicide prevention advocate. Tony grew up in the 1970s at the top of the Shankill Road – an experience that has shaped his life and inspired him to write about his experiences as *Paperboy*, *Breadboy* and *All Growed Up*. He regaled the audience with stories of his life and read some of his stories from a number of his books. Members were later able to purchase some of the books.

Presentation of Awards

Brenda Richardson, Federation Chair

Rosemary McAllister, Federation Vice-Chair

Vote of Thanks

Marlene Welsh, Armoy WI

Seconded by

Anne Moore, Ballyclare WI

Flowers

Thelma Coffey, Mossley WI

Closing Remarks

Brenda Richardson, Federation Chair

A Countrywoman's Song

Autumn Council Meeting 2024 – Awards being presented:

<u>Award:</u>	<u>Winner:</u>
<u>Federation:</u>	
Macausland Rosebowl – Institute of the Year – <i>Awarded for activities of the 2023–24 season</i>	Ballymoney WI
City of Belfast Northern Bank Perpetual Trophy – Autumn Fair Flower Show – WI Competition <i>(2024 Theme: ‘Autumn Bounty’)</i>	Seaforde WI
<u>Homecraft:</u>	
Hobbycraft Trophy – <i>Awarded for beginners</i>	Claire Fisher, Ballymoney WI
<u>Home and Garden:</u>	
Home and Garden Perpetual Trophy – <i>~Best in Show~ Floral Art at Balmoral Show 2024</i>	Fiona Patterson, Spa WI
Home and Garden Shield – <i>Institute with the most points in WI Competitions at Balmoral Show 2024</i>	Portaferry WI
<u>International:</u>	
Evelyn Lord Trophy – <i>Outstanding contribution to ACWW</i>	Margaret Broome, Seaforde WI
<u>Magazine and Leisure:</u>	
Kathleen Maconaghie Rosebowl – <i>Photographic Competition (2024 Title: ‘All In A Row’)</i>	Sharon Morrow, Cairncastle WI
Dorman Trophy - <i>Best Original Article Written by a WI Member Published in the Ulster Countrywoman magazine</i>	Lynda Pollock, Collone WI