



D. F. MACAUSLAND ROSEBOWL COMPETITION

~INSTITUTE OF THE YEAR AWARD~

AIM OF THE FEDERATION: *“To unite in promoting any work which makes for the betterment of our homes, and the development and improvement of rural and urban life in the community through social and educational activities.”*

AIM OF THE MACAUSLAND ROSEBOWL COMPETITION: *To encourage awareness among WI members within the Federation of the important role they can play in improving the quality of life in the community.*

ENTRY CRITERIA

1. All questions to be answered giving details for the previous WI season:

September 2025 – Summer 2026
(1st September 2025 – 31st August 2026)

2. Community Section: This must be organised at WI meetings for WI members, not individual members belonging to outside organisations.

3. All questionnaires, duly completed and signed, should be returned to WI Headquarters (209/211 Upper Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT10 0LL) by: **Monday, 28th September 2026.**

The Macausland Rosebowl award for *Institute of the Year* is presented annually at the Autumn Council Meeting.

NAME OF INSTITUTE:

~Questionnaire~

For the WI season September 2025 – Summer 2026

Membership

1) Total number of members:

Number of honorary members:

Number of associate members:

Number of new members enrolled (and paid) during the season:

2) What method(s) do you use to welcome newcomers to your Institute/Area and encourage them to join the WI?

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3) What method(s) do you use to encourage regular attendance at your meetings?

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4) Are members, other than Committee members, given an opportunity to assist at monthly meetings?

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

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Institute Activities

5) Please give a brief overview of your Institute’s monthly programme of activities for the 2025-26 WI season, including attendance numbers at each meeting/outing/event:

September 2025:

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October 2025:

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November 2025:

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December 2025:

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January 2026:

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February 2026:

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March 2026:

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April 2026:

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May 2026:

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June 2026:

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Summer Break 2026 (outings, activities, meet-ups, etc.) – if applicable:

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6) During the 2025-26 WI season, September 2025 – Summer 2026, did your Institute...

a) Host an 'Open Day/Night' style of event(s) when you invited non-WI members to come along?

E.g. Visitors' Evening, Coffee Morning, etc.

Yes No

If yes, what did type of event(s) did you organise and how many attended?

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Did this result in your Institute gaining any new members? Yes No

If yes, how many?

b) Encourage links with the YFCU, local schools or any other youth organisations in your area?

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

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c) Visit any other WIs, women's groups or organisations in the province?

Yes No

If yes, please give details of who you visited and how many attended:

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d) Visit groups in the South of Ireland? E.g. Linking with the ICA / Trips to An Grianán.

Yes No

If yes, please give details, including how many participated:

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e) Share any national or international visits? E.g. ACWW events in the UK or abroad, or visits to WIs in Great Britain or further afield?

Yes No

If yes, please tell us about the experience:

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7) Has your Institute been represented this season at Federation / Council Meetings?

Autumn Council Meeting 2025 Yes No

Annual General Meeting 2026 Yes No

By a voting delegate Yes No

Was the delegate invited to report on the Council Meeting? Yes No

Was your Institute represented at your Area Meeting? Yes No

Federation Activities

8 a) Did your Institute support or participate in any of the following this season?:

-Federation charities (Federation Fund) Yes No

-ACWW (Project Support Fund) Yes No

-ACWW Walks 'Women Walk The World 2026'
Yes No

-Drama Festival 2026 Yes No

-Music Festival 2026 Yes No

-Festival of the Spoken Word 2025 Yes No

-Arts Festival 2026 Competitions (Painting, Decoupage, Calligraphy) Yes No

-One Day Schools (Arts / Homecraft) Yes No

-Homecraft Weekend Yes No

-International meetings or trips / World Rural Women's Day Yes No

-Evelyn Lord Competition Yes No

-Mary Boyd Competition Yes No

-Bowls Final 2026 Yes No

-Quiz Final 2026 Yes No

-Golf 'WI Golfer of the Year 2026'
Yes No

-Phyllis Gailey Literary Competition 2026 Yes No

-Photographic Competition 2026 Yes No

-Scrapbook Competition 2026 Yes No

-Mourne Cup (poetry) / Dorman Trophy (magazine article) Yes No

b) Has your Institute entered any Craft competitions during September 2025 – Summer 2026?

Yes No

If yes, please give details, including any awards:

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c) Has your Institute been represented at Area level competitions during the period September 2025 – Summer 2026? E.g. Competing in the Area rounds of the Bowls / Quiz tournaments, or entering Area Meeting Competitions - Craft, Floral Art, Cookery, etc.?

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

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Publicity

9 a) Does your Institute encourage members to regularly contribute articles/photographs to the *Ulster Countrywoman* magazine?

Yes No

b) Does your Institute submit an 'Institute News' report in keeping with the rota?

Yes No

c) What percentage of your members receive the *Ulster Countrywoman*?

d) How many times this season (*September 2025 – Summer 2026*) have articles/photographs publicising your Institute appeared in the local press, promoting your meetings/activities?

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e) Has your Institute appointed a Press Officer?

Yes No

f) Does your Institute have its own website?

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

g) Does your Institute use WhatsApp?

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

g) Does your Institute use any form of social media to publicise its activities? E.g. Facebook, Instagram, etc.

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

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h) (i) Does your Institute have an International Officer?

Yes No

(ii) If yes, how often has she been invited to give a report?

(iii) If yes, do you pay her ACWW membership fee?

Yes No

10) Did your Institute participate in the following WI Sections / Competitions?

--Balmoral Show 2026

1) by donating items for sale Yes No

2) by providing traybakes Yes No

3) by giving monetary donations towards scones, etc. Yes No

4) by entering Floral Art competitions Yes No

5) by entering Cookery / Preserves competitions Yes No

6) by entering Craft competitions Yes No

--City of Belfast Autumn Fair Flower Show 2025

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

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--Local Agricultural Shows/Fairs, etc.

Yes No

If yes, please give details of your local Show/Fair/Festival, September 2024 – Summer 2025:

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11) Does your Institute organise activities outside of your regular monthly meetings? E.g. Book Club, Walking Group, Coffee Mornings, etc.

Yes No

If yes, please list your additional activities, indicating which (if any) are open to non-members:

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Community

12 a) Did your Institute help with any community activities this season? Yes No

If yes, please explain in detail:
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b) Has your Institute been actively campaigning for any improvement(s) in your community/local area? Yes No

If yes, please explain in detail:
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c) (i) Do any members represent your Institute on an outside Committee or at another charitable organisation? E.g. Road Safety, SOS Rescue, Senior Citizens, etc.
(This must be organised at WI meetings for WI members, not individual members belonging to outside organisations) Yes No

If yes, please give details of role(s) / organisation(s):
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(ii) Any other relevant group(s)?:
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d) Did your Institute organise a special celebration during the September 2025 – Summer 2026 WI season? Yes No

If yes, please give full details:
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