

# **The Climate Coalition Great Big Green Week 18 - 26 September 2021**

## **A national week of events celebrating action on Climate Change**

**Hello** from your Suffolk West Federation Climate Ambassadors – Lesli, Pat and Jackie.

We would love every WI group in our Federation, no matter how big or small, to host an event during the Great Big Green Week, so this message is for the hard working, super organised Committees who keep those WIs going!

Don't worry, there are just two easy-to-organise ideas:

- ❖ Have a Great Big Green Walk around your local area
- ❖ Run a Climate Café in your meeting hall

Or you could be ambitious and combine the two – start the morning (or afternoon) with a walk which finishes with refreshments at your Climate Café!

We've created a Helpful Guide for each activity (see attachments) and are happy to offer additional advice: contact Lesli Tunbridge by phone 01787 280481 or email [lesli\\_tunbridge@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lesli_tunbridge@hotmail.co.uk)

And now, some background information:

### **What is the Climate Coalition?**

The Climate Coalition represents over 100 organisations from across the UK, including NFWI, The National Trust, RSPB, A Rocha and Oxfam. By supporting these events, and engaging with our members and the wider community, we can transform the conversation around climate change and environmental sustainability and translate it into action.

### **Why a Green Week?**

We are already seeing the impacts of extreme weather events caused by climate change, both here in the UK and around the world.

The UK is hosting a major United Nations Climate Summit, known as COP26, in Glasgow this November so the time is right for a Green Week to show our decision makers that we are stepping up to take action on climate change, and we need them to step up too.

### **Why is the WI involved?**

The WI was established to ensure women are able to take an effective part in their communities; to learn together, widen their horizons, improve and develop the quality of their lives and those of their communities, and together influence local, national and international affairs on issues that matter to members.

The WI has a long history of campaigning, and each Resolution passed at the Annual Meeting becomes a campaign.

Previous environmental resolutions have led to campaigns such as:

SOS for Honeybees; Climate Change (Show the Love); End Plastic Soup

**Finally**, we hope each WI Committee will share the event ideas with their members and decide to take part, whether it's a low-key event for members only or opened up to involve the local community. And we would love to hear about your event so please share information posters/photos on the SWFWI Facebook page or in The Hive via the Federation office.