



# Public Affairs Digest

## Issue 65: Special edition

Dear Member,

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

If you know anyone in your WI who is interested in our campaigns, please direct them to the campaigns area of [MyWI](#) to sign up to receive this Public Affairs Digest.



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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.](#)

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## WI Webinar: Make a Match

Wednesday 27 October 1pm - 2.30pm

We will be hosting a webinar on the urgent need for more stem cell donors. You will have the chance to hear from an expert panel of speakers on topics such as the process of stem cell donation, the lack of donors from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds and how to take action on the issue.



Email [pa@nfwi.org.uk](mailto:pa@nfwi.org.uk) to book your place

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### Speakers include:

- Verna Bracket, ACLT

ACLT (Afro-Caribbean Leukemia Trust) is a leading Blood cancer/disorder charity dedicated to raising awareness of the severe shortage of donors on United Kingdom Stem Cell, Blood and Organ donor registers. They work to improve the odds of finding matches by registering potential donors from all ethnicities, with a focus on donors from the African and Caribbean communities.

- Dr Rhys Morgan, Lecturer in Biomedical Science at the University of Sussex

Dr Morgan is a Lecturer in Biomedical Science and his research interests include cell signalling and leukaemia. He is also an advocate of stem cell donation and has worked with Anthony Nolan and Marrow to promote awareness of the need for more stem cell donors.

- Julia Reinstein, advocate for signing up to the stem cell registry.

Julia studies medical neuroscience at the University of Sussex and has previously received a stem cell transplant. She is an avid advocate for more stem cell donor registrations.

- Ruth Ainsworth, League of Ladies WI

Ruth is a member of League of Ladies WI and she will share her experience of registering as a potential stem cell donor, as well as her campaigning on the issue.

The event will be recorded and is open to members and non-members.

[Register for the Make a Match webinar here](#)

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## **COP26: Global Day of Action- 6 November 2021**

WI members are invited to support and attend the Global Day of Action on Saturday 6 November 2021.



Taking place during the mid-point of COP26, the Global Day of Action will see people across the UK and the world join marches and events to speak out against the injustice of the climate emergency, and to call on global leaders during COP26 to ensure that any COP26 climate agreements are strong, ambitious and keep the world on track to 1.5C of global warming.

Marches are planned for Glasgow, London and across the UK. WI members could either attend their local march or attend the march in London.

You can find details and the locations of the marches [here](#).

The NFWI staff team will be sending out details of a meeting place for WI members who wish to attend the London Global Day of Action. If you would like to attend the London Global Day of Action, [register your interest here](#).

The NFWI-Wales team will also be attending the Global Day of Action in Cardiff. WI members attending the Cardiff march are invited to meet at the John Bachelor statue, The Hayes at 11.30am. Members will then walk together to City Hall for the start of the march at 12 noon.

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## Let us know about any WI events you have attended on ovarian cancer

We would love to hear about any WI or federation meetings or events you have attended as part of our new See the Signs campaign on ovarian cancer.

Use our evaluation form to record your feedback or share the form with anyone who attends a meeting or event you are organising to track the impact of your activities. Please ask them to return it to the NFWI Public Affairs Department by emailing [pa@nfwf.org.uk](mailto:pa@nfwf.org.uk)

You can download the evaluation form [here](#).

Alternatively, you can [complete it online](#).

A full campaign action pack will also be available shortly. Sign up to receive it when it is ready [here](#).

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## Climate Scrapbook: Submit your stories of climate change

The WI Climate Scrapbook is now live!



Join with WI members across England, Wales and the Islands and use your knowledge, experience and creativity to contribute to our WI Climate Scrapbook, which will be taken to COP26 in Glasgow.

Your submission should answer the question 'Why does the UK Government need to make COP26 a success?'.  
[Find out more here.](#)

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### PA Digest on My WI

Missed an issue of the Digest? You can now access previous issues on My WI.

[You can find them here.](#)

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



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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 take 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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