



Buckinghamshire

# A GUIDE TO WI TERMS AND INITIALS

Buckinghamshire Federation of WIs (BFWI)

Affiliated to the National Federation of WIs (NFWI)

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## **BFWI Sub-Committees:**

Communications  
Creative Crafts  
Leisure & Lifestyle  
Member Support  
Science & Society  
Speakers

**ACWW** Associated Countrywomen of the World.  
An organisation which supports projects in the third world to enable women to improve their lives and that of their families. BFWI is affiliated to this and members help to raise funds to support these projects

**AM** The Annual Meeting of a WI.  
Held by every WI each year to elect the committee and officers and to review its finances and its year's work

**ACM** The Annual Council Meeting of BFWI.  
The annual business meeting, held in April each year

**AM** The Annual Meeting of NFWI held in June each year  
(previously known as AGM)

#### **Annual Review of BFWI**

The Annual report of the Federation.  
A copy is sent to every WI in March/April

#### **Annual Review of NFWI**

A copy is sent from NFWI to every WI in March

#### **BFWI Sharing of Accommodation**

Each WI pays an equal amount to cover the accommodation cost of the Link Delegate attending the NFWI Annual Meeting

**BoT** Board of Trustees.  
Members are nominated and elected by WIs biennially. They are responsible for managing the funds and the activities of the Federation and ensuring that they further the aims and objectives of the WI

#### **Buckinghamshire News – monthly newsletter of BFWI**

All members can purchase this newsletter (digital or paper version) to find out what is happening in the Federation. Many WIs purchase copies for their members from funds

**Constitution and Rules for WIs**

The legal document for all WIs. Every WI should have a copy of this booklet

**Denman** is a facility near Abingdon owned by the WI, it offers a vast range of courses; cookery, crafts, lifestyle, history, literature, music, drama and much more

**Digital Team Leader**

A member within the Federation who has received training from NFWI and is available to help any member with using their computer

**Dual Membership**

This is available to any WI member who wishes to be actively involved in more than one WI. A reduced subscription is paid for a second and any subsequent WI which she joins

**Group**

A number of WIs formed in an area to enable members of different WIs to meet socially and to work together. A group is autonomous, but needs to submit a financial statement for each meeting to the Federation

**Group Convenor**

A member of the Group who acts as secretary. She is elected every two years by WIs in the Group

**IFE Trainer**

A member within the Federation who has received training from NFWI to be able to train other members (see IFEs below)

**IFE**

Independent Financial Examiners - trained by BFWI to examine WI accounts prior to the Annual Meeting. They make a moderate charge for this

**Link Delegate**

A member chosen to represent her own and at least three other WIs at the NFWI Annual Meeting.

**Linking List**

A rotating list prepared annually to give each WI a turn and opportunity to provide the Link Delegate

**Mandates**

Resolutions which have been passed at the AM or at the ACM which allow action to be taken on the relevant issue

**MCS2**

Membership Communication System – a database of WI membership. Every WI has access to its own members' details which are kept up to date by the WI's MCS Representative

**My WI**

A "members only" website maintained by NFWI. It contains all you need to know about how to run your WI plus information on crafts, cookery, public affairs, sport and science; the list is endless. Check with your MCS Representative that your current email address is in your record, click on the *My WI* link to register and NFWI will email you with a password to enable you to access the website

**NFWI Pooling of Fares**

A central fund to pay delegate's travel expenses to the NFWI AM. Every WI pays the same fixed charge set by NFWI each year

**Resolutions**

Can be submitted by any WI to NFWI for consideration. There is also the option to submit a County Resolution. BFWI has a Resolutions Co-ordinator to help with both options.

**Shop**

There is a small shop at Stuart Lodge. It opens weekly and carries stocks of WI Stationery, cards, gifts and craft items.

**Speakers Listing**

Published bi-ennially, it contains details of speakers who have been auditioned and approved by the Speakers Sub-Committee. It is confidential to WIs.

**Speaking Out**

A campaigning Guide listing past mandates

**WI Adviser** These are members trained by NFWI to set up new WIs and to act as friendly helpers on any WI-related issue. They serve on the Member Support Sub-Committee.

**WI Associate** She is not a member of a particular WI. Her annual subscription is paid to NFWI. This entitles her to attend any WI meeting but she does not have a vote on any issue or at elections. Associate Membership is used by people who do not have a local WI or who live outside the UK for a period of time

**WI Guide** This A4 colour booklet gives ideas for marketing and promotion. Every WI has a copy

**WI Training** The new website that has replaced “Moodle”. It is a resource for members to access Treasurer training, information about becoming a WI Adviser, food safety, creating and using PowerPoint, website editing and trustee training. *You access using the same login details (as for My WI)*

**Year Book** This A5 directory is published annually and lists all the WIs of the federation with their Officers and meeting details as well as useful Federation information

<b>Websites</b>	BFWI ***	<a href="http://www.bucksfwi.org.uk">www.bucksfwi.org.uk</a>
	NFWI	<a href="http://www.thewi.org.uk">www.thewi.org.uk</a>
	My WI	<a href="http://mywi.thewi.org.uk">mywi.thewi.org.uk</a>
	WI Training	<a href="http://witraining.thewi.org.uk">witraining.thewi.org.uk</a>
	Denman	<a href="http://www.denman.org.uk">www.denman.org.uk</a>

\*\*\* there are links to *My WI*, *WI Training*, *MCS2* and *contact a WI Adviser* at the bottom of the Home Page on the Bucks website

You can also follow BFWI on Facebook and Twitter  
Click on the link on the right-hand side of the Home Page on the Bucks website