

NORTHUMBERLAND FEDERATION OF WIs

Becoming a Trustee

You will be joining the Northumberland Federation's Board of Trustees as an elected volunteer. Your role will be to work with other Trustees to help the Federation move in an agreed strategic direction, leading and managing the organisation as a whole thus ensuring that its purpose and objectives are met.

The purpose of the WI is to encourage and enable women to enhance their lives and play their part in the community through education and public engagement and to enable:

- women to improve their lives and the lives of those around them
- women to lead fulfilling lives and be of value in the community and nationally by influencing policy/decision makers

As a Trustee your contribution will be to ensure that the purpose of the WI is fulfilled. The Board of Trustees is the decision-making body of the Federation and takes final responsibility for its running in a manner which will fulfil the purpose of the WI.

What you will have to do as a Trustee

- commit to the role for a minimum of two years,
- attend a monthly Board Meeting at Cresswell House, currently mornings of the second Tuesday of the month,
- respect the confidentiality of these meetings,
- help at Federation events and on occasions at other committee events,
- show a willingness to devote the necessary time and effort,
- be active on at least one of the Federation Committees,
- contribute ideas, work to create fundraising activities, and promote the Federation all in line with the ethos of the WI,

Your involvement will enable you to contribute to the Federation's development and gain a wider understanding of how it operates.

You will receive travel expenses at the current Federation rate as you go about Federation business.

As with any organisation there is a code of conduct which the Federation will ask you to agree to.

As the Trustee of a charitable organisation you will need to sign a form confirming that you are not disqualified from holding the position for any of various reasons, eg bankruptcy, convictions for bribery, money laundering

The Charity Commission has ruled that National asks for compulsory online training, which you will be asked to complete within the first year.

Qualities of a Trustee

As with any organisation, there is a code of conduct which the Federation will ask you to agree. You will need to work as part of a team, have the ability to speak your mind in a confident non-aggressive manner. The ability to bake is always a welcome skill !

Welcome to Northumberland Federation of WI's Board of Trustees – It is an honour.
Enjoy!