

## Please forward to your members

Dear All

As mentioned in the May edition of WI Life and Northamptonshire News the NFWI Annual Meeting will take place as a virtual event on 8 June 2021. The meeting will run from 10.30am to 4.30pm. NFWI has commissioned a bespoke virtual event platform in order to bring the event to attendees in a professional and interactive manner. The event platform will include, among many exciting features, exhibition stands and breakout rooms for all attendees to engage with one another. Please note that everyone who wishes to attend must be digitally active (or have the personal support of someone who is and must be familiar with the settings on their own personal devices.

NFWI are delighted to confirm their guest speakers will be HRH The Countess of Wessex, Dame Cressida Dick and Baroness Brenda Hale. The event website will be populated with full speaker bios soon.

### Observers who wish to purchase tickets please go direct to My WI

There is no upper limit on the number of Observer tickets available, however it is important to note that ticket registrations will close on **1 June 2021**. This is to allow the production team enough time to make final technical arrangements for the number of attendees booked at that time. Observers must book their tickets via My WI. Tickets are clearly advertised on the landing page. Upon checkout you will be automatically redirected to a Stripe pay portal for payment of tickets.

Observer tickets are priced at **£9** each, including booking fees. One ticket covers one device i.e. one mobile, one laptop, one iPad, **or** one desktop etc. One access code cannot be used on multiple devices simultaneously.

Those members not yet registered for My WI should sign up by following the instructions in the attached video. Instructions are also available on the My WI login page.

**IMPORTANT:** Members require a valid email address listed on the MCS in order to be able to register for My WI, and in turn book observer tickets. Kindly note that the NFWI is unable to update members' email addresses on the MCS; this must be done by an MCS Rep.

NFWI appreciate that the process involved in purchasing a ticket might be frustrating to some members, but it is to ensure that the security of the event is not compromised in any way. This will be a very large online event with high profile speakers and they want to ensure that this remains a safe online space for members and guests.

As stated earlier in this letter all meeting attendees must be digitally active (or have the personal support of someone who is) and must be familiar with the settings on their own devices. The NFWI is unable to provide on demand technical support for this event. We would encourage those members who are not digitally active, to speak with members who are, to possibly arrange small group viewings, in line with local Covid restrictions at the time.

Observer ticket sales go live on 6 May. As previously mentioned, every person that books a ticket for the event will receive an email directly to the address provided during ticket registration, with a link and access code for the meeting. We encourage members to keep an eye on their spam/junk emails for this correspondence. **This email should be kept safely for use on the day of the event, 8 June 2021.**

If you have any questions on any of the above, please email our Federation Secretary Jackie Andrews [admin@ncfwi.org.uk](mailto:admin@ncfwi.org.uk)

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