

## Subscriptions

The new Subscription Rate for 2024-25 has been announced recently with a £2:00 increase on last year's rate to £48.00 per annum.

This seems an opportunity to remind us all about Flexible Subscriptions, which gives WIs the freedom to make an annual decision in the run up to the subscription renewal on whether to charge members the full amount of the WI portion (as set by the NFWI and National Council each year), to reduce the WI portion of the subscription, or to waive the WI portion altogether.

This is something that all WIs should be revisiting annually, depending on a WI's budget and the funds it has available. More information can be found on MyWI, or as always your Adviser is on hand to help.

Don't forget the things you need to consider

- What is your budget for the coming year?
- Do you currently have enough funds to cover costs for next year?
- Does your WI have a Reserves Policy (it's not just this coming year a committee needs to think about, but the next 5 years - you do still need to consider the long term future of your WI as well as just the coming year)
- Do you think the members you have currently will renew next year?

There's a lot to think about, so please ask your WI Adviser for more information if you need it. There are lots of fun and enjoyable ways in which a WI can raise funds which don't require as much effort as you'd think.

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