



## WI President

**The President is central to her WI and sets its style. Find out more about the role.**

As the leader of her WI, the President should be enthusiastic, decisive and approachable. She should be interested in her members' views and suggestions to develop a diverse and engaged WI.

### How to appoint the President

WI members select their president from the elected Committee. This is done by secret ballot at the Annual Meeting.

### What does the role involve?

A President's main responsibilities are to:

- have a copy of and be familiar with [the WI Constitution](#)
- ensure the constitution and rules of the NFWI, her federation and her own WI are observed
- co-ordinate the affairs of her WI
- develop a range of interests and activities to keep members engaged and make sure her WI thrives
- chair WI meetings, the Annual Meeting and Committee meetings – for further guidance [download our checklist for chairing meetings](#)
- oversee the work of fellow officers, Committee members, Sub-Committees and working groups
- ensure the financial accounts of her WI are accurate and show monthly bank statements to the Committee
- represent her WI within and outside the organisation and encourage good relations with the wider public
- promote her WI and its activities to encourage the recruitment of new members

### **Things to consider**

Your members are your WI, so it's important to keep in close contact with them. Try to involve all your members so that they all actively participate in meetings – even if that only means making a new friend or chatting over a cup of tea.

It can be helpful to attend Federation and NFWI events to broaden your horizons and get inspiration. You could even take other members with you.

You can find more information and resources on running a successful WI on [My WI](#)