

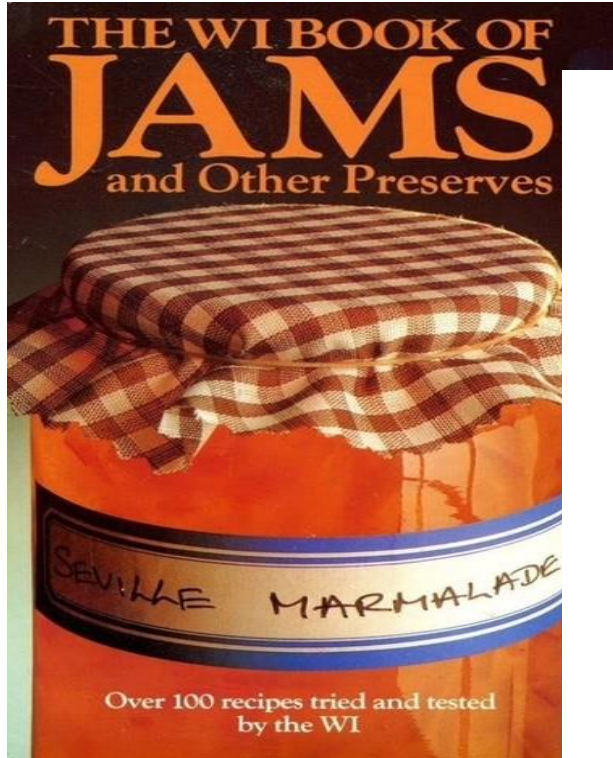
The WI

The joy of participation

Melissa Green

Chief Executive, National Federation of Women's Institutes

Who you think we are...



Jerusalem
"And Did Those Feet in Ancient Time" Hubert H. Parry
arranged Jim Paterson

Intro 1 Verse 1

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6 12

17 Intro 2

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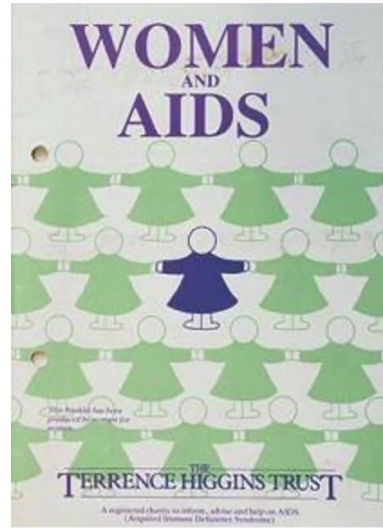
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Who we are...



Our campaigns

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Guarantees
a **better deal**
for Third World
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What we have learned...

- Strength in fellowship
- Joy is crucial
- Participation is about you and your community
(and we should shout about that!)
- Working together, no challenge is too large.



Strength in fellowship

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Participation is about you and your community



Since I've been in [my area], knowing no-one...you've given me friends, a feeling of usefulness as Treasurer, solace through the difficult years of my husband's dementia, which also coincided with the delight of VWIs, and you've been a large part of my reconstruction as a widow.

"I joined because I saw a brand new WI being set up and I was in a dark place and had become quite isolated...The campaigns aren't really my thing...I was quiet and shy. Fast forward a few years...an AGM in Bournemouth as a delegate. I know... I wasn't interested in campaigns...but a couple of days no kids to sort out sounded perfect! I then had to find some confidence and talk.. that was rather daunting but I did it and found my confidence returning...I then went on to become joint president with our founder and now on my second year as president.

Working together, no challenge is too large...



**Find a group of people who
challenge and inspire you, spend a
lot of time with them, and it will
change your life**

Amy Poehler