



National
Council of
Women GB
For a fair and
inclusive society

AUTUMN EVENT AND AGM
Saturday 11 October 2025
Bannatyne Hotel
Southend Avenue
Darlington DL3 7HZ

Dear Members, Associates and Friends,

NCWGB is delighted to welcome you to its Autumn Event and AGM at the Bannatyne Hotel, Darlington.

The programme

In our wide-ranging programme, we will be debating three vitally important resolutions, electing our management committee and reviewing NCWGB's work in the past year. The programme will end with a speaker panel addressing the issue of violence against women. Our panel will include **Meena Lawar Hosham**, a refugee who fled a totalitarian regime and an abusive relationship; **Professor Anica Zeyen**, Royal Holloway University of London who will explore the particular issues faced by women who are disabled; and **Eleanor Lyons**, Commissioner for Trafficking.



Welcoming deaf participants

This year, as part of our policy to widen accessibility to our events, we are delighted to welcome our deaf colleagues. The whole meeting will be BSL interpreted and there will be a hearing loop available.

The venue

The Bannatyne Hotel is easily accessible by train and car. It is a short taxi ride from the railway station. There is a car park although spaces are limited, further parking is available nearby.

Registration for the day will begin at 10.15am and our President will open the event at 10.45am promptly.

Do join us for a fascinating day and reserve your place using the attached booking form. Please **return this form by post or email to the Darlington office by Friday 3 October.**

If you require accommodation at the venue, please book this directly with the hotel on 01325 365858 and mention that you are attending the NCW Autumn meeting and AGM.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Autumn event and AGM.

Yours sincerely,

Jilly Rogers
NCWGB President

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AUTUMN PROGRAMME AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 2025

- 10.15 ARRIVAL, COFFEE and REGISTRATION**
- 10.45 WELCOME & OPENING OF EVENT**
Jilly Rogers: NCWGB President
- 10.55 PRESENTATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND VOTING**
- 11.05 International development and Female Genital Mutilation:**
Proposed by Orchid Project
Seconded by NCWGB
- 11.30 Ending trafficking of women into sexual exploitation:**
proposed by NCWGB Management Committee
Seconded by (tbc)
- 11.55 (comfort break 10 mins)**
- 12.05 Pressures on parents of young children and the use of**
electronic tablets: proposed by NCWGB Management
Committee
Seconded by Adele Gardner, NCWGB Member
- 12.30 Reaffirmation of 2006 Resolution: Water – planning for the**
future by Maureen Beauchamp, NCWGB member
- 12.40 Brief presentation of the resolutions proposed by NCWGB and passed**
by ICW on climate change and ECICW on internet harms – Penny
Rankin, President, NCW Canada
- 12.55 BUFFET LUNCH**
- 14.00 President's report on the year and discussion**
- 14.25 Annual General meeting (separate detailed agenda to be circulated)**
- 15.30 Panel of Speakers: Preventing Violence against Women and Girls:**
- Eleanor Lyons, Commissioner for Trafficking: VAWG: the challenge
 - Meena Lawar Hosham, a refugee voice; Experiences of fleeing a totalitarian regime and an abusive relationship
 - Professor Anica Zeyen, Royal Holloway University of London: Violence against women with disabilities
- 16.30 Close and depart**