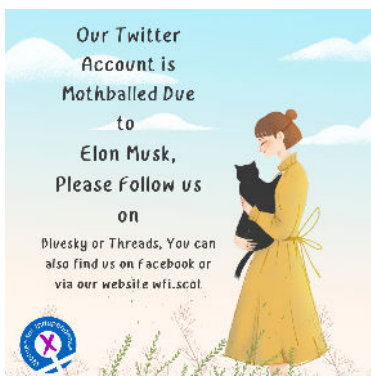




Independent Women

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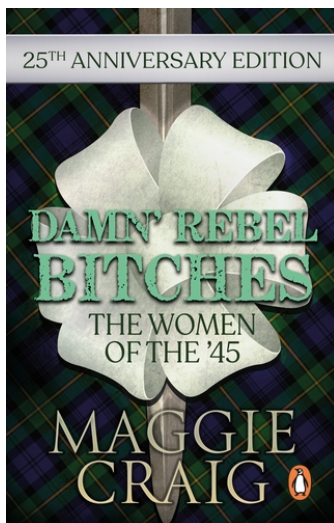


Welcome to the relaunch of the Women for Independence newsletter - Independent Women!

It's been a busy time for Women for Independence since our relaunch on International Women's Day, and we've got some exciting updates to share.

In May, we held our Annual General Meeting, which this year had an international theme. We were joined by two powerful and thought-provoking speakers: Svitlana Iniakoviene spoke about the situation in Ukraine, and Yasmina Ferrigane shared her experiences visiting Palestine, and how the current crisis is affecting women on the ground.

At the AGM, we also elected members to our National Committee. The team so far includes Fatima Joeji, Jacquie Jensen, Jean King, Adele Telford, Amity Telford, Audry Thomson and Dennize Toner. We're also delighted to announce that we have appointed an Interim National Coordinator to fill the previously vacant role.



The National Committee met recently to reflect on the feedback from our AGM discussions, especially around strategy and how we can better communicate with and support our local WFI groups. As a result, we're launching a new initiative: the Women for Independence Steering Group.

This group will include up to two representatives from each local WFI group (don't worry the representatives can change from meeting to meeting!) alongside members of the National Committee. It's a real opportunity to help shape our events and campaigns and ensure WFI remains focused on what matters most to our members.

Keep an eye out for more details soon, or if your group is ready to get involved, drop us an email at info@womenforindependence.org. We're really looking forward to reconnecting with our local groups and members.

Forthcoming Events

We'll be holding an Online National Council on 13th September, further details coming soon.

Edinburgh WFI continues to meet on the third Saturday of every month at Edinburgh Central Youth Hostel, 9 Haddington Place, Edinburgh, EH7 4AL.

We'd love to feature more events, both here in the newsletter and on our website and social media. If your WFI group is organising something, drop us an email and we'll help spread the word. We'd also love to receive reports and photos from past events so we can share what WFI has been up to around the country and celebrate all your contributions to building the Scotland we want to live in.

If you'd like printed copies of Independent Women to hand out at street stalls or events, please get in touch!

Book of the Month

Our feminist read this month is a classic: *Damn' Rebel Bitches: The Women of the '45*. From the very first page, it's clear that the women of mid-18th century Scotland were grappling with many of the same issues we face today under Westminster rule. A timely and inspiring reminder of women's strength and resistance throughout our history.

