

BFWG 106th AGM & CONFERENCE 8th - 10th JULY, 2016

Denman College, Marcham, Abingdon, Oxon OX13 6NW

Conference Theme: Encouraging & Enabling Women to Achieve

Registration Form



Photo: Denman College

Please: Complete the form in CAPITAL LETTERS in black ink
SEND the original copy
PLUS a photocopy of the completed form
PLUS a stamped self-addressed envelope
PLUS a cheque made payable to **BFWG Conference Account**
TO - Christel Moor, 39 Nackington Road, CANTERBURY, Kent, CT1 3NP
Email: cmoor@bfgw.org.uk
Please put BFWG clearly on the envelope

Enquiries: Christel Moor or Susan Miles (smiles@bfgw.org.uk)

Denman College

Denman College is the WI centre near Oxford. The old house has twin rooms, the bar, dining room, sitting room and large room for registration. The new blocks house the single and three double rooms and two rooms suitable for the disabled. All rooms are en-suite and are decorated to a high standard with tea/coffee making facilities. There are bedside lights, but no toiletries. The dinner, including a glass of wine, will be held in the College following a wine reception on the Terrace. Full details and photographs of the College are available at www.denman.org.uk. It will not be possible to stay on Sunday night at the end of the Conference, but there is B & B accommodation in the village. Early booking is essential.

Registration Fees

For bookings paid before 29th February 2016, the registration fee is £35. The full registration fee of £50 is payable after that date. Bookings received after 31st May 2016, will incur a late booking fee of an additional £15. While there may be rooms available after March, this cannot be guaranteed.

Alterations or cancellations incur a BFWG cancellation fee of £10 plus venue charges: 4 weeks or less before the event @100%; 4-8 weeks @50%; 8 weeks or more @20%. Cancellations after June 5th will receive no refund. Cancellation and personal property insurance is advisable.

NAME.....

NAME OF BFWG ASSOCIATION/INDEPENDENT.....

AGM VOTING STATUS:

Executive Voting

Association Voting

Proxy Voting

Non-Voting



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Booking Form

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE (HOME).....(MOBILE).....

EMAIL ADDRESS.....

NAME OF RESIDENT GUEST.....

NAME OF OTHER DELEGATE IF SHARING DOUBLE ROOM.....

REGISTRATION FEES	Guest	Member	£Total
Full conference Early Registration (before February 29 th)	£20	£35	_____
Conference Registration (March 1 st - May 31 st)	£35	£50	_____
Day Delegate Saturday *	N/A	£25	_____
Day Delegate Sunday *	N/A	£15	_____
Additional late booking fee (after June 1 st)	£15	£15	_____

ACCOMMODATION and Conference Facilities (inc. VAT @20%) per person

Two nights full board from Friday tea to Sunday lunch including Conference Dinner - single en-suite	£250	_____
Two nights full board from Friday tea to Sunday lunch including Conference Dinner - shared en-suite	£198	_____
One night full board, Saturday morning to Sunday lunch including Conference Dinner - single en-suite	£171	_____
One night full board, Saturday morning to Sunday lunch including Conference Dinner - shared en-suite	£143	_____
Accompanying person two nights, Friday night to Sunday lunch, including Conference Dinner - shared en-suite	£182	_____
Accompanying person one night, including Conference Dinner and Sunday lunch- shared en-suite	£110	_____
Thursday, July 7 th , dinner and B & B - single en-suite	£102	_____
Thursday, July 7 th , dinner and B & B - shared en-suite	£69	_____

***NON-RESIDENTS (Day registration fee also needs to be paid)**

*Saturday including coffee, lunch and tea	£31	_____
*Sunday including coffee and lunch	£27	_____
Conference Dinner including two glasses of wine	£40	_____
	TOTAL	£_____

Please state in full, Names of Dinner Guests.....

Parking required?..... Disabled parking required?.....

Wheelchair access required?..... Ground floor room required?.....

Special dietary requirements.....

Please indicate if you are willing to help at the Conference and in what way.....

Please indicate which visits would interest you (please see details on page iii).....



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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Friday 8th July

- 16:00 Registration and tea
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Social evening

Saturday 9th July

- 07:30 Breakfast
- 08:00 Registration
- 09:00 Business session
- 10:30 Coffee
- 11:00 Conference session/Keynote Speaker
- 13:00 Buffet lunch
- 14:00 Business session
- 15:00 Conference session (workshops)
- 16:00 Tea
- 16:30 Conference session (workshops)
- 17:45 Session ends
- 19:30 Reception
- 20:00 Dinner

Sunday 10th July

- 07:30 Breakfast
- 08:00 Registration
- 09:00 AGM of FFWG
- 10:00 Meeting of Scholarship Trustees
- 10:30 Reports from previous session
- 11:00 Coffee
- 11:30 Business session
- End of Conference
- 13:00 Lunch

Welcome to Denman

The BFWG Conference was last held at Denman College in 2013, and we are returning, in this centenary year of the Women's Institute, by popular demand. The building itself is a Georgian mansion, set in seventeen acres of ground, in the heart of an attractive village. The rooms are well-appointed and the food is very good. There is an hourly bus to the village from Oxford; a taxi from Didcot Parkway costs about £23.



Photo: Denman College

Because there is no accommodation available on Sunday night, we have introduced the option of staying on Thursday and going for a trip on Friday. Possibilities are Waterperry Gardens or a day in Oxford incorporating a sight-seeing tour and visits to the Ashmolean or one of the other museums in Oxford. Other suggestions are welcome. The River and Rowing Museum in Henley on Thames is recommended for the men's trip. Please indicate when booking what would interest you.

Speakers will be announced as they are confirmed, in the President's monthly newsletter, as will details of the workshops. Some workshop time will be allocated to any resolutions submitted, in advance of discussion in plenary, in the hope that this will make the process smoother.

Susan Miles, VP

Plea for Help

The AGM/Conference is being held in a county without a Local Association so we would be grateful to volunteers for help at the time with a number of activities: registration, Bring and Buy stall, raffle and tellers. Please indicate on the registration form where you can help.

Resolutions for AGM

Resolutions for the AGM should be sent to:
BFWG Office or emailed to:
gbanner@bfgw.org.uk
by 29th February 2016

Management Team Meeting

Please note that the next meeting of the Management Team will be on 13th February 2016, not 5th March as previously announced.

VACANT POSITIONS AND THOSE REQUIRING CONFIRMATION

Nominations are needed for the following positions. For further information, please contact Gloria Banner or any other member of the Management Team via office@bfwg.org.uk. Deadline is 29th February for consideration by March Executive Committee.

◆ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

President-Elect	The President shall be elected at the AGM one year in advance of the AGM at the close of which she takes office. Gloria Banner will complete her term of office at the 2017 AGM, so the next President should be elected at the 2016 AGM. Nominations are invited.
Vice-Presidents: two vacancies	Susan Miles has completed three years and is not eligible for another term. There is also an existing vacancy. Nominations for Vice-Presidents are invited.
CER	Heather Hawkes has completed three years and wishes to stand down. Nominations are invited.
CER Alternate	Sue Ouvry has completed three years and wishes to stand down. Nominations are invited.

Other vacancies

Alternate Web Administrator	Vacancy
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The following positions will also become vacant, to be filled according to the agreed procedures in the relevant Regions

Eastern Regional Representative	Vacancy
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Eastern Regional Alternate	Vacancy
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Northern Regional Representative	Vacancy
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Science as Diplomacy of Trust

As one of the ten per cent of women in the room, I was delighted to be invited, as a representative from BFWG, to a talk at the former East German Embassy given by Professor Helmut Schwarz, a leading international researcher in the field of molecular chemistry and President of the Alexander Humboldt Foundation. 'In his day Von Humboldt was said to be the most famous man in the world after Napoleon...but today he is almost forgotten outside academia (Sunday Times 1/11/15 P. 40 and 41)'. The Humboldt Foundation is proud of a network of 26,000 scientists from 140 countries and promotes international and academic cooperation from outstanding individuals in the scientific field. Indeed there are fifty Nobel Prize winners in its ranks. There were many former Humboldtian scholarship holders in the meeting who said how much the scholarships had changed their lives.

The message from Professor Schwarz on this evening was one of hope and encouragement - a vision of science as being a vital instrument in developing a Diplomacy of Trust. (Please see the link http://people.physics.anu.edu.au/~pkl109/Schwarz_Speech_Melbourne__30_Jan__2012.pdf to read about a similar presentation Professor Schwarz gave in Australia). Von Humboldt's work and thoughts live on as we seek to save our planet from environmental disaster. At least one women's organisation was considered worthy of an invitation to this inspirational evening so full of optimism and clearly offering a key role for science!

Gloria Banner, President

For further information: Alexander von Humboldt (1769 - 1859) was a Prussian explorer and scientist. He believed strongly in the importance of scientific observation, measurement and data collection as well as the relationship between geography and all the natural sciences. His travels included extensive exploration of Latin America and the Asian part of Russia.

Reminder for Independent Members

Please pay your subscription if you have not yet done so. You can make the payment via the BFWG website using PayPal or to BFWG Office.

Correction Autumn 2015 News

Page 7, in the AGM workshop article 'Independent members - the way forward' by Betty Pritchard line five should read '...noted with interest that most belonged to a similar organisation' and line seven should read '...and that distance to a meeting, not expense, was the principal reason for not attending BFWG events'. Apologies to Betty Pritchard.

BFWG North West Travel Bursary 2016

See instructions on the BFWG website

Entries to be received by Saturday 19th
December 2015