



***Information about the national organisation
you are now part of
having recently joined one of our individual Guilds***

In 2014 **Townswomen's Guilds (TG)** will have been in existence for 85 years.

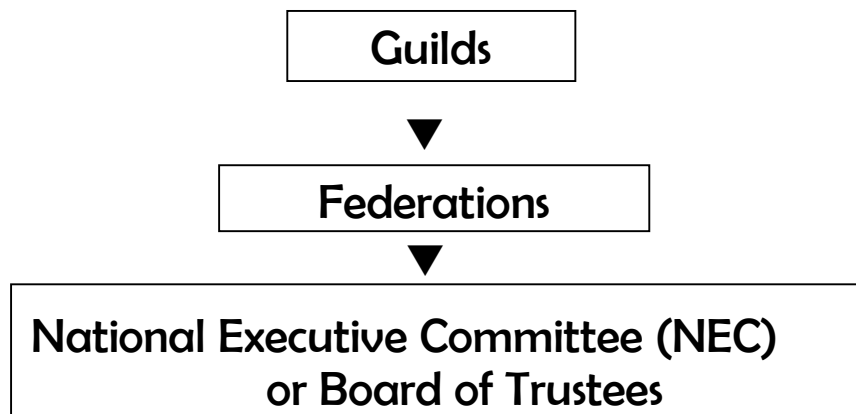
Our organisation is rooted in the Suffragists movement and our object to educate has not changed over the last 85 years.

But the main purpose is to enjoy yourselves and find friendship from belonging.



As one of Britain's leading women's groups, TG has remained an important political voice since 1929. Today, TG has evolved into a 30,000-strong **national organisation**, which prides itself in campaigning on local and national social concerns that benefit not only women, but also men and children.

TG's organisational structure:



Guilds are run by an Executive Committee made up of Guild members and if you are interested to learn about these roles please express your interest to a member of the Committee. Guilds are the lifeblood of this great organisation; it is therefore essential that new Members put themselves forward to serve on Executive Committees. (A short document entitled 'Guidelines for the Duties of Guild Officers' is available for you upon request)

All **Guilds** are 'affiliated' to the **national organisation**.

All **Guilds** are the Members of TG the company (registered No: 5901323) and are entitled to send a representative to attend the Annual General Meeting and vote on any business conducted on the day.

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Federations are comprised of individual Guilds who are entitled to send a representative to attend Federation Council meetings. Federations organise events for their Membership in the same way that individual Guilds do but on a larger scale.

The **National Executive Committee or Trustees** (who are **all** TG members) is the body that runs the national organisation and are supported in this by seven paid Members of staff and a Company Accountant/Secretary, all of who are based at the **National Headquarters (TGHQ)** located in Erdington, Birmingham.

On a National level **TGHQ** provides the following benefits of membership:

- Production of the national Membership magazine **Townswoman** (four issues per year) the main method of communicating with the members
- Mailings – on average twice a year – which are issued to the Primary Contact of each Guild – this information is then disseminated to the Members
- Organisation of national events:
 - Annual General Meeting; Carol Services;
 - International Women’s Day Luncheon;
 - Competitions – Scrabble, Crown Green Bowls, General Knowledge Quiz and Arts & Crafts;
 - Educational Conferences and Luncheons
- Provision of a Public Affairs (PA) service:
 - Organising Mandate debates/discussions at the AGM and taking forward Resolution(s) approved
 - Access to campaigns through Topics in the **Townswoman** magazine
 - Opportunities to speak out as part of an influential forward thinking organisation
- Co-ordination of national marketing including exhibitions, advertising and PR
- Provision of publicity material for Guilds
- Organisation of insurance cover for Members attending meetings and events
- Maintenance of an interactive web site www.townswoman.org.uk which has a confidential Members Area containing a wealth of relevant information

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