



## AGWSD Development Planning

### Welcome to AGWSD's Development Survey

**As part of our ongoing renewal programme we are asking ALL members of affiliated guilds for their opinions and comments in an effort to make informed decisions to take the Association forward.**

**Thank you so much for taking the time to send us your comments. It is much appreciated. Survey results will be published on the [wsd.org.uk](http://wsd.org.uk) website in due course.**

- \* 1. Please Enter Your Name: *(This is necessary to confirm you are a member of an affiliated guild if needed - it will remain private and confidential at all times and will not be published)*

- \* 2. Which Affiliated Guild/Guilds are you a member of?

- \* 3. How long have you been a member of your guild/guilds?

4. Which of our traditional crafts do you enjoy? (Tick all that apply)

- Spinning
- Weaving
- Dyeing
- Other (please specify)

5. Do you regard yourself as highly skilled in any of these crafts?

Spinning

All of these

Weaving

None of these

Dyeing

Other (please specify)

6. Have you attended an AGWSD AGM in the past?

If yes, please answer Q7. If no, please skip Q7.

Yes

No

7. How many AGMs have you attended?

8. Have you attended an AGWSD Summer School prior to 2019?

If yes, please answer Q9. If no, please skip Q9.

Yes

No

9. Please indicate which Summer School/s you have attended by ticking the relevant boxes.

Devon 1999

Lincoln 2009

Bangor 2001

Edinburgh 2011

Morton Morrell 2003

Camarthen 2013

Chester 2005

Morton Morrell 2015

Falmouth 2007

Sparsholt 2017

Other/s (please specify with Locations and Dates)

10. The GPC have been considering having recurring "set venues" for Summer School and Conferences as it is becoming more difficult to find suitable and affordable venues. Using venues which have already been successful would ensure that work is not repeated unnecessarily, would streamline organisation and ensure greater successes. It is proposed that venues around the country could be used on a rotation, enabling a greater number of members to attend. Volunteers would be recruited to organise each event using previous planning and administrative procedures.

*Would you agree that this is a good idea?*

Yes

No

11. We would welcome further opinion about the suggestions in Q10 - Please add your comments here.

12. When considering booking a place on an AGWSD Summer School please indicate how important these factors are for you.

|   | Not at all important  | Not really important  | Neither important nor unimportant | Slightly important    | Extremely important   |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Quality and Choice of Courses/Tutors  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Venue Location - e.g. region/town   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Easily accessible Location - e.g. Close to Main Line Station                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Summer School to be Residential onsite (rather than off-site B&B for example) | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Ensuite accommodation   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Trade Fair on the final Saturday  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Dietary requirements will be met including vegetarian options                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Mobility Access addressed (e.g. Wheelchair access, ground floor rooms etc)    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

13. When considering booking a place at a Summer School, are there any items listed in Q12 that you would feel to be a "deal breaker"? (i.e. This would cause you not to book at all)

Please answer as fully as you can. Thank you.

14. Have you attended an AGWSD Conference before?

If yes, please answer Q15. If no, skip Q15.

Yes

No

15. What were your reasons for attending an AGWSD Conference? (Tick all that apply)

Academic/Educational talks and lectures

It was a "holiday" for me

Social element of residential event

To improve my own skills & knowledge

Meeting like-minded people

16. At the 2018 AGM we were asked to review the role of the biennial conference to see whether it is still appropriate and useful. Please indicate if you agree/disagree with the following statements as they apply to Conference only.

|  | Agree                 | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Disagree              |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| The Association's finances and reputation are at risk by having expensive conferences organised by people with little or no experience                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> |
| Alternate years of holding Summer School and National Exhibition would be sufficient<br>National Activities and a short Conference is no longer needed | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> |
| Conference should be renamed permanently as Guilds Gathering   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> |
| This event should have a practical element along with the talks/lectures   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> |
| Organising a Conference/Guilds Gathering is an increasing burden to local guild members  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> |
| There is an increasing likelihood that charges for conferences will be out of reach for many guild members   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> |
| Conference/Guilds Gatherings should be residential only  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> |
| A one-day event with high-quality speakers would be sufficient   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> |
| Holding the Conference/Guilds Gathering at "set venues", rotating the location every 4 years, is a good idea   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>      | <input type="radio"/> |

17. Communication issues have been raised many times over the last few years. As the AGWSD is bound by the GDPR legislation we do not hold data for individual members. As all guilds are completely autonomous of the Association we rely on information being passed to members by individual guild officers. Information is also now made available online in a number of ways. Please indicate which of these apply to you. Tick as many as necessary.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> My Guild passes on information to me directly  | <input type="checkbox"/> Information from my Regional Rep is shared by my guild   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My Guild sends me the AGWSD Newsletter or the link to the Newsletter   | <input type="checkbox"/> I am aware that messages from Regional Reps are posted on the "Regions" tab of the <a href="http://wsd.org.uk">wsd.org.uk</a> website along with all contact information for the Regional Reps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am aware that I can receive the AGWSD Newsletter individually by signing up (link at the bottom of every newsletter)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> I have emailed my Regional Rep   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am aware that the Newsletter is published on the <a href="http://wsd.org.uk">wsd.org.uk</a> website on the News tab                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer School Bursary application information was passed on by my guild  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am aware that the Newsletter is also stored on the WIP (via the About tab on the <a href="http://wsd.org.uk">wsd.org.uk</a> website) |   |

Any Other Comments:

18. The AGWSD are working hard to improve the provision of Certificate Courses :- The Certificate of Advanced Textile Studies, Certificate of Achievement and Foundation Certificates.

Do you have any comments to make regarding these courses?

19. To follow up this survey, would you be willing to be contacted again? If so could you please enter your email address here. This will be kept totally confidential and will not be published or shared.

20. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. The information you have provided will be invaluable and enable the AGWSD's committee to make informed choices as we endeavour to improve the Association.

We welcome any further comments about any aspect of the Association's work.