

Member Organisation Report
Association of World Federalists (UK)

AWF's Annual General Meeting was held on November 16th. It commenced with a report from Keith Best, Chair of Council, and then Ted Wheatley, Chair of the Executive, gave his report and read a paper on "What are World Federalists". Last year there had been two events open to all members (one being the AGM) and two meetings for young people, one in the Houses of Parliament. But attendances at these have not been good.

There have been 2 issues of our magazine, a lively, illustrated 16-page publication, with the names and addresses of WFM Member Organisations on its back page. This is sent to our members (about 80 people) and sympathisers. It is also sent to many MPs, who frequently write in reply.

Every month Ted Wheatley continues to address the crowds at Hyde Park's Speakers Corner. He reported that our views increasingly gaining support, with many in the audience listening for up to an hour, however a large proportion of them are not British citizens.

John Roberts proposed a motion reminding our Government of its promises to work for peace in 1945 (when he had attended a meeting of the United Nations in London), but that it is still developing weapons for future world wars; it concluded by asking the Government to work for a global conference to strengthen the United Nations by any necessary means, including the establishment of a democratic world parliament. This was passed unanimously, and will be sent to the Foreign Secretary.

Work is proceeding towards charitable funding for work towards the establishment of a Parliamentary Assembly and a Tobin Tax. Meetings continue to work for a closer relationship with Federal Union.

Major changes were agreed on staffing, the post of Membership Manager is abolished, instead two people will be paid to assist, one with financial matters and the other with secretarial work and typing.

Elections followed, Keith Best was re-elected Chair of Council, with Ted Wheatley as Treasurer. Dan Wheatley was provisionally re-elected Secretary (subject to confirmation of his consent since he was out of the country).

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