

NCW NZ report for WILPF AGM 2026

I have attended meetings online of the NCW's International Hub, but was unable to attend the AGM as I was overseas.

The Crimes Legislation (Stalking & Harassment) Amendment Bill mentioned in last year's report, was passed in November 2025 and the Act comes into effect on 26 May 2026.

Work by NCW members with other civil society groups, NGOs and regulators in the online safety coalition continues. For NCW online gender-based violence has been a priority.

Events round the motu for International Women's Day and Suffrage Day were also organised and/or supported by NCW groups.

Members of the International Hub were the leads in drafting a letter urging the government not to become a member of the US president's so-called 'Board of Peace', and a letter to the Foreign Minister asking for an update on the draft UN Crimes Against Humanity Treaty, with a reference to gender apartheid and the treatment of women and girls by the Taliban in Afghanistan.

I also wrote a brief piece for the NCW Circular on the Convention Against Torture which was part of a series that ties the work of NCW to the various international Conventions and Treaties that New Zealand has agreed to.

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