



## The Women's Council Trustees' Report 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present the 2024 report, reflecting on another active and engaging year for our charity. The Community Initiative in Inclusion (CII) with our partners ADAPT welcomed 21 participants from 10 countries, reinforcing the global impact of our work. The participants continued to support key projects in the field of disability and inclusion, including Oral Health and Safeguarding, ensuring positive and lasting change.

Our partners SETI/UNESWCA were unable to hold the Pan Arab course this year due to ongoing complexities in the region.

We were fortunate to come together at a variety of events starting with a Leap Year and Chinese Year of the Dragon lunch. A highlight was the prestigious gathering at the House of Lords, The River Room, hosted by Baroness Browning, bringing members together in an inspiring setting. Coffee events with Doria and Fatimah provided opportunities for connection, while the Joint Commonwealth Organisation Kew boat trip allowed members to enjoy a relaxed day. The AGM was particularly insightful, reflecting on the history of TWC, with ADAPT partners Dr Alur, Malini Chib, and CII Alumni Atu leading a thought-provoking discussion on the social vs. medical model in disability and inclusion.

For members unable to attend events in London, two quizzes ensured continued engagement and enjoyment. A unique cultural highlight was "The Secret of Japanese Scent", arranged by Kuniko and friends from Japan and the US, offering a fascinating exploration of tradition and fragrance. The year concluded on a high note with an exceptionally well-attended Christmas lunch, a testament to the strong sense of community and friendship within the charity.

We were deeply saddened by the passing of Baroness Flather, a longstanding Patron and supporter, and our past assistant secretary Gillian Mellor. Their contributions and dedication will always be remembered with gratitude.

We express our gratitude to our President, Patrons, Vice Presidents, Trustees, Committee, Honorary Training Advisor and partners, whose dedication and enthusiasm continue to drive the charity forward. Most importantly, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our members and guests for the continued support and encouragement. This commitment ensures that we can keep fostering inclusion, cultural exchange, and advocacy, building on the achievements of 2024 and beyond.

The Trustees