

Can you help the Women's Land Army Memorial Scotland Steering Group raise £60,000 to establish a memorial to the WLA's work in Scotland? The Steering group, made up of representatives from NFU Scotland, The National Museum of Rural Life, NFU Mutual, the Scottish Farmer and the Scottish Women's Rural Institutes, aims to raise the sum within one year and to install the memorial at a site kindly donated by the Crown Estate in Fochabers.

NFUS President Jim McLaren, whose own mother was a land girl, is leading the effort. At the fundraising launch he said: "It is vital that we remember the contribution to the war effort by this group of women who volunteered to work so hard to put food on the nation's tables at such a difficult time. The work they undertook was laborious, they were often ill equipped, cold and lonely and, regrettably, their work has often been overlooked because they were volunteer workers, rather than conscripted. I hope that people will come forward with generous contributions soon so that we can erect and dedicate this memorial as soon as possible."

Anyone interested in finding out more about the WLA might like to know that an exhibition entitled 'Land Girls and Lumberjills', curated by the WLA memorial steering group member Elaine Edwards, is open at the National War Museum of Scotland at Edinburgh Castle for the next 12 months.

If you would like more information about the project or would like to donate, please contact Sarah Anderson at NFU Scotland on 0131 472 4108 or e-mail, sarah.anderson@nfus.org.uk