

Outlooks

Women's Institutes sponsor and promote programs planned under a convenership structure. Convenerships operate at all levels of the organization covering a wide range of current topics of interest to all women.

For instance, under **Agriculture and Canadian Industries**, a member may learn about marketing apples in Ontario or how to turn a hobby into a business.

Citizenship and World Affairs programs could look at the requirements for Canadian citizenship or members may attend a local council meeting.

Planning an exchange visit or learning about the workings of a local museum may be programs organized under the **Education and Cultural Activities** convenership.

Family and Consumer Affairs may focus on using upholstery fabrics correctly or studying parts of the Family Law Reform Act.

Under the **Resolutions** Convenership, members may study a local, provincial or national concern and decide to take steps towards improving the situation by means of a resolution.

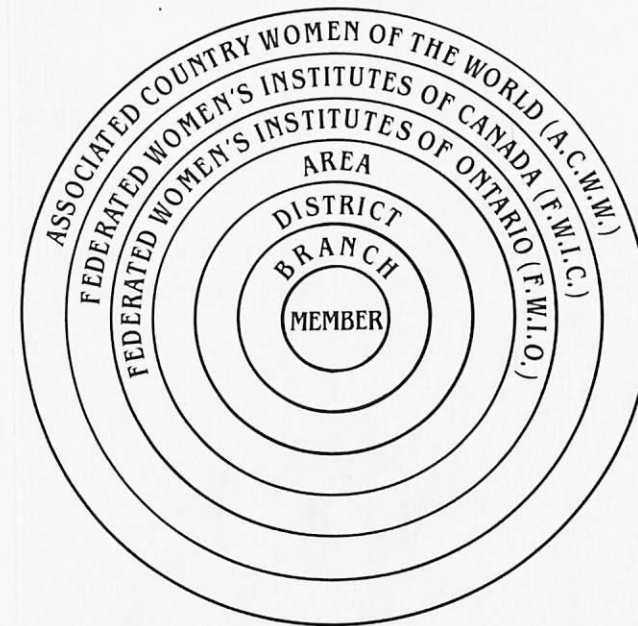
Actions

Women's Institutes concern themselves with current issues. They speak out as a voice of rural Ontario women and then put their words into action.

- **WI** has urged Canadian governments to work with the U.S. government to control the problem of acid rain
- improved mental health services in Northern Ontario is a concern they have voiced
- **WI** initiated a submission to the federal government regarding improved pensions for homemakers
- teaching agriculture and family studies in Ontario schools is being encouraged by **Women's Institutes**
- **WI** has requested the federal government to allow the use of heroin to ease the pain of terminally ill patients
- **WI** has spoken out against pornography
- **Women's Institutes** support the inclusion of part-time workers in the same benefit packages available to full-time employees
- the legalization of cannabis is a concern the organization has spoken out against

Organization

The Women's Institute is an educational organization which is non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-racial.



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