

Women's Institutes from Paper Pictou
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Women's Institutes in the area provide many services to their members.

Working to improve their homes and communities participating in planned programs, workshops and conferences; initiating educational programs studying current issues and problems in society, informing government and other decision makers of rural women's viewpoints, influencing action by presenting briefs and submissions concerning problems of the day, supporting projects in the community, providing scholarships and bursaries and enjoying the friendships of others are all goals of the Women's Institute.

The first organization in the world was at Stony Creek, Ont., on Feb. 19, 1897. From this point the movement spread throughout the province "Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario"; across Canada "Federated Institutes of Canada" and eventually around the world "Associated Country Women of the World".

The Institutes sponsor and promote programs planned under a co-operation structure with functions all levels and a range of current topics broad enough to interest all women - agriculture, Canadian industries, Education, Cultural activities, citizenship, world affairs, family relationships, consumer studies, resolutions, public relations and community history.

Current activities include sponsoring workshops, providing volunteers for 4 H.