



Newfoundland and Labrador Women's Institutes

The Newfoundland and Labrador Women's Institutes grew out of a Service League which was formed by Lady Anderson, wife of the Governor, following the great tidal wave which swept the south coast in 1929. The original objective was to help victims of that disaster.

The Jubilee Guilds of Newfoundland was formally organized from that Service League. The objective of the Jubilee Guilds was to help improve the quality of rural life in Newfoundland and Labrador through education, crafts and service. Jubilee Guilds joined the Associated Country Women of the World in 1945 and the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada in 1951.

These guilds encouraged programs of social education and services. They became a proud, dedicated, vibrant and colourful organization and part of Newfoundland and Labrador's culture.

The name was changed to Women's Institutes in 1968 and the emphasis moved to include more educational programmes and also to include both rural and urban women. In 1991 the organization was awarded the Canadian Citation for Citizenship.

The organization has responded to the needs of its members and the people within rural and urban communities of our province from the beginning and continues to do so. They work on various programs and projects which benefit the residents of their communities. Each branch and district work and volunteer on projects and programs that benefit others and themselves. Their work ethic, concerns and energy are to be commended as they meet the needs and challenges to advance their areas.

Membership in Newfoundland and Labrador Women's Institutes (NLWI) provides opportunities for friendship, education, personal growth, self-confidence and leadership. Our policy is non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-racial.