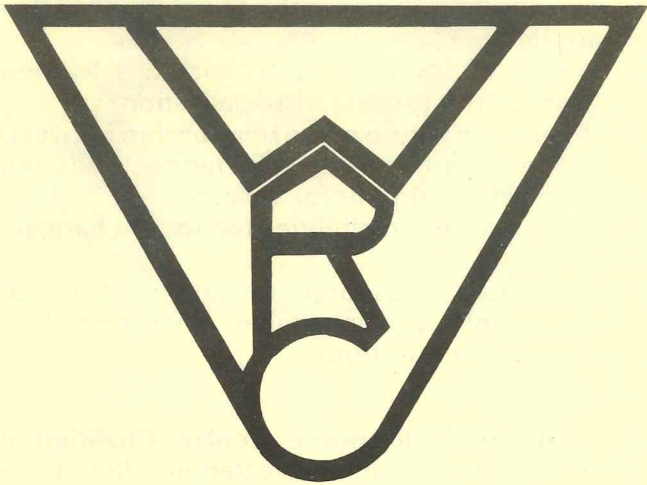


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# Women's Resource Centre



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*access  
to information  
concerning women*

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**The Women's Resource Centre** was established Summer '83 in order to provide access to information concerning women. There exists in academia, and in society as a whole, a distinct lack of information about the economic, legal, social, cultural and political aspects of women's lives. There are omissions, distortions and trivializations rampant in what little research is currently available.

There are many questions, such as:

1. Historically, what did women do and how were world events experienced through their eyes?
2. Which, if any, of the characteristics taken to be universally true about the female personality are innate?
3. Which of these characteristics are learned through the process of socialization?
4. What is the nature of the relationship between women and culture, literature and the economic and political system?
5. What are the possibilities for social change?

The Women's Resource Centre functions to allow people a comfortable environment to address these questions.

**The Women's Resource Centre Coalition** is comprised of persons interested in fulfilling the Centre's statement of purpose. The Coalition is the decision-making body for the Centre and meets regularly to discuss and organize the Centre's process of development, activities, services and operation. Everyone is welcome (and encouraged) to participate in the Coalition.

The Coalition is grateful to the Ontario Public Interest Group, the Central Student Association and the Women's Issues Collective for their support and encouragement.

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## VOICES

*... Listen to the voices of the old women  
Calling out the messages  
Of their lives  
Telling us what we need to know  
In order to be free ...*

*... Listen to the voices of the Indian Nation  
Calling out the messages  
Of the earth and sky  
Telling us what we need to know  
In order to survive ...*

*... Listen to the voices of the young children  
Calling out the messages  
Of the heart and soul  
Telling us what we used to know  
Before the lies were told ...*

*... Listen to the voices of the living.*

Holly Near

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At the  
Women's Resource Centre  
there is:

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- **CURRENT NEWS:** *newspaper clippings, press releases, statistics, opinion polls, surveys.*
  - **RESEARCH:** *government publications, academic papers, book library.*
  - **MOVEMENT MATTERS:** *'political position papers, information about women's groups, their events and actions.*
  - **ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATIONS:** *WRC has an extensive subscription list to a variety of newspapers, journals, quarterlies and magazines.*
  - **DIRECTORIES & REFERRALS:** *to persons of expertise, audio visual resources, groups and organizations.*
  - **WOMEN:** *learn about women from women; listen to women's statements, opinions and perceptions; understand how women respond to events and conditions.*
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*“For our silenced people, century after century  
their beings consumed in the hard everyday  
essential work of maintaining human life.*



*For their writings, perspectives, decisions and  
contributions that are made — anonymous;  
refused respect, recognition; lost.”*

*Tillie Olsen, silences*

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## Women's Groups in Guelph

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- Women's Issues Collective  
Rm. 218 UC  
Klari 836-1258
- Women's Commission  
CSA Office
- Women in Crisis  
836-1110 (Business)  
836-5710 (Crisis)
- Planned Parenthood  
836-7430
- Women Against Sexual Assault  
Judith 821-6843/824-0800
- Guelph Gay Equality  
Rm. 526 UC  
836-4550 (Mondays)
- Women Against Violence Against Women  
Carole 824-2091
- Child Care Concerns Group  
Sheri 836-3956
- Women's Newsletter  
Daryl 822-7469
- Teenage Mother's group  
Sheri 836-3956
- Women's Health Sharing  
Clare 821-9044
- International Women's Day Committee  
Sharon 824-5179

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