



PRESS RELEASE

NEW WI PLANNED TO OPEN IN STROUD

There are plans afoot to open a new WI in the centre of Stroud.

A drop-in meeting will be held on Friday 1st September at the Old Town Hall in the Shambles. Any ladies who think they may like to join the new institute are invited to come along, without obligation, and have a chat and a cup of coffee between 10.00am and noon.

The WI is the largest women's organisation in the country with over 215,000 members. It's an organisation which caters for women of all ages and abilities, and a warm and friendly welcome is always to be found at meetings.

At a typical monthly meeting, members are entertained by accredited speakers on a very wide range of subjects. There's also time to socialise with other members and find out what's going on in the organisation both countywide and nationally.

There are many opportunities for women to widen their horizons, including courses at the WI's own residential college in Oxfordshire, entering county and national competitions, enjoying visits to places of interest and making new friends.

WI spokesperson, Sue Wilson says;" There are already several institutes on the outskirts of Stroud. However, we think the time is right to open one in the town itself, perhaps meeting during the daytime. We look forward to meeting anyone who would like to know more at this preliminary get-together."

You can find more information about the WI at www.gfwi.org.uk and more about the meeting by calling the county office on 01452 523966.

Information for editors:

If you would like more information or to send a reporter or photographer to the meeting, please contact Sue Wilson, County Press Officer on 01452 423257 or e-mail: wilsons.wanderers@blueyonder.co.uk .

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