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FROM THE PRESIDENT. . . .

This is a momentous year for women. Two significant events have taken place, the centenary of International Women's Day and on February 24th 2011 the United Nations (UN) launch of UN Women. (reported elsewhere). The dynamic Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile, is Executive Director and the office will hold the same rank as that of UNICEF. Michelle is to visit the UK in May and meet government ministers, including Theresa May and Lynne Featherstone. She is also the speaker at the launch of UN Women UK (formerly UNIFEM) on 16th May, which I will be attending.

At the UN launch the Secretary General Ban Ki Moon said the agency was part of the international drive to empower women and address violence against women, also that rape is a crime against humanity. He stated he would support the agency 'with every ounce of my energy and time. Where women are educated and empowered economies are more productive and stronger. Where women are fully represented, societies are more peaceful and stable'. However the UN cannot do it alone, to be successful each country must play its part. NCW has been addressing these issues for many years and we continue to do so with our 2011 Conference Seminar.



Another worldwide concern for NCW was reflected in our 2010 Conference resolution, The Sexualisation and Exploitation of Children, which was also passed unanimously at the International Council of Women (ICW) Triennial Conference in South Africa and the European Centre of ICW (ECICW) conference. We also had a Viewpoint Questionnaire on the subject, responded to the Government consultation on the Sexualisation of Children and recently held an excellent seminar in Cheltenham - 'Portrayal or Betrayal'. (reported elsewhere). A booklet of the event will be published shortly. Now NCW are supporting the Opt In Model for Internet Pornography campaign by Claire Perry MP and the Safermedia organisation, which calls for Internet Service Providers (ISP) to switch off pornography into homes and requires those over 18 who wish to have it to Opt In and request it.

We know that children visit the web for good reasons, schoolwork, chat, games and to download music. However research shows they also access pornography. Research has also revealed some disturbing trends, with teenage girls reporting pressure to engage in risky and uncomfortable forms of sex, and that viewing pornography leads to an acceptance of violent and unhealthy notions of sex and relationships, where women are objects and aggressive sexual behaviour is the norm. I have been invited to a discussion meeting with Internet Service Providers on June 20th and will present our support for the campaign. Pornography is a poor sex educator!

Sheila Eaton

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EDITORIAL

The centenary edition of Council (1995), the forerunner of NCW NEWS, quoted from **Louise Creighton's** inaugural speech as the first national president of NCW "...It is our desire to grow into an organisation which may be counted on to be ready to take up any question of passing importance to women; but if our voice is to be attended to, we must earn a reputation of having a sound judgement of not speaking rashly or without knowledge". It may now be 116 years later but this tenet is still at the heart of our organisation. Much hard work by our Policy Committees, our members at branch meetings, our Committee and Regional Chairs in arranging seminars giving a platform to first class speakers, and our commitment to keeping members and our Affiliated organisations informed through our publications and our website means that when we approach Government or speak at international meetings, we have a firm background in reliable information.

Thank you all for your continuing contributions to NEWS, thus enabling NCW to continue to uphold our first President's precept.

Gwenda Nicholas

NCW PUBLICATIONS

Responses and Submissions to Government and Other Official Bodies – March 2010 to February 2011

This is the publication which records a very important stage of NCW's work, taking the voice of its members forward to the decision makers in our Government. It reproduces letters accompanying resolutions, passed by members at Conference, which are sent to the relevant areas of Government in the United Kingdom. Furthermore it reproduces the responses received as well as indicating the lack of response from some of those addressed.

Also reproduced are NCW's submissions in response to three Government Consultations: The Revised Food Standards Agency Strategy for 2010-2015 (from the Food Standards Agency), 21st Century Welfare (from the Department for Work and Pensions) and Women on Boards (from the Department for Business Innovation and Skills)

This edition is available from NCW Administrative office, price £4.00 plus postage. Check with your branch which may have already purchased a copy.

'Safeguarding the Vulnerable' This is another report in a series following the annual seminars organised by the Health Committee and Birmingham University. Excellent speakers have engaged both the students and NCW members and discussion groups have led to fruitful exchanges between the generations.

These seminars are worth the journey to Birmingham! See page 8 for an announcement about the 2011 seminar!

The 11-page report of the 2010 seminar costs £2.75 plus postage from NCW Administrative office.

The GOVERNMENT EQUALITIES OFFICE

In her letter in the December issue of NEWS, NCW president Sheila Eaton referred to her contact with the Government Equalities Office (GEO) This is a Home Office unit, which operates across government. GEO has responsibility within government for equality strategy and legislation and takes the lead on issues relating to women, sexual orientation and transgender equality matters.

The GEO website describes government equality strategy as setting out a vision for a strong, modern and fair Britain, built on two principles of equality -- equal treatment and equal opportunity. This means building a society where no one is held back because of who they are or where they come from.

The GEO will also deliver international equality obligation such as the implementation of the Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (CEDAW) and promote the U.K.'s equality strategy in European, Commonwealth and wider international negotiations.

There are a number of ongoing consultations of interest to NCW which include:

Strengthening Women's Voices in Government
Age discrimination.

Readers can access further information online, including editions of the GEO newsletter: www.equalities.gov.uk

LAUNCH of UN WOMEN – New York 24th February 2011

Chair **Juju Chang** said “This is the moment women across the world have worked for; it has been a long journey, women’s rights are human rights and the UN has a special role in the empowerment of women. Every woman has the right to live her life to the full’.

UN SECRETARY GENERAL BAN KI-MOON’s STATEMENT

The creation of UN Women will revitalize the UN. Women must receive equal power and rights in any and every respect. We cannot address our old problems without the full participation of women. Tonight we celebrate and thank all who have made the creation of UN Women possible, including our NGO community partners. We are very proud that we have Michelle Bachelet as our founding Executive Director. This is part of an international drive to empower women and address Violence Against Women. This is a time to remember why we worked so hard for women and girls, to give them access to health education and equality in decision making. In this 100th Anniversary Year of International Women’s Day, UN Women takes us an important step in the right direction, it will help us bring children out of poverty and enforce peace and help us eliminate harmful traditional practices. UN Women is the right thing and the smart thing to do. I will support UN Women in every way I can as Secretary General with every ounce of my energy and time – and try to raise money for you too!

MICHELLE BACHELET, Executive Director, UN Women (who was given a standing ovation) said:

It is a joy and honour to announce the launch of UN Women. It took 4 years of hard work to achieve and 4 months to set up after agreement had been given. Its creation reflects global concern with the slow pace of change. Neglect of women means half the potential of the human race is lost. It is not just morally right to give women their rights, it makes sound social and political sense too. There is no limit to what women can do. Women’s rights are a universal issue which will help us achieve political stability, growing economies and faster progress. UN Women offers new opportunities for dialogue and new energy – 2011 will be a turning point for a better world for all.

The evening ended with the performance of a song especially composed for the occasion which featured a choir of girls in national costumes. The refrain of the song was

‘WE ARE ONE WOMAN AND WE SHALL SHINE’

Report by Monica Tolman, Immediate Past President, deputising for Sheila Eaton, President NCW

The full report can be accessed on the NCW website: www.ncwgb.org

THE 55TH UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

NEW YORK, FEBRUARY/MARCH 2011

NCWGB REPRESENTATIVES: Monica Tolman, Immediate Past-President, Heather Bell, Secretary SW&Midlands Region, Margaret Owen OBE and colleague from NCWGB Affiliate, Women for Peace and Democracy.

THEME: “Access and participation of women and girls in education, training and science and technology, including for the promotion of women’s equal access to full employment and decent work.”

KEY LEARNING POINTS FROM THE COMMISSION

- a) Much progress has been made in improving access to education for girls but the quality of education provided has not kept pace.
- b) Sexual Stereotyping is a major barrier to girls being allowed access to education.
- c) Poverty and its effects endanger girls. They may become child-labourers or be sold into early marriage and suffer the dangers of early pregnancy. Maternal mortality is the leading cause of death worldwide for girls aged 15-19yrs old.
- d) ‘Investment in girls’ education may well be the highest-return investment available in the western world’ –source, World Food Programme. ‘There is a significant correlation between gender equality and development’ source, World Bank. ‘Education attacks the evils of poverty, population growth and economic failure’ source Beijing Platform for Action.
- e) In order to access decent work girls need equal access to education and training in the fields of science and technology. Sexual stereotyping is a barrier to such access both culturally and in the minds of girls themselves.
- f) Girls and Women need education in science and technology in order to benefit from programmes in health, population control and, in the case of rural women, modern farming methods.

REVIEW THEME: Women’s involvement in Conflict Prevention and Peace-Building

NCWGB RESOLUTION “Protection of Women and Girls from Rape in post-Disaster and Post-Conflict Situations” (passed October 2010) furthers our work in regard to SCR 1325. Letters enclosing this Resolution were delivered to Ban Ki-Moon and Margot Wallstrom at CSW55.

This is a short extract of highlights; the full report is being circulated to members.

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON SEXUALISATION OF CHILDREN

Members will be aware that earlier this year Sarah Teather MP, Minister of State for Children and Families invited Mr. Reg Bailey, General Secretary of the Mothers' Union to conduct an Independent Review into the Commercialisation and Sexualisation of Childhood. NCW together with ICWGB responded in March 2011; points made included the following

- NCW notes with concern that our children are growing up in a culture which is pre-occupied with sexualising the experience of childhood. Films, TV, the Internet and advertising, together with publicised details of celebrity lifestyles all influence children to grow up too quickly. Additionally inappropriate items of clothing, "beauty" accessories, including cosmetics, nail varnish, and the use of blonde highlights for young girls, may add to this. It is feared that these factors may rob children of what should be a carefree childhood, and may create psychological strains and tensions related to their appearance, self-esteem, etc. The world of entertainment and celebrity encourages girls to believe their sexual attractiveness is paramount.
- Exposure of children to many television programmes emphasising the fantasy "celebrity" world, or including vulgar, violent and often sexually explicit scenes or expressions also presents children with ideas and concepts which they are unable to cope with, and which may distort their thinking and grasp of reality.
- While many businesses and companies are adopting responsible attitudes, it seems clear that some put the profit motive before the wellbeing of children and teenager, and we are conscious that commercial forces turn children into consumers and sexualised commodities. Even television broadcast "sit-coms" with a family background include sexual innuendo, suggestive jokes and inappropriate events. Many comedy shows which would in the past have been classed as family viewing now appear after the 9 pm watershed, mainly because of this trend. This in itself is unhealthy for the whole of society, and distorts the child's vision of childhood.
- Clothing products are generally appropriate both as regards age and gender, but there are many exceptions, e.g. T-shirts for young girls bearing inappropriate sexual slogans or designs; the same for boys with violent scenes or slogans (both often seen at airports); party dresses and high-heeled shoes more suited to adult women. The constant use of unrealistically thin or beautiful models can also undermine girls' self-confidence and give them a distorted self-image, again leading to psychological pressures. Child and teenage models should be shown as normal children of different shapes and sizes.
- The fact that children are forced through manipulation or commercial exploitation to grow up too quickly in an atmosphere of sexually charged television programmes and magazines is becoming a matter of concern to child guidance experts in this and other countries. These unnatural pressures forced upon them, largely through sales techniques in the media and advertising, disturbs their vision of childhood and forces them into an adult world before they have developed the judgemental ability to identify what is important. The pressures and tensions which may develop inhibit their ability to grow up in their own time, and are damaging to their rights as children to be protected from these influences.
- Following the NCW Questionnaire, our Conference Resolution on the Sexualisation and Exploitation of Children and the affirmation of the European resolution, we are supporting the Council of Europe campaign against the commercial and sexual exploitation of children, and the protection of the rights of children to be children. It is against this background that the National Council of Women has presented these views.

Members are thanked for their comments in response to the NCW Viewpoint on this subject, and for the Resolution, which assisted in the preparation of this response.

Sheila Eaton NCW President and Grace Wedekind Chair ICWGB

UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN 'Every Girl's Right to an Education'

At the ICW Seminar in New York, co-sponsored by NCWGB, Monica Tolman (Immediate Past President) speaking on BASIC EDUCATION, told the representatives of 17 countries present that :

- The World Food Programme says "investment in girls' education may well be the highest-return investment available in the western world"
- The World Bank states "when a country educates women economic productivity rises, maternal and infant mortality falls, fertility declines and the health and education prospects of the next generation are improved."
- The Beijing Platform for Action states "education attacks the evils of poverty, population growth and economic failure and education promotes equality, peace and development"

Monica went on to describe the BARRIERS to Girl's Education as reported to a survey of ICW member councils worldwide. Discussion Groups then shared ideas on Barriers to Girl's Education in their own countries and the ACTIONS which should be taken to address them.

A full report of Monica's talk and the feedback from the Discussion Groups can be emailed on request from the NCW Administrative office.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN - **YOUNG WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT**

In this edition, some thoughts and ideas emerging from two seminars and from discussions held by two Link groups.

National Council of Women/National Council of Young Women

"THE RIGHT TO BE YOU" -- an intergenerational seminar, held in Nottingham on International Women's Day. Lively discussions followed each of the two presentations, with conclusions shared when each group reported back to everyone.

Anne Wilson, NCW Nottingham and Notts and NCYW Committee member talked about why many of us like to be a member of a social group, as being one of the crowd is an important part of our development. However security and confidence derived from belonging to a peer group can make us vulnerable to conforming when we do not always feel happy with the group's activities. It is important to get the balance right; she asked the audience to think about standing alone and following your dream.

Jeanette Orrey, Broadcaster, Author and Award-winning dinner lady is not just well-known because she worked with Jamie Oliver, she worked hard to increase her own knowledge and has the drive and ability to contribute significantly to the promotion of healthy eating, especially in schools. She followed what she passionately believed in and champions the right to be yourself, to dare to be different and to follow your own star.

What did the students say? "It's really opened my eyes to the link between women old and young...an eye opening day"
What did NCW members say? "Encouraging to see the growth in confidence during the day. Students able to express outcomes of discussion lucidly"

NCYW Link schools respond!

NCYW Link schools took up the challenge and discussed an article which appeared in Time magazine. It quoted facts and figures about why there is a lack of schooling for girls in many countries and what the benefits of education are.

Thoughtful reports and ideas came from the groups in two schools, Heathfield and JFS Kingsbury, Brent

'Women should be given the right to education' *'Exchange trips could be beneficial'* *'Women are often the victims of male power'*
'Adequate health care should be provided for young girls in developing countries'

'Women are often the victims of male power'

and much more!

Link schools have requested more issues to discuss!

"PORTRAYAL or BETRAYAL" – the sexualisation of children in the media and marketing

NCW's continuing research into this issue was taken forward at the **South West & Midland Region seminar in Cheltenham** on 16th April arranged by **Lois Hainsworth MBE, Regional Chairman**. Speakers included not only Dr Tim Brain, the recently retired Chief Constable of Gloucestershire but also a Year 13 student at Cheltenham Ladies College. Other speaker's presentations which will be published in **the full report**, are by Zarin Hainsworth-Fadaei, Neil Carmichael MP, Jeri Holden, Lola Gilles Creasey. **Meanwhile here is a short selection of points made.**

Dr Tim Brain, recently retired Chief Constable of Gloucestershire, spoke of child abuse in the form of prostitution and listed the causes of the descent into it. These included lack of education, poverty, homelessness and abandonment, runaways, coercion, the fact that prostitution is culturally acceptable, the fear of disease, sexual excitement, and profitability. He quoted Barnardos research which mapped the descent into abuse. First there is the targeting of a girl by older boys, next there is friendship, followed by a relationship which may be sexual and involve drugs, which then involves dependency and this develops into an abusive relationship. In 1997 Dr Brain formulated guidelines involving a rescue procedure with a multiagency panel, including Social Services, in order to divert girls from this lifestyle. The police need to prosecute offenders. He commented that there are 30,000 people involved in prostitution and that the income from trafficking reaches £1.6 billion.

Claudia Mech from Cheltenham Ladies College gave examples of some of the unsuitable and provocative products sold by well-known stores, noting that the under 17 market which these stores address is worth \$170 billion. This early sexualisation leads to mental health problems and also eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia. Not having a good sexual image of themselves leads to problems in adulthood. NSPCC research shows that it is linked with violence in sexual relationships. Claudia reflected on her own upbringing and passed on to her audience what she believed were important points. Parents should encourage a daughter to know who she is and to have good self esteem and they should set a good example in their own appearance. Daughters should be warned to beware of stereotypes. They should be encouraged to get involved in sport. It is good if parents and children watch television together and discuss media messages.

ICW and ECICW to meet in Barcelona

International Council of Women - Following the ICW Triennial Conference in South Africa in October 2009, the ICW mid-term Executive Meeting takes place in Barcelona, Spain at the end of May. A full agenda includes discussion on ICW work at the recent session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women where the main theme was education for women and girls, with special reference to science and technology. Workshops will be held on the current ICW theme – “Equality for women is equality for all” and reports will be given on practical work being undertaken in developing countries under the ICW “Small Projects” Development Scheme. These include building wells, schools and training facilities for women and girls.

ECICW - The spring General Assembly of ECICW (the European Centre of the International Council of Women) will be held in Barcelona at the close of the ICW meeting. Members from many European Councils will be present to continue discussions on the effects on women of the economic recession. Work in connection with the Council of Europe campaign against sexualisation and commercial manipulation of young people and children will also be considered. ECICW has been invited by the Council of Europe to be a partner in this work and many National Councils, including our own NCW are already engaged in this. Elections for a new ECICW Board will be held at the close of the meeting, when Grace Wedekind will come to the end of her 4-year term as President.

Barcelona is a beautiful city, with a rich cultural and artistic heritage; there will be opportunities to visit some of the City’s famous Gaudi buildings and art galleries. President Sheila Eaton, together with Grace Wedekind, ECICW President, and Monica Tolman, ICW Co-ordinator on Status of Women, will attend.

Grace Wedekind, Vice President ICW

We welcome this report from our Affiliate, PTSD Resolution, following their Conference. Other affiliated organisations are invited to submit short articles, perhaps about their organisations or highlighting their current work and concerns. Please address these to the Editor info@ncwgb.org

Gillian Poole, Vice President, Affiliates

Military Covenant requires Better Coordination through Community Groups PTSD Resolution Network Conference, 05 February 2011, London

Closer coordination of the work of the health services, armed forces’ charities and criminal justice system – in liaison with women’s and other organisations - are essential to ensure support for veterans, reservists and their families in the community, according to the charity PTSD Resolution.

The PTSD Resolution outreach programme provides local therapists, free of charge, to help veterans and reservists struggling to reintegrate into a normal work and family life because of military post traumatic stress suffered as a result of service in the armed forces. Treatment is free, on an out-patient basis delivered by a national network of 250 therapists.

The charity has announced two new community initiatives: Resolution Pub Hub, engaging with publicans to help raise funds and ‘signpost’ therapeutic and other support for veterans and their families; and Resolution Network, with the charity’s therapists liaising locally with services’ charities, the prison service – and community organisations such as the National Council of Women, said the chief therapist of PTSD Resolution.

Piers Bishop speaking at the Resolution Network Conference said “Too many veterans are let down by the military covenant because they fall through the safety-net of only patchy service provision around the country. There is a lack of joined-up thinking for the delivery of practical support at a local level. We must deliver help in the context of community groups and family settings. Better coordination of services at a community level is essential – such as those for treatment for military mental health problems, housing and employment. With the rising numbers of services’ personnel suffering from the symptoms of military trauma, veterans and reservists need single points of local contact to fast-track the right support, delivered on a local basis. At Resolution we are very aware that hand-in-hand with therapy, it is essential to meet a range of other practical needs, such as for jobs and housing, ideally in the context of the local, familiar community - and also with the involvement of the many excellent services’ charities that support veterans and their families, such as Royal British Legion.”

This was the message from the first annual conference of the Resolution Network when 120 of its therapists from across the UK met with representatives from military charities, the prison service and criminal justice system - as well as services’ veterans, who included former sufferers of military PTSD.

For further information: PTSD Resolution Network, Registered Charity No. 1133188 www.ptsdresolution.org

ENVIRONMENT Did you know?

The Government has launched a consultation on eliminating peat from horticultural use by 2030. Peat soils store a huge amount of carbon. They also provide grazing land, clean water and can reduce flooding because they store more water than other soils. (2020 would be better for the environment.)

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The growing popularity of Chinese Lanterns is putting houses, crops and livestock at risk according to the National Farmers Union, the Civil Aviation Authority and other organisations. The Government say they are assessing the risks.

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Coffee prices are rising rapidly due to the effects of climate change which is causing an increase in pests and diseases. This is especially so for the Arabica bean, grown widely by smallholders. The bean flourishes at 18 – 23C but temperatures are rising and droughts are increasing.

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Redditch Council in Worcestershire is proposing to save energy and combat climate change by warming its new sports stadium and swimming pool using heat from the nearby crematorium.

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Millions of trees died in the record drought that struck the Amazon Basin in 2010. The dense forests of Brazil soak up about a quarter of the world's atmospheric carbon but loss of trees reverses the absorption of CO₂ and, instead, increases it. The research was published in "Nature" by Dr. Simon Lewis of Leeds University.

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My house is a "No fly zone". I cannot remember when I last saw a house fly. Is it because I live in an urban environment? or is it because they have declined along with the hover flies, wasps, bees, butterflies and moths?

Beryl Kemp Individual Member

Editor's note:

During my time as Editor of NEWS I have regularly received an interesting selection of reports about the environment from Beryl – without fail arriving by the due date for the next edition. I hope Beryl will forgive me for mentioning that, to my surprise, she has reached the age of 90 and even by the present Government's reckoning, must surely deserve retirement. I know you would all like to join me in thanking Beryl for her apposite and succinctly expressed contributions. We can still look forward to occasional contributions from her but other readers are invited to send me items which we can share in this column.

NCW WEBSITE.....www.ncwgb.org

Looking for more information? Check our website. Recent additions include:

FAB This Foreign Affairs Bulletin is produced on an occasional basis by the Chair of NCW Foreign Affairs Committee. The latest edition can be accessed: Look at International, scroll down to Foreign Affairs.

The latest edition of this **Newsletter**

Full reports following the necessarily short articles in NEWS, see reference at the end of each article

Report on the **International Women's Day debate in the House of Lords**
A wide range of topics including views on gender equality

NCW's Policy Archive of Resolutions from 1919 has been restored to the site. Look at Our Work and scroll down to Policy Archive – Resolutions

Members' Area - This is for those who have registered to access it.
At Regions and Branches there are reports of talks which may encourage discussions or speakers for your group. They include 'Bee keeping', a talk given to Leicester branch and 'Aspects of Climate Change in the North East of England', given to the Northern Region.

Contributions are welcomed by your Website Editor, email to: info@ncwgb.org

**NCW Health Committee
Birmingham City University
Seminar**

**SUBSTANCE MISUSE
From Birth to Old Age**

**Friday, 8th July 2011
Birmingham City University, Edgbaston**

Further details to follow

NCW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

14th, 15th, 16th October

Gateway Hotel, Nottingham

An enjoyable weekend! Your chance to have your say and help make NCW Policy!

Outline programme and booking form with this issue of NEWS

**NCW/NCYW Intergenerational Seminar
North London**

Theme: Making Your Mark.

Speakers

Marie Birkenhead (Making Your Mark---the possibilities)

Jane Drapkin (Making Your Mark--my story)

Royal Masonic School for Girls, Rickmansworth

Thursday November 10th. 10.45am-3pm

Booking details to follow

DIARY DATES 2011

Jun 6 S & T
8 Foreign Affairs
9 Health
14 Arts
21 Headquarters
23 Management
28 Education
29 ICW GB

July 6 Media
9 Health Committee Seminar (see box)
13 Consumer (Nottingham)
14 S & E
14 Resolutions Committee
21 Management

Aug 18 Management

Sept 1 Foreign Affairs (provisional date)
15 Management

Oct 14,15,16 ANNUAL CONFERENCE (see box)

Nov 10 NCW/NCYW seminar (see box)

Meetings at 36 Danbury Street unless otherwise shown

Last thoughts for the day.....

The theme for the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in February 2012 in New York is:

The empowerment of rural women in relation to Climate Change and Food Security

MEMBERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

If you have found some items of interest in this newsletter, and you are not already a member of NCW, you are invited to find out more about the benefits of membership from our Office Administrator. NCW can keep you better informed and enable you to participate in policy-making either through Branch or Individual Membership. Information about our Organisation is available on our website: www.ncwgb.org

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