

# **U3A**

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**Series 2 2008**

## **WOMEN IN SOCIETY**

**Dates: Thursday, 5 June – Thursday, 10 July 2008**

**Time: 10.00 am – 12 noon**

**Venue: Frank Nichol Room, Knox College, Arden Street, Opoho**

**Enrolments for this course will be limited to 50**

**Course Fee: \$30.00**

**Tea and Coffee provided**

**Course Organiser: Antony Wood (telephone 473 7208)**

**Course Assistant: Sue Cathro (telephone 467 5474)**

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You may apply to enrol in more than one course in each series (subject to numbers). If you wish to do so, you must indicate your choice preference on the application form, and include payment of the appropriate fee(s).

All applications must be received by noon on Wednesday, 14 May 2008, and you may expect to receive a response to your application on or about 23 May.

Any questions about courses after 23 May should be made to the Secretary, U3A Dunedin, telephone 471 9913 or on email at <graysinn@clear.net.nz>

## **WOMEN IN SOCIETY**

The course will be presented by Dr Dorothy Page, formerly of the Department of History, University of Otago.

The topic will be treated both broadly and narrowly. On the one hand, it will consider changes over time in the patterns of women's lives, their legal status and how they were perceived, taking into account both class and marital status. On the other, it will investigate the lives and experiences of a number of individual women. The latter part of the course, dealing with the women's movement of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, will focus on Britain.

### **The Lecture Programme**

- 5 June      1   Medieval**
- a) Perception and reality of women's role – marriage, the religious life, the towns
  - b) Two exceptional women: Joan of Arc and Christine of Pizan
- 12 June     2   The Early Modern Era**
- a) Women of the Renaissance and the Reformation
  - b) The witch hunts
- 19 June     3   The Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries**
- a) Women's lives in England and France: countryside and court
  - b) Mary Astell and Mary Wortley Montagu
- 26 June     4   The Age of Enlightenment and Revolution**
- a) Women of the Enlightenment: Rousseau's teachings; the salons
  - b) Mary Wollstonecraft. Women of the French Revolution
- 3 July       5   The Nineteenth Century: The Impact of the Industrial Revolution -**
- a) Working class women: factory work, domestic service, prostitution
  - b) Middle class women: "separate spheres"; philanthropy; married women's rights
- 10 July     6   The Women's Movement, late nineteenth century to First World War.**
- a) Votes for Women
  - b) The First World War and its Aftermath