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***She Reads, She Leads* initiative launches in Nottinghamshire with donations of books to inspire, empower and celebrate women in the community**

The members of Hucknall (Leenside) Women's Institute are teaming up with Valerie Dwyer, author and founder of My Wonderful Life Coach, and Sue Williams, author and publisher from Book Boost in March 2024 to secure donations of books, mainly non-fiction, from female authors and publishers to distribute to women in the Nottinghamshire community. The books will be wrapped and distributed by Hucknall (Leenside) WI to women in education, business and those who may be facing difficult times.

In March we celebrate International Women's Day, Women's History month and World Book Day, so when better to collect donations of books from generous female authors to inspire and empower other women? Giving out a free book to another woman forges a connection that says "I hope this inspires or empowers you" or a simple "I celebrate you" from one woman to another, paying it forward to give a fellow woman a boost.

For International Women's Day on 8th March 2024, Hucknall (Leenside) WI chose to give out free books beautifully wrapped to women in their community. Meg Zanker, President of Hucknall WI involved her mentor Valerie Dwyer, who kindly donated her 2 books to the cause. Valerie soon realised that with her network of fellow authors more donations could be possible and reached out to her publisher Sue Williams. From there the idea of the *She Reads, She Leads* initiative was born with the hope that it will grow into an annual event across the country. The aim of *She Reads, She Leads* is to inspire, empower and celebrate women through giving books by women to women.

"I am so excited at the idea of women supporting women through the giving of books. The potential of inspiring and empowering women who could go on to make a real difference is a powerful thought and I would love to see this idea of She Reads, She Leads continue to grow. And it all came about from a simple idea and one woman talking to another, talking to another and deciding to support each other" says Meg Zanker, President of Hucknall WI.

If you would like to find out more information on *She Reads, She Leads*, get involved by donating books or widening the project into your community, please reach out to Meg Zanker at Hucknall (Leenside) WI on 07717 057920, via email hucknallwi@gmail.com or their website: www.hucknallwi.com. Or follow Hucknall WI on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X](#) (formerly Twitter) to get updates and share the progress of the initiative on your social media.

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