**Women into Paddling Report November 2023**

At the last AGM in 2022, with the post of Women’s Rep vacant, and no-one willing to stand, we put in place, as an experiment, a team to organise and deliver starter events for women.

The Team was titled “Women into Paddling” and was to focus on introducing women to paddlesport.

The Team consists of a co-ordinator, and a number of coaches and experienced enthusiasts (Totalling 10 at the last count !)

The activities of the Team are managed via a WhatsApp group.

Saturday events were well supported, with one cancelled because of adverse weather conditions, but Tuesday evening events were not, with most being cancelled.

In total 4 events ran.

We would like to thank everyone for their support, and contributions.

We have seen some of the WiP participants continue, sporadically, onto our Open Canoe Programme, and also onto the Sea Kayak programme.

Some of our Team met on Nov. 4th, for a paddle followed by a face-face Team meeting to discuss progression into 2024, and plan an outline Programme.

The team decided to continue, for 2024, to support Women’s paddling by continuing with the Women into Paddling format.

We will review this throughout the year, but will be actively canvassing to find a candidate or candidates for a specific Women’s rep., to organise Women’s paddling events on a broader front.

**Outline Programme for WiP 2024**

* Two Come-and-Try-it days at Killington

One on a Saturday and one on a Sunday.

 March / April

* One Open Canoe Skills day at Killington
* One Sea Kayak Skills day at Killington
* One Introduction to Water safety and Rescue Skills day at Killington

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