Dr. JOAN SCOTT

Dr. Scott joined the faculty of Memorial University in 1970. She served the Department of Biology and Women’s Studies until her retirement in 2001.

Since her retirement, Dr. Scott has been a spokesperson for social justice, environmental issues, equity for women and those marginalized by poverty, disability, ethnicity, age or sexual orientation. She writes frequently and influentially for The Telegram, for the listservs of women’s organizations and she makes her voice heard wherever women’s advocacy groups gather.

As an advocate for the homeless and a supporter of Marguerite’s Place, she headed a group to explore the establishment of a unit to provide care for seniors within their own community under the auspices of Abbeyfield Houses Society of Canada. She also represents the interests of seniors as a member of the MUN Pensions Committee.

Dr. Scott contributes to the newsletter of the St. John’s Status of Women Council and participates in International Women’s Day celebrations, Take Back the Night and the vigil for the Montreal massacre. She has been part of the group documenting the history of women’s movement in NL through the “Let’s Teach About Women” website and is an active volunteer at Planned Parenthood: NL Sexual Health Centre.

She has just stepped down as President of the Newfoundland Writers’ Guild, contributed to A Charm Against the Pain, an anthology of NL poetry and prose published by the Guild and continues to attend the Eastport Retreat.

Adjectives that apply to Dr. Scott’s contributions include tireless, committed, generous, diligent, courageous.