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For your information
Dear *Margaret*

As discussed with you on the telephone the Home Birth Association's seminar is planned for Sunday, November 3rd at Myers Park Kindergarten. We would welcome a special input from you to the morning group discussion, 10.30 am - 12.00. A shared lunch will be available immediately after if you wish to stay on.

The topic chosen for discussion is "Women and Power: The Politics of Childbirth and Mothering." There will probably be about fifty interested people attending from the Home Birth Association and I have invited six resource women such as yourself to speak. You are free to develop the theme as you wish but I have also drafted some questions, some of which you might like to respond to.

Why do women such as midwives and mothers have low status, indifferent working conditions and limited financial rewards for their services?

Is there a framework or theory that can explain the social and economic position of these women?

Who makes decisions and controls the resources that affect the women's quality of life?

What special power and resources do women have?

How can any change or improvements be made to our situation?

Thank you for agreeing to contribute.

Yours sincerely,

Marin Adams.