

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
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Caldicott, Helen Mary

(1938 -)

Born	19380807, Melbourne Victoria Australia
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Occupation	Medical practitioner, Nuclear disarmament activist
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Summary

Helen Caldicott has achieved an international reputation as a tireless campaigner against nuclear power and weapons. Trained as a medical practitioner, she is acutely aware of the effects of radiation on living beings and on the environment. While living in the United States of America from 1977 to 1986, she formed the organisation called 'Physicians for Social Responsibility', serving as its president from 1978 to 1983. In the belief that women had a special role to play in the peace movement, she established Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament in 1986 and became a full-time anti-nuclear activist. She addressed anti-nuclear and peace rallies in Australia and around the world and wrote a number of books on the topic of nuclear disarmament.

Events

2001 - 2001

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Edited Book

Australian Feminism: A Companion, Caine, Barbara, Gatens, Moira et al., 1998

Book

A passionate life, Caldicott, Helen, 1996

Nuclear power is not the answer to global warming or anything else, Caldicott, Helen, 2006

Missile envy: the arms race and nuclear war, Caldicott, Helen, 1985

If you love this planet: a plan to heal the earth, Caldicott, Helen, 1992

Archival resources

National Library of Australia

[\[Biographical cuttings on Helen Caldicott, Dr., anti-nuclear activist, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore Collection

[Helen Caldicott interviewed by Sara Dowse \[sound recording\]](#)

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