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Booth, Sarah

(1844 - 1928)

Born	18441106, Boston Lincolnshire England
Died	19280324, St Kilda East Victoria Australia
Occupation	Community worker, Women's rights activist

Summary

Sarah Crisp Booth (1844-1928) was instrumental in making a success of the first Melbourne Young Women's Christian Organisation, which was officially recognised by the Young Women's Christian Organisation of Great Britain on the 21st May 1883.

Initially a reluctant recruit, Booth (together with her sister E.W. Booth), became the first General Secretary of the Melbourne Young Women's Christian Organisation of Melbourne. She is listed as Honorary Secretary 1882- 1910.

As part of the 'midnight missions', library development, 'gospel temperance union' and factory visit programs, Booth – keenly aware of space restrictions – set up a building fund in 1886. This resulted in the purchase of the "Christian Home for Girls" in Jolimont in 1888.

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