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Women’s Abortion Action Coalition, Melbourne Victoria

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Occupation	Women's Rights Organisation

Summary

The Women’s Abortion Action Coalition Melbourne, established in 1972, was associated with the Women’s Abortion Action Campaign Sydney. Using methods similar to those of the Sydney organisation, it held public meetings, demonstrations, conferences and lobbied members of parliament to campaign for support for repeal of the abortion laws in Victoria. The Women’s Abortion Action Coalition attracted the participation of the Socialist Workers’ Party (SWP) women and reached the stage where between 1974 and 1976 almost all the members comprised SWP members. After a socialist feminist day held in early 1978, a new WAAC group emerged in Melbourne.

Published resources

Booklet
Abortion : a woman's right to choose/ [compiled by AUS Women's department, Women's Abortion Action Campaign (Sydney), Women's Abortion Action Coalition (Melbourne)], [1976]

Journal Article
Who decides? Perspectives on the abortion campaign, Ballantyne, Glenda, 1979

Book
Australian feminist organisations 1970-1985 : a research guide from feminist publications, Grahame, Emma and Prichard. Janette Joy, 1996

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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