The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person **Entry ID:** AWE2117

Messimeri, Voula

(1956 -)

Born 19560101, Kalabaka Thessaly Greece

Occupation Advocate, Community Leader

Summary

Voula Messimeri has been involved in the community services field for over twenty years and has a particular interest in multicultural affairs and women's issues. She was appointed the position of Executive Director of the Australian Greek Welfare Society in 1989 and elected Chair of the Federation of Ethnic Community Councils of Australia in 2006. She is the first woman to hold the position.

She co-founded the Victorian Immigrant and Refugee Women's Coalition (VIRWC) and has served as Chair of the Immigrant Women's Domestic Violence Service, as Inaugural Chair of the Women in the North Service, as Council member at the RMIT University, as well as on a number of State and Federal advisory and policy structures.

Events

2007 - 2007

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Site Exhibition

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,

http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders

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