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McNamara, Matilda Emilie Bertha

(1853 - 1931)

Born	18530928, Posen Prussia (Poland)
Died	19310801, North Sydney New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Bookseller, Feminist, Political activist

Summary

Bertha McNamara's experience as a widow trying to rear six children prompted her interest in radical politics. She published pamphlets on socialism and with her second husband, William McNamara, opened a radical bookshop in Castlereagh Street in Sydney in the 1890s. She was a member of the Social Democratic Federation of Australasia and of the Womanhood Suffrage League of New South Wales. In addition she was a founder of the Labor Women's Central Organising Committee.

Published resources

Resource Section
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