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Kinder, Sylvia

Occupation Feminist, Teacher

Summary

Sylvia Kinder was active in both the Adelaide Women's Liberation Movement and the Sydney Women's Liberation Movement. As a teacher she was involved with the South Australian Institute of Teachers (SAIT) which questioned sexist teaching practices within schools. She helped bring changes in education standards designed to reduce gender discrimination, including the use of non sexist language in school and equal opportunities for girls. Sylvia was a member of the Australian Women's Education Coalition (South Australian Branch). She was involved in the establishment of the Adelaide Women's Liberation Movement, Women's Studies Resource Centre, Adelaide Women's Liberation Movement Archives and the Hindmarsh Women's Community Health Centre. She was a member of International Women's Year National Advisory Committee 1974-1976. She wrote a book about the women's liberation movement in Adelaide.

Details

The need for a women's studies courses became apparent to Sylvia Kinder and other concerned teachers who, in response, set about establishing a women's library as part of the Women's Liberation Movement. Books and papers were donated and the Women's Studies Resource Centre was created. She taught women's studies at the Women's Studies Resource Centre. She was a collective member of *Liberation*, Adelaide Women's Liberation Newsletter. She served on the Status of Women's Standing Committee from 1974-1976. Sylvia addressed International Women's Day rallies or marches. She helped organise conferences including the Young Women's Festival and the Women in Labour Conference both held in Adelaide. She was also active in gay liberation in South Australia. Some of the other groups she was involved with included Women Behind Bars, Salisbury Women's Group Newsletter, Salisbury Women's Health Centre, National Women's Consultative Council, SAIT Professional Development Committee, International Women's Day Collective. Women's Theatre Group (South Australia). There is a collection of taped interviews with South Australian feminist including Pat Ronald, Liz Byard, Anna Yeatman, Judy Gillett, Betty Fisher, Connie Frazer, Deborah McCulloch, Jill Mathews, Sue Higgins (Sheridan) and Gail Tauscher. Sylvia Kinder wrote *Herstory* of the Adelaide Women's Liberation Movement 1969-1974.

Published resources

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Newsletter
Liberation, 1970

Book
Herstory of Adelaide Women's Liberation 1969-1974, Kinder, Sylvia, 1980

Archival resources

State Library of South Australia
Sylvia Kinder : SUMMARY RECORD

Hindmarsh Women's Community Health Centre

Women's Theatre Group

Adelaide Women's Liberation Movement Archives Collection

Adelaide Women's Liberation Movement : SUMMARY RECORD

Address by Sylvia Kinder [sound recording]

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