

The Australian Women's Register

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Frazer, Connie

(1925 - 2002)

Born	1 January, 1925, Coventry England
Died	6 May, 2002, Adelaide South Australia Australia
Occupation	Feminist, Poet, Revolutionist, Writer

Summary

Connie was born in Coventry, England in 1925 to a working class family. She migrated to Whyalla, South Australia with her husband, Bill and their son.

Connie became active in the Anti-War Movement during the Vietnam War, when her son was a teenager, a newspaper announcement regarding conscription being the trigger.

This involvement lead to her joining the Women's Liberation Movement, where she was part of the core group that established the Women's Liberation Centre at Bloor Court, Adelaide and a counselling service as part of the centre. She also helped set up the first Women's Shelter in Adelaide and the Christies Beach Shelter, in suburban Adelaide.

Connie was a member of the Tuesday Afternoon Group, a group of older women interested in women's issues. She was a poet and writer with the Adelaide based, Friendly Street Poets from its inception and has been published in many of the Friendly Street Poet anthologies, as well as in journals, magazines, and newspapers. She also published two collections with Friendly Street Poets, *Other Ways of Looking* (c1988) and *Earthdweller*. *Ugly as a Boxer's Glove* was also published about Connie's life, as a text spoken by Connie and edited by Marg McHugh.

Details

Connie was born in Coventry in England in 1925 to a working class family she and her husband Bill migrated to Whyalla in South Australia. During the Vietnam War she became active in the Anti-War Movement as she had a teenage son and was concerned about his being conscripted. This involvement lead to her joining the Women's Liberation Movement. She was part of the core group that established the Women's Liberation Centre at Bloor Court and a counselling services as part of the centre. She also helped set up the first Women's Shelter in Adelaide and the Christies Beach Shelter. She was a Member of the Tuesday Afternoon Group. She was a poet and writer with the Friendly Street Poets from its inception and was published in the majority of their anthologies. the poetry books include *Other Ways of Looking* (c1988) and *Earth Dweller* and Marg McHugh *Ugly as a boxer's Glove* on Constance Frazer's life.

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Newsletter

Liberation, 1970

Archival resources

State Library of South Australia

[Interview with Connie Frazer \[sound recording\] Interviewer: Deborah Worsley-Pine](#)

[Tuesday Afternoon Group](#)

[Adelaide Women's Liberation Movement : SUMMARY RECORD](#)

[Interview with Connie Frazer \[sound recording\] Interviewer: Helen Oxenham](#)

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