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Tonkin, Miriam

(1928 -)

Born	1 January, 1928, Melbourne Victoria Australia

Occupation	Kindergarten teacher, Peace activist, Women's health advocate, Women's rights activist

Summary

Miriam Tonkin, née Brunning, was born in Melbourne, Victoria. She left school at 13 years of age to begin work. She was very active in the Eureka Youth League as a teenager and worked on the Communist Party's *Guardian* newspaper. Married in 1950 she and her husband moved to Adelaide with their five young children in 1958. In the late 1960s Tonkin became involved in the peace movement and Women's Liberation. Her belief in women's right to control their fertility led to her involvement in organisations including the Humanist Society, the Abortion Law Reform Association and the Friends of the Pregnancy Advisory Centre. Tonkin qualified as a kindergarten teacher in the mid 1970s and became active in her union and in education reform as well.

Published resources

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

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Interview with Miriam Tonkin [sound recording] Interviewer: Barbara Baird

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