

The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
Entry ID: AWE4425

Morice, Louise

(1859 - 1951)

Nationality	Australian
Born	1 March, 1859, Adelaide South Australia Australia
Died	10 June, 1951, South Australia Australia
Occupation	Kindergarten worker, Social reformer

Summary

Lucy Morice was committed to issues of social justice throughout her life. She, with her aunt, Catherine Helen Spence, founded the Woman's League in 1895 after women had gained the franchise in South Australia in 1894. It aimed to 'educate women politically and to work for the interests of women and children', but did not receive the support of women. Her major commitment however, was to the Kindergarten Union of South Australia, which she helped to found in 1905. She believed that kindergarten was the hope of the future and she saw it as a means of combating what she considered was the regimentation of the state school system. She has a kindergarten named after her in North Adelaide. In 1936 she was appointed Member of the British Empire (M. B. E.) for services to social welfare.

Published resources

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Edited Book

Australian Feminism: A Companion, Caine, Barbara, Gatens, Moira et al., 1998

Resource Section

Morice, Louise (Lucy) (1859-1951), Jones, Helen, 2006,
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A100571b.htm>

Author Details

Rosemary Francis

Created 5 January 2010
Last modified 20 November 2018