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Vera Ray (10 December 1932 -)

Vera was born in Czechoslovakia and after surviving the war her family migrated to Australia when she was 15 and settled in Melbourne. After gaining a BA (honours) in Russian she married, had two children and finally divorced. She studied for her Dip Ed, worked as a teacher, went back to uni to major in English and History and taught for about 22 years.

Vera's political involvement began in 1976 – 77. She was on many collectives and also took part in organising and being involved in many activities. For instance:

LAG (Lesbian Action Group), Women Patriarchy and the Future Forum, Open C-R Groups, Women and Labour Conferences, Salon-a-Muse, LesboRaves, National 10/40 Conferences, Matrix Guild, Jewish Lesbian Group, which organised the Jewish Lesbian Forum 'Are Jewish Lesbians Kosher?', Lesbians Over 40 Gatherings (L40) and Women and Psych Conference.

Vera taught Assertiveness Training at the Council of Adult Education (CAE). And has written several papers including Voluntary Euthanasia for Women and Psychology, Counselling Gay and Lesbian Clients and Domestic Violence Among Lesbians.

Vera went back to uni to study for a B Ed (Counselling) and worked from home as a Counsellor in private practise for many years.