

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
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## Phillips, Christine

(1963 - )

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**Born** 5 April, 1963, London England

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**Occupation** Academic, Doctor

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### Summary

Professor Christine Phillips is a general practitioner and health services researcher with interest and expertise in the health and health care of marginalised persons and populations, quality in health care and refugee and migrant health. She leads the Social Foundations of Medicine group at the ANU Medical School, where she instituted a curriculum integrating the social sciences across all four years and of medical education.

Phillips is Medical Director of Companion House Medical Service, the ACT's refugee health care service, and has over twenty-five years of clinical experience working in primary care in the context of deep urban poverty, working in settings including drug and alcohol medicine, elder care, and prison health.

### Details

Christine Phillips was born in London to Australian surgeon Peter Phillips and his wife Beatrice (née Benson). The eldest of nine children, she attended St Joseph's College, Echuca. She interrupted her medical studies at the University of Melbourne first to work in a medical mission in Zambia, and later to undertake research in indigenous health in Alice Springs. On graduating in 1988 she completed her internship and residency at the Royal Darwin Hospital. While living in Darwin she travelled to East Timor shortly after the border was opened, and later spent a sabbatical at a Research Institute in Gambia.

Christine has worked as General Practitioner in Canberra since 1995. Since 2001, she has worked at the medical service associated with Companion House, Canberra's torture and trauma counselling and support service for refugees. She has had a long and ongoing attachment to the at Australian National University's Academic Unit of General Practice and Community Health.

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### National Library of Australia, Oral History and Folklore Collection

[Christine Phillips interviewed by Ann-Mari Jordens \[sound recording\]](#)

### Author Details

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