

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person

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## Williams, Katherine Mary Isabel

(1895 - 1975)

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**Born** 23 April, 1895, Lara Victoria Australia

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**Died** 17 April, 1975, Oakleigh Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Labour movement activist, Trade unionist

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### Summary

Kath Williams was a staunch trade unionist and labour activist who was an important figure in the equal pay for women campaign in Victoria during the 1950s and 1960s. She was one of several Australian Labor Party members who were excluded in the mid 1930s for advocating publicly, against party policy, that sanctions be imposed against Italy, after its invasion of Abyssinia. She was an observer at the first World Conference of Working Women, held in Budapest in 1956, where she presented a paper on the campaign in Australia.

### Published resources

#### Resource Section

Williams, Katherine Mary Isabel (1895-1975), D'Aprano, Zelda, 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A160657b.htm>

#### Book

Kath Williams : the unions and the fight for equal pay, Zelda D'Aprano, 2001

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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