

The Australian Women's Register

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One People of Australia League

(1961 -)

Born 1 January, 1961

Occupation Social action organisation

Summary

The One People of Australia League (OPAL) was established in 1961 as an Aboriginal advancement organisation based in Queensland. The OPAL Centre opened in Brisbane in 1971, providing social activities and support as well as publishing a quarterly journal (1966 – 1975).

OPAL's early membership was predominantly mainstream and Christian and its goals were 'assimilationist.' However, these goals were modified in 1975, moving away from assimilation to a focus on fostering 'cooperation' between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities.

Source: *Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*.

Published resources

Journal Article

They spoke out pretty good: the leadership of women in the Brisbane Aboriginal rights movement, 1958/ 1962, Darling, Elaine, 1996

Edited Book

The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia : Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, society and culture, Horton, David, 1994

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