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Curriculum vitae

Ruth Hope Crow  
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Date of Birth 14/9/'1916

Education

1936 Diploma of Institutional Management (from Emily Mc Pherson College)  
1945 Certificate in Group Work Techniques (special course at Melb Uni. Social Work Dept. for staff for community project in the post-war period)

Employment

1943 to 1944 Secretary Organiser of Brunswick Children's Centre - School Age Section. This centre catered for about 100 school-aged children providing meals and recreation after school and in holidays. It was funded by the Federal and State Government as a wartime scheme.  
1946 to 1948 Organiser of Exhibition Youth Centre (a centre in south Fitzroy which catered for about 200 people of all ages. Education Officer for the Victorian Association of Youth Clubs.  
1952 to 1958 Teacher at inner Melbourne Girls Secondary Schools (then called Brunswick Girls H.S. and Flemington Girls H.S.)

Community Involvement (Child Care)

Here are some examples of helping to campaign for new types of services and involvement in establishing them :-

1942 ....Member of Committee for Co-ordinating Child Care in Wartime, an organisation of community and trade union representatives.  
1942..1943 First Hon. Sec of South Yarra Day Nursery (subsidised by Federal Govt. from 1943 c)  
1945..1947 Member and later Hon Sec of Day Nursery Development Association (campaign to re-establish wartime children's centres and to improve creches).  
1948 to 1952 Helped with children's cultural activities, e.g. children's art (Asian/ Australian Children's Art Exchange), children's dance (Unity Dance Group), children's theatre (New Theatre), children's singing (Austral Singers) etc.  
1957 to 1960 (c) Hon Sec of Coburg Education Committee which was supported by Coburg Council, research on school and preschool education facilities in that municipality.  
1969 to 1972 Hon Sec Action for Adequate child Care (a trade union/community based organisation which campaigned for Federal funding of child care.

1973 to 1981 Member of Committee of Management of Community Child Care helped to establish new types of centres for young children in Kensington, North Melb etc as well as to establish networks of child care centres, helped establish "Ripple" (CCC newsletter).

1979 to 1981 helped to prepare Melbourne City Council Report on Children's Services ('Planning for the 1980s). On initiating committee for Melbourne Municipal Association of Children's and Youth Services.

1981 Prepared history of children's services in the Melbourne Municipality.

Community Involvement (Urban Issues)

1968 on initiating groups for North Melbourne Association and the North Melbourne Social Service

1972 Awarded (jointly with my husband Maurie) by the Royal Aust. Architect a Robin Boyd Award for our "contribution to the literature of town Planning"

1973 Awarded (jointly with my husband) by the Town and Country planning Association the Barrett Medal "for a notable contribution to planning".

1968...1989 Involved in campaigns of the North Melbourne Association making a particular contribution to helping to prepare alternative plans.

1975 Helped to organise the National Radical Ecology Conference which was organised around participatory activities.

1976 (c) helped to establish the North Melbourne Neighbourhood Centre.

1978 (c) helped to establish the North Melbourne News, a community newspaper which has existed for past ten years and is probably one of the longest surviving of all community newspapers.

Community Involvement (Health and Nutrition)

My first abiding interest in human issues was about food, health and income. In the 1930s the first step to being a dietitian was the Diploma of Institutional Management. However I married soon after I had gained my diploma and I was therefore not eligible for employment at hospitals. I am still very interested in social solutions to nutritional problems but have not been greatly involved in this in recent years.

1940 contributed to a book "Food and Health"

1940..1945 Campaigned for nourishing school meals.  
(see above on employment and Brunswick Centre)

1983 (C) on first Committee of Management of the North Melbourne Community Health Centre.

1986 to 1988 Member of Melbourne District Health Council.