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In 1971, when I was a 17 year old living in a small Scottish town, I subscribed to Spare Rib because this magazine agreed with a lot of my thinking. From 1973 to 1976 I was a member of the Women's Liberation Group at Edinburgh University and a Consciousness Raising (C-R) Group. In 1981, I said goodbye to Kirkintilloch forever. During that same year, I was a member of the Aberdeen (Scotland) Rape Crisis Centre, the Women for Peace Camp, another C-R Group and a Radical Nurses' Group.

I migrated to Australia and between 1984 and 1987 I was a member of Women for Survival, another C-R group, another Radical Nurses' Group and the Rape Crisis Centre in Perth, WA.

By 1988 I was a member of the Reclaim the Night Collective and the Radical Action Group in Alice Springs, NT.

I moved to Melbourne in 1989 and joined the Lesbian Festival 1990 organizing collective and helped organize the first couple of International Lesbian Day celebrations in Melbourne in 1990 and 1991. I was one of the founding members of the Performing Older Women's Circus in 1995 and joined the Women's Circus that same year. I joined the Matrix Guild as a supporter and non-active member and also the Lesbian Cancer Support Group as someone who can offer medical and caring support when needed.

I have worked as a nurse specializing in aged care for most of my working life and am currently the Director of a Nursing Home in inner urban Melbourne.