

FOR FEMINIST ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY

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In 2012 Shirley Kent led a successful campaign to preserve funding for the Liverpool Women's Resource Centre (LWRC). Facing the threat of funding cuts head on, she worked in coalition with feminist groups F Collective and WEL to convene a group of 14 threatened organisations.

Shirley was the main spokeswoman for the campaign, lending her voice to contacting petitioners, to the campaign website, and organising and speaking at public rallies. She lobbied the relevant government ministers, her local member, and the Labor Opposition.

She encouraged feminist activism among her colleagues and service users, and eventually secured a four year guarantee of funding, a particularly remarkable achievement in the austere NSW Government funding environment.

In doing so, Shirley Kent not only secured funding for the important feminist work of LWRC, but raised awareness of the Centre's role in making a feminist difference by improving the lives of marginalised, disadvantaged and Aboriginal women in the Liverpool area.



SHIRLEY KENT