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OF FEMINIST PERSPECTIVES IN THE MEDIA

A MEDIA / COMMUNICATION AWARD

At the age of fifteen Zoya Patel began as intern at LIP magazine, founded as an alternative to teen magazines, publishing smart thought-provoking articles by hip, smart young feminists.

She was awarded ACT Young Volunteer of the Year in 2005, and Queanbeyan Young Citizen of the Year in 2006. She became a columnist at LIP, moved to Fiction Editor, then Editorial Assistant and finally, aged twenty, Editor-In Chief. She then restructured and redesigned the failing magazine and moved it to an online outlet. The magazine grew from 20 to 2000 daily readers within two years.

This year Zoya founded FEMINARTSY, a feminist literature and arts website featuring essays, memoirs, art, photos and interviews. As well as LIP she has written for WOMEN'S AGENDA, MAMA MIA, ONYA MAGAZINE and *The Canberra Times*. Zoya now works in Communications at YWCA Canberra, advocating for gender equality.

Through her media work Zoya has provided accessible pathways into feminism for young women.



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