

FOR FEMINIST ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY

A COMMUNITY ACTIVISM AWARD

From her early days at the Bessie Smyth Foundation to her current role as Manager of the Blue Mountains Women's Health and Resource Centre, Suzie van Opdorp has proved a very effective campaigner, assisting many individual women in the areas of abortion, housing, violence and health.

In the Blue Mountains she is 'everywhere', with 'fingers in many pies', working in service system partnerships, in WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE, and in developing SOCIAL AND SAFE, a programme for women and girls on respectful relationships.

She mentors other female managers in a supportive way; she volunteers on the East Timor Sisters Committee, raising money for Timor Leste girls' education; she was an active local leader of the ASU Equal Pay campaign.

Suzie van Opdorp is a role model for so many in the community sector – appearing to have inexhaustible energy and passionate commitment to her social and feminist principles.



SUZIE VAN OPDORP

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