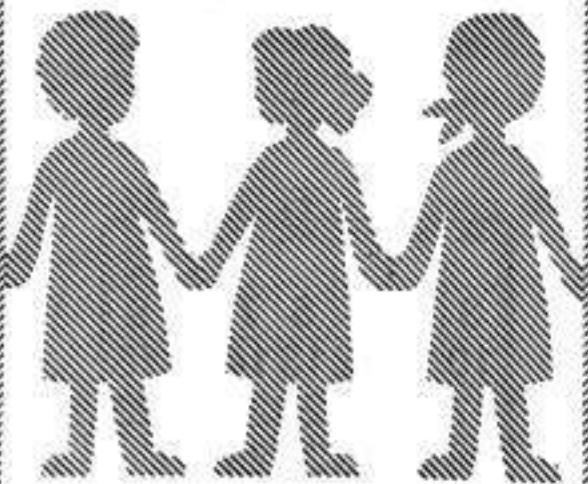


THE WOMEN'S CENTRE



THE WOMEN'S CENTRE is a new service organisation for women which was started by women in Durban. The aim of the Centre is to provide women with useful information and skills.

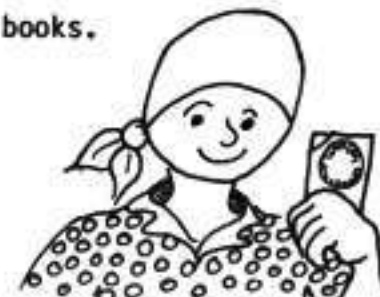
* We have a Resources Sub-Committee which is collecting books and short stories which any women can come and borrow. The Resources Committee will also try and help women to find films and slide-shows they are interested in.

* There is a Literacy Sub-Committee which organises the training of literacy co-ordinators. Co-ordinators teach people to read and write in Zulu or English, depending on what their home language is; and also help Zulu speaking people to learn English. Learning takes place in groups of about 8, and the learners decide when and they want to meet, and what they want to discuss.

* If women want information that is not readily available, the Media and

Research Sub-Committee may be able to help do the research or find out who has got the required information. This committee also makes slide-shows, pamphlets and booklets to help women organise.

Any woman can become a member of THE WOMEN'S CENTRE. It costs R1.00 a year to become a member. Members can borrow our books.



If a group or organisation would like to borrow books but find it difficult to come into town, contact THE WOMEN'S CENTRE and we will bring our 'suitcase library' to you. In this way women can have a 'library' at work during lunch-times, or in the community.

Also let us know if you would like to organise a slide-show to a group. We will try and help you borrow a slide-show and a projector.

SOME OF THE BOOKS . . .

BOOKS

IN THE DITCH - Buchi Emecheta

This is a story about a single black mother. She is not living in her own country, and has to bring up her 6 children on her own. She talks about her problems, how she feels, what the neighbours say and other things that happen in everyday life. In the end, she talks about keeping your pride even though you are very poor. The book is in easy English and is 128 pages long.



LET ME SPEAK -

Domitila Barrios de Chungara

Domitila is a woman. She is a leader among the working people in her country. Most people there work on the tin mines under very bad conditions and with very low pay. The government and the mine own-



ers work together to keep the workers down. Domitila tells us about the lives of the miners, their hard and dangerous struggles, and their strength and unity. Most of the English is quite easy, and the book is 235 pages long.

SHORT STORIES

LISA GODDARD

This story is 33 pages long and is written in easy English. Lisa Goddard is the mother of 2 children and she is just having another baby. Her husband drinks and beats her up. This story takes a look at a part of Lisa's life.



NIGHT SHIFT

This is a two-page photo story about a woman who works night shift. She explains the added problems this makes with transport and housework. And her

loneliness, because everyone is away at work while she is at home. It is very easy to read this nice short story.

NOKULUNGA'S WEDDING

Nokulunga lives on the farm. She tells of her forced marriage and the treatment of women in her community. It is a sad story showing how the women don't have any control over their lives. The story is in easy English and is 5 pages long.



THE WOMEN'S CENTRE is sharing an office with SPEAK. The address is:

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