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Research one of the Faces of Democracy

One way to connect to the Centre of Democracy will be to research one or all three of the following individuals who are featured on the **Interactive Wall** and **Democracy Walk** at the Centre of Democracy.

This can be a whole class, or group or individual activity research assignment. Use the following links to the State Library resources to help gain more information about these prominent South Australian individuals.

General State Library Information

<http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=1105>

Digital Collection

<http://digital.collections.slsa.sa.gov.au/>

Photos in the Catalogue

<http://www.catalog.slsa.sa.gov.au/screens/mainmenu.html>

Dame Roma Mitchell

http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/women_and_politics/mr24.htm

Mary Lee

<http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/marylee/>



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Dame Roma Mitchell

Dame Roma Mitchell graduated as a lawyer from the University of Adelaide in December 1934, and the following February began as a barrister with an Adelaide law firm. In 1962 she became the first Australian woman to be admitted as a Queen's Counsel. She became a judge of the Supreme Court of South Australia in 1965, the first woman in Australia to be appointed to that position. In 1991 she was appointed Governor of South Australia, becoming the first woman in Australia to hold that post.



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Mark Oliphant

Sir Marcus Oliphant is a founding father of the Australian National University in Canberra and a former Governor of South Australia. He won the Exhibition Prize at Adelaide University in 1927 and was accepted by Cambridge University. While there, he was part of a team whose task was to split the atom.



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Mary Lee

'...“Women's enfranchisement” shall be found engraved upon my heart'

Mary Lee fought for legal changes to women's status as secretary of the Purity Society, including raising the age of consent to sixteen. Along with other members of the Purity Society, in 1888 she established the South Australian Women's Suffrage League which advocated for the vote as essential to women's participation as citizens.