



Sophia Williams-de Bruyn

Sophia Theresa Williams-de Bruyn was born in 1938. She became the founder member of the South African Congress of Trade Union (SACTU), grappling with issues such as the Group Areas Act, Separate Development Act and the Bantu Education Act. Together with Helen Joseph, Lillian Ngoyi and Rahima Moosa, Sophia spearheaded the historic **march to the Union Buildings** on 9 August 1956 where women handed over petitions against pass laws and is the only surviving leader of the historical event.

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