

Sabine joined the Amnesty Redfern Group about 10 years ago. At the time Amnesty had several campaigns but she chose to put her focus on the protection of First Nations rights. The first was the homelands campaign which was to raise awareness about and try to reverse the defunding of homelands under the Northern Territory Intervention laws. The next and continuing campaign was to raise the age of criminal responsibility in Australia from 10 years old to that recommended by the United Nations.

Over that 10 years Sabine worked with the Redfern Group to present many documentaries and forums with speakers to support and raise awareness of the issues in these campaigns. Wherever possible Sabine worked to make sure that presenters and speakers were First Nations peoples. As her activist work built over the years, she gained a wide network of First Nations speakers to speak of their experience of life under government policy. Sabine also worked tirelessly to promote events and build a data base to reach a wide audience. While hosting just one film screening can take a lot of organisation and have impact, for the films *Our Generation* and *Utopia*, Sabine organised numerous screenings in different locations.

When you are aware of the many failures of government and society to address injustice, it would be very possible to feel overwhelmed but witnessing Sabine's dedication and commitment to do all she could was an inspiration to us in the Redfern Group. Sabine was the determined, unwavering, and passionate driving force.

We were happy to help in our small way and felt privileged to be part of hopefully change for the better. Because of the commitment to put First Nations voices at the forefront, those events were very powerful. Many times the speakers thanked us for opportunity to be heard.

Whenever we had an event Sabine stayed in the background, usually at the information table with books and DVD for people to find out more. She would never promote herself. Sabine just did what needed to be done, never looking for the limelight.

Sabine listened to the voice of First Nations and understood the importance of people meeting in what has been called "potential space", a space where different cultures can meet and build, moving on from past pain. She could hear the voice of country and she understood the need for us to recognize and embrace First Nations culture as a part of what we are as Australians.

We will miss our human rights warrior and friend.