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Kathy Noble

I have been selected to take part in the 100th Anniversary of the International Women's Day. I am absolutely gob smacked by this, as it recognises me as "Female"

Kathy Noble is the founder of Changeling Aspects, and a tireless campaigner for the rights of the Trans community. Kathy established Changeling Aspects in 2002 with the help of a hospital board to coordinate visits to people who were in hospital recovering from Sex Re-assignment Surgery. The other purpose of the group is advocacy and the provision of information and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans (LGBT) awareness training for health care workers, higher learning institutions and government bodies. Kathy recently delivered training for CareConnect to help them improve their approach to transgender people in aged care and respite facilities. She says the response to the training has been "wonderful".

Kathy is a Member of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) and is on many Queensland Government committees for GLBTI concerns, ageing and suicide, and works with the Anti-Discrimination Commission in Queensland and the Australian Human Rights Commission. She is respected in the corridors of Canberra.

Kathy says violence and discrimination towards the Trans community is real, and is very upset by treatment of Bridget (formerly Captain Matt) by the Australian Army. However, Kathy says there is an increasing awareness of the Trans community amongst the wider community. She says one of the big challenges for Queensland is obtaining legal recognition for Trans people who – like Kathy – were born off-shore but reside in Queensland. She says "we are not fully recognised after surgery; this only pertains to people born in Queensland. The Attorney General has to do something about this – and I have been on to him about it since 2004".

Kathy's journey and activism has been informed by her own experiences and transition to female. In May, Kathy will launch her first book entitled "Two Lives: A Transsexual's story and the fight for recognition". The foreword is written by Commissioner and Chair of the Australian Council of Human Rights Agencies (ACHRA) Susan Booth.

Kathy says this *Everyday Women, Extraordinary Lives* tribute provides very much appreciated recognition.

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Kathy Anne Noble who's book 'Two Lives: a transsexual's story and the fight for Recognition' (yet to be released) has been selected for the 100th International Women's Day 2011. Congratulations Kathy.

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