***Mary Burton***



Mary Burton was born on 19 January 1940 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She moved to South African with her husband in 1958. Burton started soup kitchens in poor Black areas, but eventually she began to feel that even that was not enough. This is when she became involved in the [Black Sash](http://www.sahistory.org.za/topic/black-sash) in 1965. Black Sash was an anti-apartheid organization that comprised of mostly White middle class women. In 1994, Burton was elected to become one of 17 people to sit on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). Burton has since come up with the idea of a Register of Reconciliation for all the people who could not be heard by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) to share their experiences about the transition. In 2000, she helped launch the Home for All Campaign, a campaign that encourages White South Africans to contribute to reconciliation.

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