

TRUBSHAW, Dame GWENDOLINE JOYCE (1887 - 1954), public administrator and social worker;

Name: Gwendoline Joyce Trubshaw
Date of birth: 1887
Date of death: 1954
Parent: Lucy Trubshaw
Parent: Ernest Trubshaw
Gender: Female
Occupation: public administrator and social worker;
Area of activity: Public and Social Service, Civil Administration
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baptised 1 April 1887, daughter of Ernest and Lucy Trubshaw, Ael-y-bryn, Felin-foel, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire. During World War I she was responsible for the recruitment of women for war service and took a deep interest in their welfare, particularly those working in armament factories. She was chairman of South-West Wales War Pensions Committee and received a C.B.E. in 1920 for her services as honorary secretary to the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association. She was elected a member of Carmarthen County Council in 1919 and later an alderman, and became its first woman chairman in 1937. She took great interest in local education, being governor of Llanelli County Schools and chairman of Llanelli School of Art. She was also very active in various health organisations, being a member of the Carmarthenshire Blind Society, and the West Wales Joint Board for Mental Defectives (of which she was chairman for four years), and when the Women's Voluntary Service was established she became the organiser for her county in 1939. In 1946 she was chairman of the Public Health Committee, having been a member for nearly 27 years, whilst in 1951 she became a member of the Central Health Services Council. She was created Dame of the British Empire in 1938. Her home was at Cae Delyn, Llanelli, but she died in London 8 November 1954.

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