

Lowell National Historical Park

Women Working for Change



Deolinda Mello
1915-1997

DEOLINDA MELLO

Deolinda Mello was born in Lowell in 1915 of Portuguese immigrant parents. She dedicated her life to immigrant and refugee settlement. A graduate of Lowell State Teachers College, Mello volunteered with the International Institute for 25 years. She joined the staff and became the Executive Director from 1960-1980. A tireless community translator and advocate for bilingual education in Lowell public schools, Mello made Lowell a more welcoming place.

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