

# Louise Weiss

## A committed European

1893

Born in Arras, France



1914

Gains a prestigious qualification in the arts (*Agrégation de lettres féminine*) and studies Theology at Oxford University



1914

Creates a small military hospital to treat the wounded during World War I

1918

Co-founds the weekly journal *L'Europe nouvelle*



1919

Attends the signing ceremony of the Versailles Peace Treaty as a journalist



1920

Becomes editor-in-chief of *L'Europe nouvelle*



1925

Made a Knight of the Legion of Honour

1930

Founds the *Nouvelle École de la Paix* in Paris



1934

Resigns from *L'Europe nouvelle* and founds the association *La Femme nouvelle*



1938

Becomes Secretary-General of the Central Refugee Committee



1939

Helps to run a women's civil service for passive defence against air attacks



1940

Volunteers for a mission to the USA to gather medicines and essential food for the French Red Cross



1946

Attends the Nuremberg trials as a journalist



1950-1960s

Travels the world creating dozens of documentaries and short films



1964

Collaborates with the *Institut français de pépéologie*, a conflict studies institute whose journal *Guerres et Paix* analyses the root causes of armed conflict



1968

Begins to publish her *Memoirs*



1971

Creates the *Fondation Louise Weiss* which awards individuals who have worked for peace and rapprochement



1971

Co-founds the *Institut des sciences de la paix* at the University of Strasbourg



1979

Elected as a Member of the European Parliament



1983

Passes away in Paris aged 90



1996

The opening of the *Musée Louise Weiss* in Saverne



1999

The European Parliament pays tribute to Louise Weiss by naming the home of the Parliamentary Chamber and the Members' offices in Strasbourg in her honour

