



Events taking place in Newcastle to mark the process of Women's Suffrage

The Women's 100 Group has been meeting for some time and organising events and activities to celebrate the centenary of *The Representation of the People Act* which began the process of women's suffrage. They are marking the occasion with a month of activities (6 Feb to 8 Mar) which celebrate women's political voice and activism, honour women who are making a difference in the City and connect with the theme of International Women's Day 2018, #PressForProgress. There will be further activities happening throughout the year organised by both the Women's 100 Group and a range of partner organisations that are supporting and/or sponsoring activities. These events can be found at www.facebook.com/TheWomens100/ Twitter @womens100 Hashtag #Womens100NCL

Women, politics and voice in Newcastle: cafe encounter **Thursday 8 February, 3.00pm – 5.00pm, The Tivoli Restaurant, Fenwick, Northumberland Street, Newcastle**

2018 marks the centenary of The Representation of the People Act which started the process of women's suffrage. The Women's 100 Group are celebrating the centenary with a range of activities including a café encounter with women in Newcastle who are working to support the local community. Come along and hear from an inspirational group of women and talk to them about the work they are doing, the importance of women's voices and actions and enjoy tea and scones provided by our brilliant hosts, Fenwick.

Speakers are:

Dame Vera Baird, Police & Crime Commissioner, Northumbria Police

Cllr Joyce McCarty, Deputy Leader, Newcastle City Council

Catherine McKinnell MP

Michelle Percy, Assistant Director, Commercial Development, Newcastle City Council

Christine Smith, Newcastle, Wear and Tees WASPI Group Campaigner

Lui Asquith, Policy and Engagement Officer, Office of Jude Kirton-Darling MEP and Paul Brannen MEP, will also be attending.

If you would like to attend, please register [here](#)

Hearts and Minds : The untold story behind votes for women **Thursday 8 February, 5.30pm, Curtis Auditorium, Herschel Building, Newcastle University, free admission**

Jane Robinson, author and social historian

Women won the vote 100 years ago this week. We assume the campaign for enfranchisement was all about the militant Suffragettes, but what finally won the hearts and minds of Parliament and the people was an astonishing six week suffrage march, the 'Great Pilgrimage' – involving thousands of ordinary forgotten men and women. One of its starting points was Newcastle, and this lecture will tell its story.



An Inquiry into the Battle of Newcastle 1909
Sunday 4 March, 1.30pm and 3.30pm, The Guildhall, Newcastle

This event has been organised by Newcastle City Guides to celebrate International Women's Day and 100 years since (some) women won the right to vote. This Guildhall performance looks at a day of suffragette action in Newcastle.

Tickets are available now <https://www.newcastlegateshead.com/whats-on/guildhall-tour-14-january-p911891> £5 plus booking fee (includes a tour of the Guildhall)

'Hens that want to crow'. Suffragists and Suffragettes in the North-East of England, 1866 – 1918

As part of the North East Labour History Society programme Liz O'Donnell will be speaking at the Society's First Tuesday meeting in the Lit and Phil, 23 Westgate Road, Newcastle on Tuesday 6 March at 6.00pm

The talk is about the fight for women's suffrage and its interconnectedness with other women's rights issues. Many people think of this only in terms of the early 20th century suffragettes' militant tactics, but a much wider range of strategies were deployed, from at least the 1860s, with many of the key early campaigners hailing from our region. It is an important reminder that the 1918 Representation of the People Act, which gave women aged 30 and over the vote in Parliamentary elections for the first time, was part of a very long – and by no means completed – struggle for gender equality.

National Assembly of Women
Wednesday 8th March, evening, venue in Newcastle tbc

The National Assembly of Women will be holding a public meeting on the evening of the 8th March in Newcastle, we are in the process of confirming speakers but will be having representative speak from the Sylvia Pankhurst memorial committee. The NAW are in the process of confirming a venue

If We Do Not Count, We Shall Not Be Counted
Wednesday 25 April, 7.30pm, Heaton History Group, Corner House, Heaton Road, Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 5RP

For the Heaton History Group April talk, Anthea Lang will look at women's desire to get the vote in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and the steps they took, peaceable as well as violent, to achieve their goal. The title of Anthea's talk derives from the tactic of avoiding being counted in the 1911 census. Newcastle was a hotbed of suffrage activity and Heaton's own Florence Nightingale Harrison Bell was one of the movement's leaders.

To find out more and book your place go to

<https://heatonhistorygroup.org/2018/01/04/if-we-do-not-count-we-shall-not-be-counted>

Please book your place by contacting maria@heatonhistorygroup.org / 07443 594154

These events organised by a variety of groups which complement those organised by the Women's 100 Group. Please circulate this list around others who you believe might be



interested. If you need further details about any of these events, please contact the individual organiser.

This list was compiled by Newcastle CVS, one of the partners In The Women's 100

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