

Key Stage 2, 3 & 4 and Community Group Activity 7 – Tableaux/Frozen Pictures

In the 19th century women had no place in national politics. They could not stand as candidates for Parliament. It was not until 1928 that all women had equality with men in their right to vote.

Create four freeze frames using your body to express how a person supporting women's right to vote would feel at each of these stages:

- 1) 1867 - John Stuart Mills proposed an amendment that would have given the vote to women on the same terms as men but it was rejected.
- 2) 1903 - The Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) is founded in Manchester by Emmeline Pankhurst. Soon after, suffragette protests for the voting rights of women began.
- 3) 1918 - The Representation of the People Act is passed giving women the vote, but only if they are aged over 30 and either they, or their husband, meet a property qualification. The Parliament (Qualification of Women) Act is passed on 21 November allowing women to stand for Parliament.
- 4) 1928 - The Equal Franchise Act is passed giving women equal voting rights with men. All women aged over 21 can now vote in elections.

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