



Strong-minded Women – 19th Century Women's Rights Movement

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Venue	Madingley Hall Madingley Cambridge		
Tutor	Liz Carter	Course code	1516NRX130

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Tutor biography

Liz Carter was born and educated in North Somerset and moved to Cambridgeshire, via London, in 1975. She turned an interest in family history into a small, home-based business 'Backtracks' in 1988. She is a member of the Society of Genealogists, London, as well as various local and family history societies. She joined the University of Cambridge ICE team in 1996 as a part-time tutor and is also a sessional tutor for the Workers' Educational Association (WEA) for Eastern and East Midlands regions and one of the team of tutors with the Bedford Retirement Education Centre offering a wide variety of local and social history courses. She is also currently a leading tutor with Pharos, an online company offering courses in genealogy and undertakes study days, workshops and short lectures for different groups around the country including the Society of Genealogists.

Liz's other interests include hill walking, patchwork quilting and reading plus caring for two large allotments.

Course programme

Friday

Please plan to arrive between 16:30 and 18:30. You can meet other course members in the bar which opens at 18:15. Tea and coffee making facilities are available in the study bedrooms.

19:00	Dinner
20:30 – 22:00	The Role of Women – status quo in 1837
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Saturday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	The Early Suffrage Groups 1867-1897
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Women and the Law – child custody and divorce laws
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Free
16:00	Tea
16:30 – 18:00	Women and Education – access to higher education
18:00 – 18:30	Free
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	Women and Morals – the hypocrisy of Victorian society
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Sunday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Overseas Influences – suffrage groups in New Zealand, USA and Australia
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Winning the Vote & Beyond – the suffrage movement 1903-1928
12:45	Lunch

The course will disperse after lunch

Course syllabus

Aims:

To investigate the life and work of a selection of 'strong-minded' women whose struggles for women's rights in the male-dominated society of the 19th century paved the way for female emancipation in the early 20th century. To balance the popular belief that Mrs Pankhurst and the Women's Political & Social Union (WSPU) was solely responsible for women winning the right to vote.

Content:

We will start the course with a look at the role of women and their status in society at the start of the Victorian era. On Saturday we investigate the early suffrage groups in Great Britain and then pick out three themes to study for the rest of the day – child custody and divorce; education for women and finally morals, where we consider the plight of the prostitute. On Sunday we bring in the overseas influences and finish the course with the break-away group of militant suffragettes and winning the vote.

Presentation of the course:

The course will comprise 7 classroom sessions with discussion groups, evaluation of printed texts and problem solving. There will be some reading aloud from set pieces, prior to discussion and some of the topics may not be suitable for under-18s as we cover issues such as child prostitution and birth control.

Outcomes:

As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:

1. Explain the key difference between a suffragist and a suffragette.
2. Identify four 'strong-minded' women and describe how their work changed society's attitudes towards women's rights.
3. Prepare a timeline for the women's suffrage movement from 1830 to 1928 showing key events, to include overseas influences.

Reading and resources list

Listed below are a number of texts that might be of interest for future reference, but do not need to be bought (or consulted) for the course.

Author	Title	Publisher and date
Liddington J & Norris J	<i>One Hand Tied Behind Us</i> <i>The British Women's Suffrage Campaign 1866-1928</i>	Rivers, Oram Press 2000
Smith Harold L		Longman, 1998
Atkinson Diane	<i>The Criminal Conversation of Mrs Norton</i>	Arrow 2013
Rover Constance	<i>Love, Morals & the Feminists</i>	Routledge & Kegan Paul 1970

Website addresses

Note Students of the Institute of Continuing Education are entitled to 20% discount on books published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) which are purchased at the Press bookshop, 1 Trinity Street, Cambridge (Mon-Sat 9am – 5:30pm, Sun 11am – 5pm). A letter or email confirming acceptance on to a current Institute course should be taken as evidence of enrolment.

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