

Winning the vote: the story of the women's suffrage movement, 1790-1928

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Venue	Madingley Hall Madingley Cambridge		
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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 genealogy into a small, home-based business 'Backtracks' in 1988 carrying out local and family history research. She joined the University of Cambridge ICE in 1996 as a part-time tutor and is also a sessional tutor for the Workers' Education Association (WEA) and lectures at both the Letchworth Settlement and the Rothsay Education Centre in Bedford. Her specialist areas of research are poverty issues and women's suffrage; her courses and lectures reflect these interests.

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

Course programme

09:30	Terrace bar open for pre-course tea/coffee
10:00 – 11:15	Session 1: Early Beginnings – Mary Wollstonecraft
11:	Coffee
11:45 – 13:00	Session 2: The Kensington Group
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:15	Session 3: Suffrage groups at home and abroad
15:15	Tea
15:30 – 16:45	Session 4: Winning the vote.
16:45	Day-school ends

Course syllabus

Aims:

The day school will investigate the growth of the women's suffrage movement through the 19th century in Britain, comparing this with overseas groups, and study the influence of several strong-minded women on gaining the right to the parliamentary vote.

Content:

We start with the writings of Mary Wollstonecraft in the late 18th century and review the impact of the 1832 Reform Act on the emerging women's rights movement, whilst briefly meeting Caroline Norton.

Our next topic, covering two talks, will be the grouping together of several strong-minded women to form the Kensington Group, later the Langham Place set and their connection with John Stuart Mill and the 1867 Reform Act. We will study contemporary documents and accounts of the early suffrage groups in Britain and abroad and chart their progress towards the full female franchise in the 19th century. This will include such characters as Emily Davies, Barbara Bodichon, Millicent Fawcett and Richard & Emmeline Pankhurst, as well as forays to America and New Zealand to meet Evelyn Anthony, Lucretia Coffin and Kate Sheppard.

Finally we look at the break-away Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) group headed by Mrs Pankhurst and the effects of their militant action in the early part of the 20th century, ending with the Great War. We finish the session with the Representation of People Act 1918 enabling restricted voting by women and the amendment in 1928 providing a full female franchise.

Presentation of the course:

The day school will comprise 4 class based sessions, illustrated with power-point presentations. Copies of contemporary documents will be used for study in pairs/groups and discussion on topics raised will be encouraged. The internet will also be used to illustrate research facilities.

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

- Identify 3 key women who were involved in the early women's suffrage groups and explain their role.
- Create a timeline showing the key events in the women's suffrage movement of the 19th/early 20th century.
- Explain the difference between a Suffragist and a Suffragette.

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
Millicent Fawcett	<i>Women's Suffrage: A Short History of a Great Movement</i>	CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform
Harold Smith	<i>The British Woman's Suffrage Campaign</i>	Longman, 1998

Additional information

Venue

Details of how to find Madingley Hall can be found on our website:
<http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/who-we-are/how-to-find-the-institute>

Refreshments

Tea and coffee and lunch will be provided. If you have any specific dietary requirements or allergies and have not already advised us, please inform our Admissions Team on ice.admissions@ice.cam.ac.uk or +44 (0)1223 746262.

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