

Votes for Women: The Story of the Suffragettes

Be Bold, Be Brave, Make Your Voice Heard!

- At the start of the 20th century, women in the UK were not allowed to vote in general elections, meaning they had no direct say in how the country was run.
- Emmeline Pankhurst founded the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) in 1903 to campaign for women's right to vote.
- Suffragettes used peaceful methods like processions and banners, as well as more daring protests, to draw attention to their cause.
- Ellie the elephant, who loves history, reminds us that the motto of the Suffragettes was 'Deeds, not words,' showing they believed in taking action to change laws.
- In 1918, a law was passed that allowed some women over the age of 30 to vote for the first time.
- It was not until 1928 that all women in the UK were finally given the same voting rights as men, at the age of 21.

Did you know? Did you know? The Suffragettes were famous for using the colours purple, white, and green to show their support. Purple stood for loyalty and dignity, white for purity, and green for hope!

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