



The extension of suffrage

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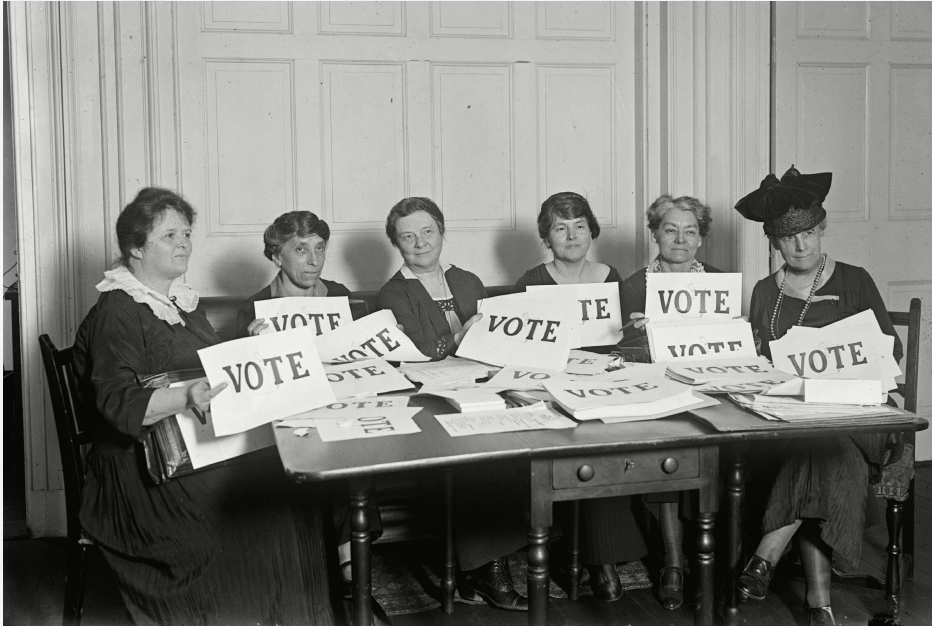
Welcome to Peterloo Museum

On 16th August 1819, St Peter's Field, Manchester, was the day that the protests and campaigns started about women having the right to vote. It took exactly 109 years for women to get their rights. The year that they had their freedom was 1928.

Many people got killed for wanting their rights but others became violent as the government didn't listen to them. Hundreds of protesters were also injured.



Why were women unable to vote?



People believed that women weren't as clever and were inferior to men and that was why they were not granted the vote in the 19th century.

Later on, only some women could vote which were the ones who had property.

Protesters



This picture is showing the soldiers killing protesters. They were told to just charge at the crowd to stop them from protesting. The government and soldiers were worried that the protest would just turn into a rebellion.

The power of women campaigners



Many women had enough of not being listened to so the protest became very violent. It included setting fire to buildings and planting bombs.

Women campaigners who were sent to prison, went on hunger strike so they were force fed as the women tried to starve themselves to death.

Supporting people



Some people supported women's suffrage. This meant that you had to argue that women should be able to vote on the same term as men.

Other people supported adult suffrage. It meant that you had to argue that all adults [men and women] should be able to vote without any property qualifications.

World war 1



The main reason why women can now vote, was because of the war.

Women proved that they were as brave and as clever as men because women took on men's' roles and were able to get the opportunity to help in the war like becoming a nurse or making medicines for the injured soldiers.

Conclusion



In 1928, women were given the right to vote.

I am very proud of the women who were brave enough to stand up for what they believe in.

Despite the terrible things that happened in Peterloo, women still believed that they could change the voting laws.