

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

AIM:

100 years ago, men over the age of 21 and women over 30 years old who held £5 of property (or whose household did!) were given the right to vote via the Representation of the People Act. It wasn't until ten years later, in the Equal Franchise Act of 1928 that women were given the same voting rights as men.

As part of the campaigning by Suffragettes, prints and posters were used as an instrument of mass propaganda and mass communication to deliver their political view that all women should be given the right to vote. Since this time, women have been working towards equal rights and, even today, there is still a lot of work to do. The aim of this activity is to produce an equal rights poster, similar to those used by the Suffragettes.

TIME:

20-30 minutes

EQUIPMENT:

- Pens and paper.
- Other decorative materials of your choosing, to make your poster stand out!

METHOD:

- Create an equal rights poster, either individually, or as a unit, or another grouping of your choice.
- Your poster should highlight one or more of the key equal rights issues faced by women.

TIP: DISCUSS THESE AS A GROUP BEFORE YOUR POSTER IS CREATED, TO GIVE YOU SOME IDEAS.

TAKING IT FURTHER:

- Why not choose the best poster in your group and either post it online, or around your local area (with the correct permissions), to raise awareness of the campaign for equal rights.
- You could research some of the issues faced by women in other countries and create a poster to highlight those. Or why not recreate one of the suffrage posters?

