

Course details

Course title

History: How the Vote was Won - Campaigns for Democracy in Britain

Course code

Q00018050

Course date

Start: 27/01/25

End: 24/03/25

Number of classes

8 sessions

Timetable

Mon 27th Jan, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 3rd Feb, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 10th Feb, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 24th Feb, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 3rd Mar, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 10th Mar, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 17th Mar, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 24th Mar, 19:00 to 21:00

Tutor

Symon Hill

Fee range

Free to £59.20

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!
Online

Venue
Online

Level of study
Beginners

Course overview

An opportunity to explore the fascinating stories of movements and individuals who worked to achieve the right to vote in Britain. Our subjects range from Puritan soldiers in the 17th century to Welsh republicans in the 19th and women mill workers in the early 20th. We will meet Levellers, Chartists, Suffragists and Suffragettes as well as lesser-known groups. As we encounter campaigners divided over tactics, politics and ethics, we will see how the right to vote overlapped with other controversies and ask why advances and setbacks happened when they did.

Course description

The right to vote was not handed down by the powerful but fought for over centuries. We will use primary sources as we look together at the words of the first people in Britain to call for votes for all men – and the first to insist on votes for all women. We will encounter surprising stories, from radicals in Nottingham who attacked a castle to young women in Lancashire who marched for the vote for working class women. The course will give you the opportunity to read and discuss the words of these campaigners and their opponents. You will be able to look at primary sources including newspaper reports, letters and even cartoons with many different approaches to the issues under debate. The course will help you to form your own conclusions about some vital and controversial questions that historians discuss. Why did change happen what it did? Why did some campaigns succeed while others failed? Did the use of violence help or hinder campaigns for the vote? Were rights won because of campaigners' choice of methods or does change owe more to wider social and economic factors? And crucially: what relevance does all this have for us today?

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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