



Seeing the Capital Differently

Suffrage

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Please note:- some places restrict entry and ask for prior application either in writing or by telephone. This is indicated where known. Others may change opening days and hours with little warning – it may be worth checking by phone if they are off the beaten track.

A very brief description of the reason for the choice of site is given but because of space it is not possible to include much detail. Again a telephone call to the site may help you to decide on whether a visit is worthwhile. Remember there may be other items that interest you at the same site.

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Enjoy Your Explorations

Women's Library (formerly The Fawcett Library)

Old Castle Street, E1
020 7320 2222 www.thewomenslibrary.ac.uk

transport: Aldgate East & Aldgate u/g, Fenchurch Street & Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 15,25,40,42,67,78, 100,253

facilities: disabled access & wcs; library; Wash Houses Café; sales desk

opening: Reading Room Tue, Wed, Fri 09.30-17.00, Thur 09.30-20.00, Sat 10.00-16.00; Exhibition Mon-Wed, Fri 09.30-17.30, Thur 09.30-20.00, Sat 10.00-16.00

established in 1926 by Dame Millicent Fawcett as the Library of the London Society for Women's Service (formerly Suffrage) it covers all aspects of women in society, mainly in Great Britain but also in Commonwealth & emerging countries. It documents and explores women's lives in the past, present and future and has a stock of 60,000 books, 2000 journals and 1600 boxes on organisations & individuals, newspaper cuttings, photographs, autograph letters, campaign badges and posters

British Library

96 Euston Road, NW1
020 7412 7332 www.bl.uk

transport: King's Cross, St Pancras & Euston u/g & rail; buses 10,30,73,91

facilities: disabled access & wcs; refreshments; shop; tours (Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun 15.00; Sat 10.30 & 15.00; a charge is made)

opening: Mon, Wed, Fri 09.30-18.00; Tue 09.30-20.00; Sat 09.30-17.00; Sun 11.00-17.00

admission free to Exhibition Galleries; a reader's pass is required for the reading rooms (phone library for details)

the British national library was opened in 1998 and has one of the richest collections of books and related materials in the world. Amongst its treasures is a scrapbook covering women's suffrage during the years 1911 to 1914

Museum of London

150 London Wall, EC2Y
020 7600 3699 www.museumoflondon.org.uk

transport: Barbican, St Paul's & Moorgate u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,56,100, 172,242

facilities: audio tapes and braille sheets; disabled access via ramps; disabled wcs; library; restaurant and snacks; shop

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.50, Sun noon-17.50 (last admission 17.30)

admission free

the Suffragette Fellowship Archive is a collection of printed, archival material including posters, newspapers, costumes, photographs, banners and personal memorabilia

Emmeline Pankhurst

Victoria Tower Gardens, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

a statue of 1930 by Arthur George Walker, commemorates the leader of the women's suffrage movement. Mrs Pankhurst (1857-1928) was frequently arrested and imprisoned for her beliefs. On one side of the statue is a bronze medallion (added 1959) of her daughter, Dame Christabel Pankhurst (1880-1958), also a

suffragette. On the other another shows the badge of WSPU (Women's Social Political Union) prisoners 1905-14

Suffragette Fellowship

Christchurch Gardens, Victoria Street, SW1

transport: Westminster & St James's Park u/g; buses 11, 24,88,211

an upright bronze scroll erected in 1970 and by Edwin Russell is inscribed with the symbol of WSPU (Women's Social Political Union) prisoners (1905-14) and the words 'to commemorate the courage & perseverance of all those men & women who, in the long struggle for votes for women, selflessly braved derision, opposition & ostracism, many enduring physical violence and suffering'

Major John Cartwright

Cartwright Gardens, WC1

transport: Russell Square u/g, Kings Cross/St Pancras & Euston u/g & rail; buses 10,30,59,68,73,91,168

a political reformer, Cartwright (1740-1824) wrote treatises advocating annual parliaments, ballots and manhood suffrage. Besides writing he worked on reforms in farming, the abolition of slavery, national defences and the liberty of Spain and Greece. The statue was erected in 1831 and is by George Clarke

John Stuart Mill

Victoria Embankment Gardens east of Temple Station, WC2

transport: Temple & Embankment u/g, Charing Cross & Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13,15,23,26,59,68, 76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341; boat Savoy & Embankment Piers

philosopher & social reformer Mill (1806-73) is shown seated in this statue of 1878 by Thomas Woolner. Leader of the Benthamite utilitarian movement Mill was elected to parliament in 1865 and campaigned for women's suffrage and liberalism

Henry Fawcett

Victoria Embankment Gardens, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Embankment & Westminster Millennium Pier

Fawcett (1833-84) is commemorated by a bust and fountain erected in 1886. On joining the parliamentary group led by John Stuart Mill he campaigned for women's suffrage. When appointed Paymaster General in 1880 he used his power not only to introduce parcel post and the sixpenny telegram but also to introduce the employment of women medical officers

Metropolitan Police Historical Museum

New Scotland Yard, Room 1328A, St James's, SW1H
020 8305 2524

transport: St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,88,211

opening: Crime Museum is not open to public (used as lecture theatre on subjects to do with Criminology). The rest of the Museum is at present closed to the public but it is hoped that a new policing museum will open shortly at the old Bow Street Police Station

the archives held by the Museum cover all aspects of London's Metropolitan police force and its history. Among the topics covered are special constables, riots, strikes, marches, ceremonial occasions, Special Branch, Ireland and terrorism, the suffragette movement, life in London during the 2nd World War, crime investigation, forensic science, CID, a Rogues Gallery (photographs),

fingerprints, stolen vehicles, traffic control - just about every aspect of police work you can think of
*a special collection of items designed to give police officers practical instruction on how to detect and prevent crime are kept in the Crime Museum. **Unfortunately this is not open to the public***

Hyde Park, W1/W2

020 7298 2100 www.open.gov.uk/rp/rphome.htm

transport: Knightsbridge, Hyde Park Corner, Marble Arch & Lancaster Gate u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38, 52,73,74,82,137

facilities: *Old Police Station sells books, postcards & maps about the Royal Parks & guides to trees & monuments*

opening: daily 05.00-24.00

in 2000 a black and white pebble mosaic was laid out on the pathway in the north east part of the park near to Marble Arch. This is the Reformers Tree that commemorates the struggle for political enfranchisement in the 19th century. The inscription round the edge gives an explanation while pointer markers incorporated in the design direct the visitor to various parts of the park.

the original tree was burnt down in 1866 during the Reform League riots and the stump became a notice board for political demonstrations and a gathering point for meetings. In 1872 Speakers' Corner was designated for this purpose and has remained one of three places in London where public speaking is allowed (if you like to hear both speakers and hecklers on almost every imaginable subject then Sunday afternoon is best!) . A new Reformers' Tree was planted on the spot of the original tree by the Prime Minister James Callaghan in 1977

30 Bow Road, E3

transport: Bow Road u/g, Bow Church DLR; buses 339, D6,D7,D8,S2

The Minnie Lansbury Memorial Clock is a three -faced clock on wrought iron brackets and frame above a shop at 30 Bow Road. It was erected in memory of the suffragette and daughter of a local Member of Parliament George Lansbury. Lansbury (1859-1940) became a member of parliament in 1910 but resigned two years later to support women's suffrage. Between 1931 and 1935 he was leader of the Labour Party

A great deal of care has been taken in collecting the information in this leaflet but *CityThemes* cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of that information. It can cover only a few of the many interesting sites to be found in London and therefore must not be considered a definitive guide.

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