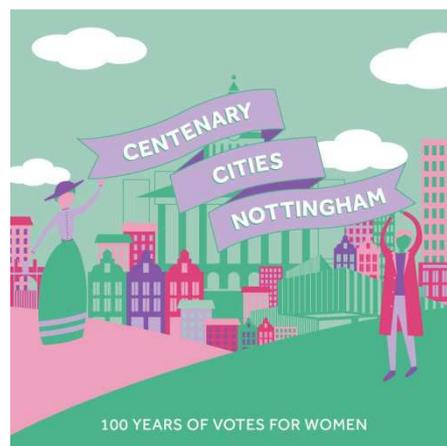


## Centenary Cities Nottingham

### 100 years of votes for women

#### *Offer to schools*

Nottingham City Council, in partnership with local women's organisations, has been [granted funding from the Government Equalities Office](#) to celebrate the centenary of British women's suffrage in 2018.



The ['Centenary Cities' project](#) was established by the government to "support centenary activities in English cities with histories in suffrage and the suffragette movement". The project is part of a wider effort to commemorate the [1918 Representation of the People Act](#), which granted the vote to some British women for the first time.

Alongside our partners – the [Nottingham Women's History Group](#), [Nottingham Women's Centre](#) and [The Party Somewhere Else](#) – the council will be using the Centenary Cities funding to plan and deliver a series of events and activities over the coming year, celebrating Nottingham's unique history of suffrage whilst also exploring what suffrage means in the city today.

We're eager that people from all across Nottingham can take part in the project, most especially women and young people. With this in mind, we would very much like to invite your school to get involved with Centenary Cities Nottingham. We would love to hear about any plans you have for celebrating the centenary, but we're also writing to let you know about the various ways you can engage with our programme.

Listed below are a number of opportunities that we have developed so that your staff and students can easily participate in our events and activities...

- **JOIN OUR THUNDERCLAP!**

The Centenary Cities Nottingham project officially launches on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and we want to kick off our year of celebrations with a bang!

We've started a [Thunderclap campaign](#), which will send out a tweet/post celebrating suffrage and encouraging voter registration from all subscribed accounts on 6<sup>th</sup> February at 8am. However, the message will only go out if we reach our target of 250 subscribers – can you help by [subscribing your school/personal social media accounts](#) and sharing the subscription link with your followers before the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb deadline?

We're also launching our "[Twibbon](#)" campaign on 6<sup>th</sup> February – if you'd really like to show your #SupportforSuffrage, simply add the Twibbon to your profile image!

If you're planning to employ social media to talk about the centenary, make sure to use the hashtag #Vote100 and please do tag us in your posts and tweets so we can help to shout about your celebrations! (Facebook: [Centenary Cities Nottingham](#) and Twitter: [@CentCitNottm](#)).

Any questions, drop us an email at [centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

- **VOTER REGISTRATION WORKSHOPS**

In recognition of women's long campaign for voting rights, our Electoral Services Engagement Officer would love to come and deliver her voter registration workshop to your older students (both female and male). The hour-long workshop explores the different skills that young people might need to become active participants in our democracy. Students will look at the importance of having opinions, engaging in discussion, being informed and understanding the history of our voting rights. Given the theme of the Centenary Cities celebration, this last element will have a specific focus on the fight for women's suffrage.

Ideally aimed at 16-18 year olds, the workshop has previously been run with students from age 14. Whilst the latter are too young to register to vote, we have found that taking part in the workshop at least gives them food for thought as they grow older. When delivered to students aged 16+, participants will be encouraged and supported to register to vote at the end of the session if they wish.

The workshops are completely free of charge and run all year round. However, our 'Centenary Cities' edition of the workshop is available to book from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The only requirements for running the session are access to a projector and a screen in a room large enough for the students to move around. We do recommend setting aside an hour for the workshop – if this is not possible, we also offer assemblies which allow greater flexibility (see below).

Ideally, the workshop would be delivered to no more than 30 students at a time but it can be run on multiple occasions in the same school, schedule depending. To make an enquiry or to book a session, please email [centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk).

- **ASSEMBLIES**

We want to make sure that every young person in the city understands what the suffrage movement was and why it was so important. To achieve this, we would be

glad to deliver an assembly to your students, exploring the “who, what, why, where, when and how” of women’s fight for the vote.

Assemblies can be adapted depending on the size of the audience and the amount of time available to deliver it. We’re happy to present to full year groups, or smaller groups if this is easier. Assemblies generally run between 10 and 20 minutes (depending on your preference) and are available to book from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

To enquire further or to book an assembly, please email [centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk).

- **WORLD BOOK DAY “SUFFRAGE STARTER PACK”**

As part of the centenary celebrations, we want young people in Nottingham to really get a flavour of what it was like to be a suffrage campaigner. We’re proposing to send a “suffrage starter pack” to each secondary school in the city in time for World Book Day on 1<sup>st</sup> March. The pack will include...

- A copy of [Emmeline Pankhurst’s “My Own Story”](#)
- A copy of Nottingham Women’s History Group’s, [“No Surrender!: Women’s Suffrage in Nottingham”](#)
- A copy of a new poem on women’s suffrage in Nottingham, commissioned from the city’s [Young Poet Laureate, Georgina Wilding, and](#)
- A covering letter written by [Dr Helen Pankhurst](#), women’s rights activist and great-granddaughter of Emmeline Pankhurst, the leader of the British suffragette movement

We would encourage you to bring the pack to the attention of your students on World Book Day, perhaps with an assembly? Please do get in touch if we can assist you in making a fuss about it!

To enquire further, or to pose any questions, please email [centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk).

- **VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE**

What better way to celebrate 100 years of women’s suffrage than to help people register to vote in the modern day?

We will be hosting a voter registration drive in the city on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018. We would be delighted if you wanted to support the drive by assisting your staff and students to register to vote during the school day.

We could send you resources for a voter registration stall (leaflets, stickers, registration forms, posters etc.) and we would shout about your efforts across our social media.

Of course, we'd be glad to provide the same support if you'd prefer to host your drive on a different day. It's all about encouraging people – women and girls especially – to continue the habit of registering and voting into the future.

To enquire further, or to pose any questions, please email [centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk).

- **ADVERTISE/PROMOTE YOUR OWN EVENTS**

If you're ahead of the curve and you've already planned your own events to mark the centenary of suffrage, we would love to help you promote your activities.

For activities that are taking place with your students only, we would be glad to share any of your social media content, or to invite you to write a guest blog on our website (see below).

For activities that are open to the public, we will also gladly include the details on our website's interactive calendar. Simply drop us an email to request a calendar event submission form if you want to take us up on the offer!

If any of your events involve registering people to vote, we would be happy to send some resources to assist you.

To enquire further, or to pose any questions, please email [centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk).

- **WRITE A GUEST BLOG**

We're looking for guest bloggers to contribute to the blog page on our website. If you're planning your own events in school and want to talk about what you're doing and why, we'd love to get your message out there through the blog.

Equally, if you have any budding writers or journalists within the staff/student body, it would be great to get some short articles from them on the theme of women's suffrage and women's rights.

To enquire further, or to pose any questions, please email [centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk).

- **PARTNER OFFERS**

Nottingham City Council is not the only organisation offering exciting opportunities for engagement with this project. All three of our Centenary Cities partners are developing their offer to schools too.

[The Party Somewhere Else](#) - who are leading on arts themed activities for the centenary - are excited to be developing a programme for post-16 school groups with theatre artist [Kate Willoughby](#). They are looking to deliver a full performance of Kate's play, "[To Freedom's Cause](#)", about suffragette Emily Wilding Davison, alongside workshops designed to inspire participants to use their voices for change.

[Nottingham Women's History Group](#) and the [Nottingham Women's Centre](#) are still working on their programmes, but we would be glad to update you once their offers are firmed up.

If you would like to enquire further about any of the opportunities above, or if you want to tell us about your own plans for next year's centenary, please don't hesitate to email us at [centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:centenarycities@nottinghamcity.gov.uk). Our team will respond to you as soon as possible.

We hope that we will get to work together on this exciting celebration of women's voting rights. Unless you advise otherwise, we will add the contact details of any school that gets in touch to our schools mailing list – this should help you stay in the loop with our plans for Centenary Cities as they evolve. For general updates, you can also subscribe to our newsletter through our [website](#) when it launches on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

With our best wishes for an exciting year of suffrage celebrations,

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