



Votes for Women: Visitors can watch a specially curated film at the Museum of London

Suffrage in the City

This year marks the centenary of the Representation of the People Act, which granted some women over 30 the right to vote in the UK for the first time.

To celebrate the efforts of the brave individuals involved in campaigning for this landmark achievement, MetroTravel rounds up some of the best places in London to visit and learn more about the suffragist movement.

Courage calls to courage everywhere

Millicent Garrett Fawcett was a leading suffragist, who advocated peaceful protest and was head of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies.

A new bronze statue in her honour was recently unveiled in Parliament Square. Created by Turner Prize-winning artist, Gillian Wearing, it is the first monument of a woman to be displayed in the square.

How to get there: Westminster Tube station is about a three-minute walk away. Westminster Pier and St James's Park Tube station are both a five-minute walk. Several bus routes stop nearby.

Pioneers

The National Portrait Gallery is marking the 100th anniversary with a free display of paintings and photographs.

Images of key Victorian figures in the pioneering campaign for women's political representation include sisters Jane Cobden Unwin and Anne Cobden Sanderson, and Elizabeth, Agnes and Millicent Garrett.

How to get there: Both Leicester Square Tube station and Charing Cross station are less than a five-minute walk away. Embankment station is also nearby.

Deeds not words

Emmeline Pankhurst played a more militant role in helping women gain the right to vote. Emmeline founded the Women's Social and Political Union and is considered to be one of the most influential women in twentieth century British history. After passing away in 1928, she was buried in Brompton Cemetery and a statue of her can also be found in Victoria Tower Gardens.

How to get there: Fulham Broadway Tube station is a short walk from Brompton Cemetery. West Brompton station is about a 10-minute walk. A number of buses stop nearby.

Westminster Tube station is a five-minute walk from Victoria Tower Gardens. Buses 3 and 87 both stop outside the park.

Votes for Women

The Museum of London is home to the world's largest collection of suffragette objects, including Emmeline Pankhurst's hunger strike medal. This year, the museum has created a commemorative display, including a newly commissioned film, which highlights milestones in the campaign for female suffrage and considers the legacy of that struggle and its contemporary relevance.

How to get there: Barbican, St Paul's and Moorgate stations are all under a five-minute walk. Buses 4, 8, 25, 56, 100, 172, 242 and 521 stop nearby.

Suffragette Fellowship

In Christchurch Gardens, Westminster, you can find a statue commissioned by The Suffragette Fellowship and unveiled in 1970 to commemorate 'the courage and perseverance of all those men and women who in the long struggle for votes for women selflessly braved derision, opposition and ostracism, many enduring physical violence and suffering.'

How to get there: St James's Park Tube station is a five-minute walk away. Victoria station is a 10-minute walk away. Buses 11, 24, 148 and 211 all stop nearby.

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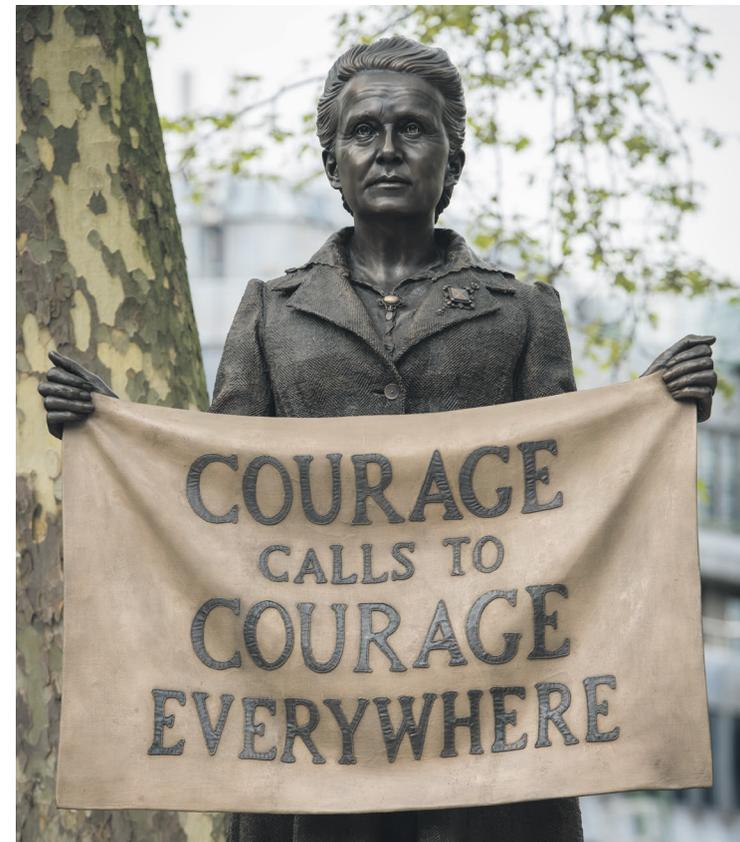


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Bold as bronze: The statue of Millicent Fawcett was unveiled in Parliament Square

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