

National Council of Women GB Young Women's Convention

Celebrating underrepresented voices

9 November 2024

Friends House, London



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Aims for the day



A unique free event for young women

The morning will concentrate on young women's communities who face specific disadvantages and/or barriers to participating in campaigning for policy change. These areas are:

- black and ethnic minorities
- deaf and disabled communities
- LGBTQ+
- living in rural and poor urban areas

This will be in the form of a friendly discussion and use of interactive tools to record experiences of disadvantage and to make positive suggestion of ways we can work together to overcome them. You will be placed into 1 of 4 consultation groups and each group will rotate every 20 minutes to contribute to all 4 topics.

During the afternoon, we aim to encourage young women to become more engaged as local community activists, hearing from those who have overcome their challenges. Each member of the panel will represent a different level of engagement opportunity:

- volunteering for an organisation
- setting up a campaign
- being elected to a local authority
- being elected to Parliament
- becoming a Life Peer



Become part of history, like these young NCWGB women who formed the first women's police force in 1914 !!!!

Programme



10.00 - 10.30:	Registration
10.30 - 10.40:	Introduction: Jilly Rogers, President, NCWGB
10.40 - 11.00:	Round table session 1
11.00 - 11.20:	Round table session 2
11.20 - 11.30:	Morning break
11.30 - 11.50:	Round table session 3
11.50 - 12.10:	Round table session 4
12.10 - 12.30:	Morning summary: Jilly Rogers
12.30 - 13.15	Lunch
13.15 - 13.40	Tea with Emily Wilding Davison (performance by Kate Willoughby)
13.40 - 13.50	Volunteering with an organisation: Abby Hunt, Network 18-30 member
13.50 - 14.10	Setting up your own campaign: Helena Trenkic, Network 18-30 member
14.10 - 14.30	Becoming a local councillor: Councillor Cici Manwa, Network 18-30 member
14.30 - 14.45	Afternoon break
14.45 - 15.15	Standing for Parliament: speaker tbc
15.15 - 15.45	Becoming a Life Peer: Baroness Carmen Smith of Llanfaes
15.45- 16.15	Q&A /discussion: Led by key afternoon speakers and representatives of organisations helping with round tables
16.15 - 16.30	Summary, actions identified and acknowledgements

Introduction to some of our key speakers



Carmen Smith, Baroness Smith of Llanfaes – Member of the House of Lords

Carmen Smith became the youngest member of the House of Lords and youngest ever life peer when appointed earlier this year. Despite her rapid rise in politics and public life, a political career was not always on the cards. Growing up on a council estate in Llanfaes, a small village in North Wales, she didn't have any interest in politics. So what changed? And what was her journey to becoming a member of one of the oldest political institutions in the world?

Kate Willoughby - Actor & part-time Suffragette

In this year of democracy, where over half the world's population have the opportunity to vote in nationwide elections, actor/campaigner Kate invites you to take tea with suffragette Emily Wilding Davison. Emily will look back at the Votes For Women campaign and explore why she believes all our voices matter at the ballot box today. A specially created piece for the National Council of Women, on why voting is important for women to achieve an inclusive society. Through drama, discussion and online engagement this session is a call to action to #LoveYourVote.



We are delighted that some of our own Network 18-30 members will be sharing their own experience of community activism, and joining our speakers panel. Helena and Cici are sharing their own personal journeys to successfully becoming a voice for women, and Abby will talk about representing NCWGB at the UN's CSW in New York. We are also really pleased to welcome Victoria Brown, LGBTQ+ Focus Group Chair, Teesside University, and Husna Ahmed, founder of Global One, who will be leading round table discussions on LGBTQ+ and BME issues, respectively. Keep an eye on our website for details of other contributors.



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