
SPECIAL MOTION NO.7 – WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Lucy Ivimy
- (ii) Councillor Viya Nsumbu

This Council notes:

1. The passage of the Representation of the People Act 1908 on 6 February 1908 with cross party support. The 1908 Act enabled the enfranchisement of women, permitting them to vote in local and national elections and to stand for election to Parliament for the first time.
2. The centenary of this great land mark in our democracy.
3. The involvement of local women in the war effort during the Great War of 1914 – 1918, especially as much of the work was hazardous and dangerous. This significant contribution to the nation underscored the value of women to the nation’s wellbeing, easing the path to women suffrage.
4. The contribution of Hammersmith and Fulham public figures at the forefront of the women’s suffrage movement, including Mary Lowndes who established The Artists’ Suffrage League in 1907.

This Council resolves that in the centenary of women’s suffrage we commit to ensuring that the sacrifices and achievements of those local heroines and heroes who fought for equal suffrage are remembered and celebrated in our borough, in our schools and across our community.