



Votes for Women - Suffrage Banners

Women's suffrage was a movement beginning in the mid – 19th century in which people campaigned for the right of women to vote in elections.

Women had already been campaigning for many years and campaigning had slowly moved from private homes to public spaces.

In 1908 the NUWSS (National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies) and the WSPU (Women's Social and Political Union) had staged spectacular events promoting 'Votes for Women'

One of the ways that the movement campaigned was through protests and processions where banners, posters and leaflets were used. Banners used in early processions were usually homemade and often had the words 'Votes for Women' painted on.

Later banners became more detailed and elaborate and carried more varied messages. Banner designs included the names of different groups, different societies, and famous women of the time. They were often embroidered, stencilled, or sewn into elaborate designs.

100 Banners

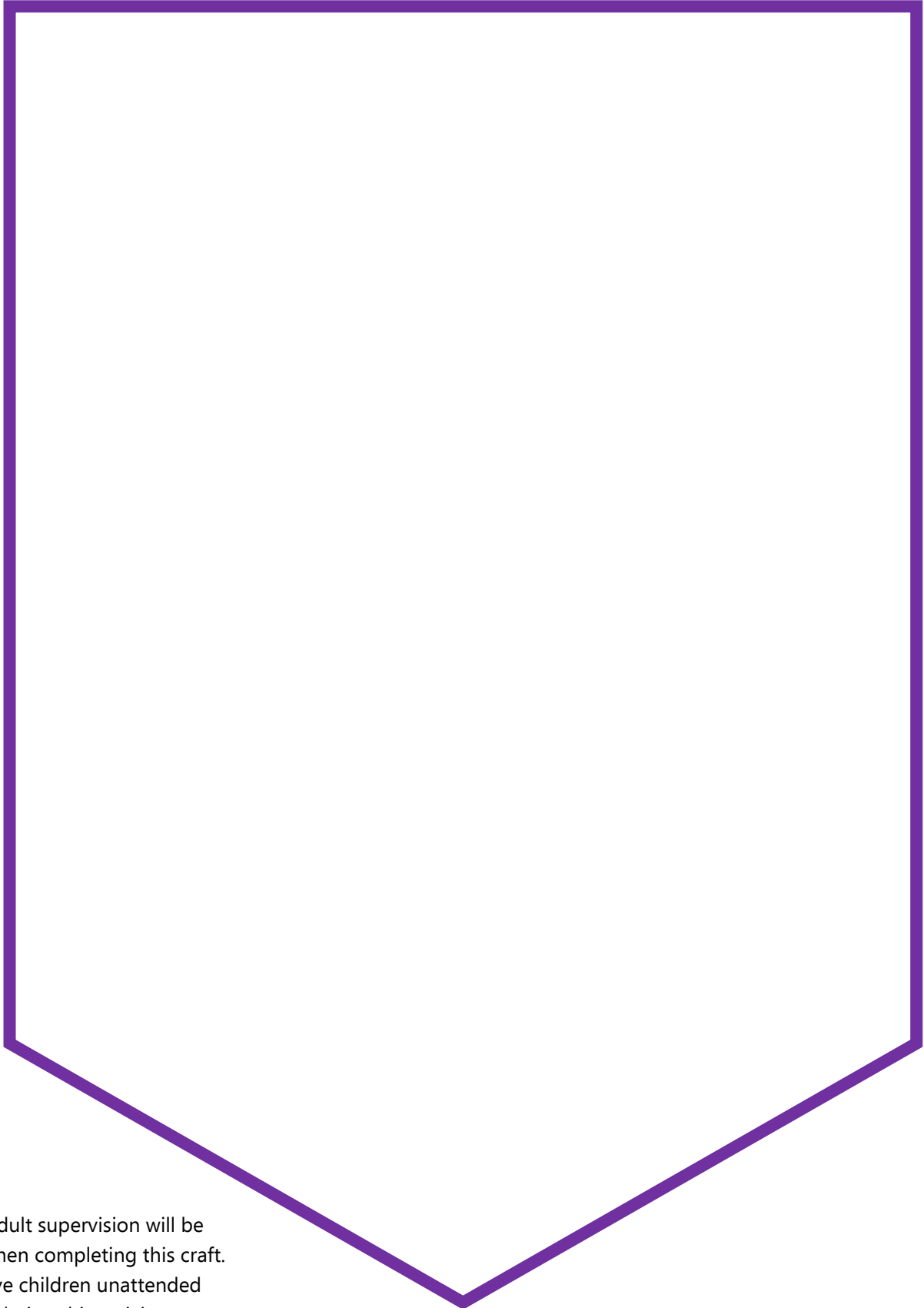
In 2018 on the 100th anniversary of women receiving the vote, local Haringey residents, including members of the Friends of Bruce Castle took part in a banner making workshop organised by Digital Drama. Just one of a number of museums the groups created 3 banners inspired by the suffrage movement and the local area.

Below are some of the banners created!



How to make a Suffrage Banner

Design your own banner in the area below. Think about what you might want to say on your banner and what you might want to represent. You could design your banner for the suffrage movement or find a modern-day topic to campaign about.



Caution: Adult supervision will be required when completing this craft. Do not leave children unattended when completing this activity.