



## How did we get here?

VOTES  
FOR  
WOMEN

**1865** Organised campaigns began for women to have the right to vote

**1897** The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies formed, led by Millicent Fawcett. As a Suffragist, she worked within the law to bring about change

**1928** All women over the age of 21 were given the vote

**1929** The idea of Guilds was born, for women to meet and learn about citizenship and how to use the vote. The first Guild was opened in Hayward's Heath. Guilds were able to meet, work together and help others locally by forming Federations

**1932** The organisation became the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds.

**World War 2** During the war years the Government asked the NUTG to encourage married women who were not eligible for National Service to work locally, part time, to release others for war work.

**1950s** Guilds and Federations joined in the Festival of Britain celebrations. After the Annual General Meeting Townswomen were able to campaign on national affairs.

**1960s 1970s 1980s**

Members campaigned on issues such as:  
Environmental pollution, mixed-sex wards, nuclear power, food additives, prescription charges, carers' rights

**1989** The National Union of Townswomen's Guilds became Townswomen's Guilds

**1990** Nearly £200,000 was raised to plant trees in 6 new woods, to help the environment and to replace trees lost in storms in the late 1980s. TG continues to support the environment with the 'In Our Hands' initiative

**1990s 2000s**

Members continued campaigning on: Single person supplements, human trafficking, banking, banning FGM and modern slavery. Have a look at the Campaign Hub on our website to see all that TG have been involved with

**2017** A TG memorial was commissioned for the National Memorial Arboretum

**2019** We celebrated our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**2021** TIGs, Townswomen's Internet Groups, started via the TG website and TAGs, Townswomen's Associate groups, which are small and less formal groups, were also introduced



- And members of this friendly organisation still meet together regularly in person or on-line, regardless of politics, race, age, religion or circumstance
- As well as meeting locally, members can be involved in national activities and events in person or online
- They exchange ideas, develop new skills and interests, lobby on local and national Issues, make friends and have fun!

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