

THE 1866 SUFFRAGE PETITION

On 7 June 1866 a petition calling for women's suffrage, signed by approximately 1500 women, was presented to Parliament. This was the first mass petition in the United Kingdom calling for women to have the right to vote. While it was unsuccessful in its aims, the landmark petition is now considered to be the start of the organised campaign for women's voting rights.

ACTIVITY 1

🔍 The source below is an extract from the 1866 petition. Using the source and your own knowledge, what can be inferred from this extract? List 3 points.

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Jane Greaves, Rochdale
 R. N. Green, Hayward's Heath, Sussex
 Amy H. Green, 36, Parliament Street, London, S.W.
 Harriet Green, Aldeburgh, Suffolk
 Betsy Matilda Pelham Green, Luton House, Camberwell
 Catherine Ackworth Green, ditto
 Margaret S. C. Greenfield, 4, Cranburg Terrace, Southampton
 Oriana T. Greenfield, ditto
 Vere T. Greenfield, ditto
 Mrs. E. O. Greening, Lower Broughton, Manchester
 Georgina Gregson, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 Maria G. Grey, 18, Cadogan Place
 E. Grimwood, 1, Bellevue Road, Woodhouse, Leeds
 S. Grimwood, ditto
 H. Grote, 12, Saville Row, London, W.
 Mrs. E. Grundy, Greenhill, Cheetham Hill, Manchester
 Elizabeth Hope Grundy, Upper Brook Street, ditto
 Anne Gully, Priory, Great Malvern
 Louisa Gumpert, Oxford Street, Manchester
 B. A. Gupp, Haven, Rudgwick, Sussex
 Annie Hacking, 7, New Bailey Street, Salford
 Susannah Hacking, ditto
 Esther Hacking, ditto
 Mrs. F. C. Haddock, 27, Alma Terrace, Belfast
 Ann Hadfield, Clifton Park
 Emily Hadfield, 45, Coupland Street, Oxford Road, Manchester
 Sarah Hadlow, 19, Buckingham Place, Brighton
 Julia Haiage, Whetstone, Middlesex
 Mary A. Halbrook, Lower Hall, Hendon, ditto
 Elizabeth Hall, Sherwood Street, Nottingham
 Elizabeth Hall, Painswick
 H. Hall, 1, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh
 Jemima Hall, Cavendish Street, Manchester
 Kate Hall, St. John's Road, Leeds
 Miss Hall, 43, Norfolk Terrace
 Miss E. Hall, ditto
 Mrs. Hall, 24, New Ormond Street, London, W.C.
 Rose Anne Hall, Orange Hill, near Edgware, Middlesex
 Ann Hallam, Walmer Street, Rusholme, Manchester
 E. Ham, Clifton, Bristol



I do not believe it is right to judge men and women with these stereotypes, throughout my life I...



Finally, Mr. Speaker let me say this about votes for women. This petition shows that women are engaged with the political process and wish to be engaged further. We should support them by voting for a change to the law. It is our responsibility to...

List of sources

Source 1 – Source 1 - 1866 petition (copy) courtesy of Elizabeth Crawford

Source 2 – Samuel Laing MP, 20/05/1867