

north east labour history society



‘Hens that want to crow’

**Suffragists and suffragettes
in the North-East of England, 1866–1918**

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First Tuesday: March 6th, 6:00 pm

Literary and Philosophical Society,

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This talk is about the fight for women's suffrage and its interconnectedness with other women's rights issues. Many people think of this only in terms of the early 20th century suffragettes' militant tactics, but a much wider range of strategies were deployed, from at least the 1860s, with many of the key early campaigners hailing from our region. It is an important reminder that the 1918 Representation of the People Act, which gave women aged 30 and over the vote in Parliamentary elections for the first time, was part of a very long – and by no means completed – struggle for gender equality.

This talk is part of a Newcastle-wide programme of events in February and March 2018 to celebrate the centenary of the Representation of the People's Act, which began the process of women's suffrage.