**A Stone’s Throw from Westminster: Suffragettes and Other Feminists in Camden**

In 1965 London Borough of Camden was created, gathering within its borders the districts of Hampstead, St John’s Wood, Holborn, West Hampstead, Kentish Town and Camden Town, Bloomsbury and Fitzrovia, along with parts of Marylebone and Kilburn. Known for its literary and cultural history, the borough soon became known for squatting, activism alternative culture and the beginnings of the women’s movement in the 1970s along with its radical council.

A few decades earlier it had been hotbed of the women’s suffrage movement. From Millicent Fawcett, leader of the National Union of Women’s Suffrage Societies from her home in Gower St to the much-raided headquarters of the militant Women’s Social and Political Union in Kingsway, to the Women’s Freedom League, with branches in Hampstead *and* West Hampstead and even Mary Ward’s anti-suffragists, all were based within the borough.

In 1911 numerous women from Highgate to Holborn took part in boycotting the census, refusing to be counted for government purposes by a Government that did not count them as citizens. Still others went to prison for suffrage activities, some of them going on hunger strike and subjected to force feeding.

The exhibition*A Stone’s Throw from Westminster: Suffragettes and Other Feminists in Camden* at Holborn Library traces this vital history, along with its roots in Fabian socialism and anarchism, in the campaigns for women’s entry to education and the professions, activism for working women’s rights, and the art and theatre created to support the Cause. It traces the later feminist history of the borough between the wars and then from the 1960s onwards, connecting it to struggle today with a dazzling display in the downstairs library of banners made for this year’s Processions event.

**This FREE EXHIBITION runs till 5thOCTOBER 2018 at:   
Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre, Holborn Library, 32-38 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8PA, Tel: 020 7974 6342,**

**Forthcoming Events include:   
A Programme of talks, discussions and theatre.  
26th July:** Project VOX *Zine-making workshop*  
**7.15pm, 14th Aug** *Centennial Reflections: The Slade and Suffrage Art -* Irene Cockroft  
**W/c 10th September**: *The Women’s Liberation Movement in Camden*   
Details to be confirmed  
**26th and 27th September:** Suffrage Theatre, introduced by Susan Croft (at Clean Break, 2 Patshull Rd, NW5 2LB and at Holborn Library) **2nd October:** Talk - *Mary Neal**social reformer, suffragette and radical arts practitioner*   
- Lucy Neal OBE **See Eventbrite for details INS LINKS ON DIGITAL VERSION**

**Workshops, guided tours and group visits available on request   
For information see** [**http://www.thesuffragettes.org/**](http://www.thesuffragettes.org/) **or email** [**suffragearts@gmail.com**](mailto:suffragearts@gmail.com) **for further details.**