

Mary

Macarthur

rights (1880-1921)

Champion of women's

Born in Glasgow, Mary

Macarthur (*pictured*)

age that she wanted

to be a full time writer.

After observing a shop

assistants union meeting

she was convinced of the

Unionism. She became

the secretary of the

Women's Trade

Union League

helping to win

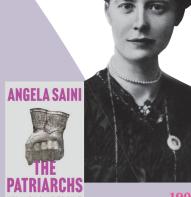
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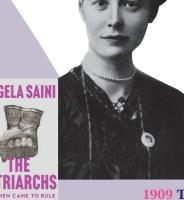
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entral ideas of Trade

decided from a very early









Margaret

Bondfield

Pension pioneer

Margaret Bondfield was

instrumental in making

sure that working people

received a pension in

their old age in Britain.

She was a member of

the National Pensions

(1873-1953)



Marie Curie Eleanor Scientific pioneer Davies-Colley (1867-1934) First female surgeon The first woman to hold a Professorship in General

Physics at the University

of Sorbonne, Paris. Born

in Warsaw Marie Curie

(pictured) received sci-

entific training from he

father. After her involve-

(1874–1934) Eleanor Davies-Colley became the first female member of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1911. She had a long and successful career in a male dominated environment. There is a lecture theatre named i her honour in Lincoln's Field, London.

(1937-) Valentina Tereshkova was the first woman ever to go into space. Born in Maslennikova in Russia she started school at 10 and gained her education by attending night school after a full davs work. On 16th June 1963 she was on board the Vostok 6 that made 38 orbits of the earth. She later received the United

Nations Gold Medal of

Peace.

Valentina

Tereshkova

First woman in space

(1897-1937) Amelia Earhart (pictured) was the first woman to fly solo over the Atlantic Ocean in 1932 She fought for more women in aviation. In 1937 she attempted to fly around the world but disappeared. He body was never found but her strength and determination has lived on to inspire many.

Amelia

Earhart

Flying pioneer

(1913-2005) Rosa Parks (pictured) helped detonate the vil rights movemen n America. She refused to give her seat to a hite passenger in 955 in Montgomery Alabama. Her action ed to a lengthy boycot hat amonast other nings brought Martin uther King to national prominence. One of the many beneficiaries of her actions, and the thousands of people that

Rosa Parks

Civil rights activist

Maya Angelou Writer (1928-2014) Poet and civil rights campaigner Maya Angelou began her

career in the theatre She was a nominee for a Tony, an Emmy, and a Pulitzer Prize. She wrote her first plays to raise money for the leading civil rights organisation (led by Martin Luther King), Southern Christian Leadership conference. Her most well known work is I know why the fought for civil rights, is

Married at age eleven to a man three times her age. Phoolan Devi (pictured) was a survivor of numerou sexual assaults. She eventually escaped and led a gang of robbers in North and Central India. She became a hero amongst the poor and dispossesses in India - especially when it was discovered she had gotten revenge on some of the men who raped her She surrendered to the

Phoolan Devi

Bandit Queen (1968-2001)

police in 1983 after a huge manhunt. She was later elected to Parliament but was later gunned down. A internationally successfu lm, Bandit Queen, later made of

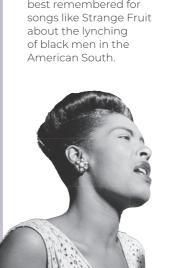


Jazz singer

(1915-1959)









Shirin Ebadi Human rights activist

Shirin Ebadi was borr in Iran and trained as a lawyer at Tehran Jniversity. She became judge in 1969. After the 979 Iranian revolution she (along with other women) was demoted ne protested and inally succeeded in setting up her own law ractice. Controversial cases gave her national

orominence. She was the irst Muslim woman to b awarded the Nobel Prize in 2003.

Sarah Woolley is the head of state (1938-) Tawakkol Karman Nobel peace prize winner (1979-) Levmah Gbowee Nobel peace prize winner (1972-) The Nobel Peace Prize 2011 Johnson Sirleaf, Levmah

Ellen Johnson

Africa's first female elected

was awarded jointly to Ellen 2023-2025 President o oowee and Tawakkol Kar-Federation of an "for their non-violent Trade Unions. ggle for the safety of en and for women's ts to full participation eace-building work"

first woman to lead the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers' Union (BFAWL (pictured) came to the in Britain. Initially world's attention wher employed at a bakery she was shot in the head chain, she became by the Taliban for her active as a shop steward activism promoting girls before being elected to education in Pakistan. the national executive After the attack she committee. She is the set up Malala Fund to continue the global the GFTU General fight 'for a world where every girl can learn and lead'. Malala became the world's youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner in 2014.

Sarah Woolley

GTFU President (1987-)

Malala Yousafzai Survivor and activist (1997-) Malala Yousafzai

Greta Thunberg led school strikes for climate activism in Sweden, inspiring students across the globe. A leader within the climate activist community, she has challenged world leaders and spoken at international conferences Greta was Time magazine's youngest ever Person of the Year in 2019.

Greta Thunberg

Environmental activist

(2003-)



Nita Sanghera

Anti-racism activist

(1961-2020)



teaching.

WHY WE SHOULD CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Today we acknowledge that IWD gives us an opportunity to draw attention to our continued struggles for women's rights, to ensure we link this with an intersectional lens to women's struggles, at home, worldwide, and to demonstrate international sisterly solidarity with women everywhere.

However, the socialist feminist origins of IWD should never be forgotten. Jo Grady, General Secretary of the University and College Union

WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL **WOMEN'S DAY?**

Marked March 8 every year

Celebrates women's achievements in all spheres

First observed in 1911

It is an official holiday in over 20 countries

In Armenia and the United celebrating women's

The UN designated 1975 the

States they spend a month achievements, not just a day

year of women. The same year it sponsored the celebration of the day in the United Kingdom

International Women's Day, revived by women's liberation in the 1970s, has acquired new meanings in the 21st Century. Women around the world have suffered from poverty, lack of access to resources, environmental disaster and war as well as sexual violence and gender inequality. New movements have emerged which have begun to extend and redefine the scope of emancipation. Women internationally are moving. This is their day.

Sheila Rowbotham, socialist-feminist historian

INFLUENTIAL WRITERS & THINKERS (1945-)

fascinating. Here are some, but not all, of the most important writers since 1945, their most important works, and the year they were published.

Simone de Beauvoir, The Second Sex (1947); Betty Friedan, The Feminine Mystique (1963); Germaine Greer. The Female Funuch (1970); Shulamith Firestone, The Dialectic of Sex (1970); Kate Millet, Sexual Politics (1970); Ann Oakley, Women's Work (1974); Susan Brownmiller, Against Our Will (1975); Adrienne Rich, Of Women Born (1976); Dorothy Dinnerstein, The Mermaid and the Minotaur (1976); Susie Orbach, Fat is a Feminist Issue (1978); Mary Daly, Gyn/Ecology (1978); Nancy Chodorow, The Reproduction of Mothering (1978); bell hooks, Ain't I a woman (1981); Andrea Dworkin, Pornography – Men Possessing Women (1981); Alice Walker, In and Class (1981); Catherine MacKinnon, Feminism Unmodified (1987); Carole Pateman, The Sexual Contract (1988); Susan Faludi, Backlash (1990); Ariel Levy, Female Chauvinist Pigs (2005); Roxane Gay, Bad Feminist (2014); Laura Bates, Everyday Sexism (2014); Audre Lorde, Your Silence Will Not Protect You (2017); Caroline Criado Perez, Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men (2019); Mikki Kendall, Hood Feminism (2020); Angela Saini, Patriarchs: How men came to rule (2023).







9 The detonator Start of the biggest strike amongst female garment workers in New York. This strike inspires the women's movement across the world.

International Women's Day observed for the first time March 8th is designated as the day to honour

vomen who riaveled struggles to led struggles to of women. Clara Zetkin (see box below) and others in the radical, progressive movement are instrumental in

> 1913 South African women come to forefront

making sure this date is marked.

Women's organisations like Manyano (a saving club for poor women) would play an important role in fighting racial inequality in South Africa. As the struggle against Apartheid becomes more intense in the latter part of the Twentieth century, women take on leading roles e.g.

1914 First World War During the First World War women became drivers, elec-

7 Women start the revolution Women in a bread queue in Russia start the Russian revolution. The revolution in its early stages granted the vote to women, removed the distinction between

legitimate and illegitimate children, made marriage a voluntary union, and attempted to introduce universal paid maternity leave

TIMELINE WORLDWIDE

9 Canada Vote extended to all women.

Previously just army nurses and tricians, engineers and under- the female relatives of soldiers takers. By 1917 700,000 German had been given the vote in women worked in heavy indus- recognition of their service. try – six times more than 1913. However, as elsewhere, once the vote had been given to one group of women it became untenable to keep it from all women.

> 1919... then Germany Women in Germany vote for the first time. Over ninety percent of women vote and ten percent of those elected are

Women in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Sweden also gain the right to vote.

9 Chinese women fight Chinese women play an important part in the May Fourth movement that opposes the Japanese occupation of Chinese territory. There are demands for the right to vote, to education, equal education and against foot binding (female children's feet were bound to conform to social

1920 America Women in America

get the vote. African American women are still excluded from the franchise until the civil

> 2 Ireland - creation of the Irish State Women gain the vote in the newly created Republic



923 Women join the fight Huda Sha'rawawi forms the Egyptian Feminist Union. Women play an important role in the fight for independence from the British.

1929 Ecuador Women win the right to vote in Ecuador.

1939-1945 World War Two

During World War Two women

were drawn into the workforce

in large numbers. Nearly half of

began to work in traditionally male

preserves e.g. shipbuilding and

munitions (in 1939 there were half

a million women in munitions, by

all women were in the military

services or working. Women

1943 it was two million).

1939-1945 World War Two

Liberated France grants women the vote in 1944. World War Two was to have a profound impact on women, especially in the principle countries that fought (see British timeline below). Women are drawn into the workforce - in some factories they make up 80% of the

1946 Japan Women gain the right to vote in Japan.

> 47 Women and Indian Independence The newly independe state of India decrees that there should be no discrimination

against women on the basis of their sex

1947 China and Argentina Women win the right to vote in China and Argentina.

1948 Human Rights includes women The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is adopted by the United Nations. It is actively promoted by Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of the then American president Franklin D Roosevelt. It explicitly states that men and women should be treated equally.

1961 Unmarried women too

1967 Abortion Act

1964...updated

to girls under 16.

Life long activist

Clara Lemlich (pictured)

had already gained a

ecognised strike leader

ome in her old age. paper

Equal-

ity fror

She died in

(1886-1982)

birth control) opens sessions for unmarried moth-

The Brook Advisory Centres offer advice and

An Abortion Act is passed. Legal abortion

is allowed if the continuation of the

(this required medical verification).

1968 Strike for equal pay

Dagenham, Essex take strike

action because they are being

paid 15% less than men doing

highlights the need for equal

the same work. This strike

Women workers at Fords

pregnancy will harm women in anyway

birth control to unmarried women and later

ers, something that has been previously taboo.

1951 Egyptian equality fighter Doria Shafik organises an invasion of the Egyptian Parliament by women. In 1948 she had formed the Daughters of the Nile Union. She goes on to form a women's political party in Egypt that is later suppressed.

9**55** Iraq Educated, middle class women gain vote in Iraq.

7 Equality and the Union Union accepts that Equal Pay should be a core principle.

9 Nigerian women protest 2,000 women in Eastern Nigeria protest the fall in their status by occupying and burning down a market. However, in negotiations they agree to the removal

of all foreign courts and schools as well as the expulsion of foreigners. 1960 Contraception

> First contraceptive pill approved for use by US scientists. The pill would revolutionise sex as the fear of pregnancy, and the social stigma that entailed, could now be avoided where the pill was available.

1968 Miss America, interrupted

1970 Pay equalised

given five years to implement it.

1971 Divorce reformed

The Marie Stopes clinic (which was dedicated to Equal Pay Act was passed. Employers

Women demonstrate against the Miss America contest as giving 'high-heeled, low status" to wome and being sexist and racist. In spite of the intense media hostility to the demonstration, the women's move ment gains a heightened profile.

The Divorce Reform Act is passed. This law helps to

1975 Sex discrimination outlawed

remove some of the inequalities in previous legislation.

that often left women in financial straits after a divorce.

The Sex Discrimination Act makes it illegal for

employers to discriminate against a worker on the

basis of sex or marital status. At the same time the

Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) is set up to

1971 Switzerland Women vote in Federal elections. In 1990 Swiss women vote in all Swiss cantons.

5 UN women's conference The UN holds a conference to mark the start of the UN decade for women. This conference is followed by conferences in Copenhagen (1980), Nairobi (1985), and Beijing (1995).

The first conference in Mexico City has 6,000 women from Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's). Ten years later in Nairobi, Kenya there are 15,000 NGO female representatives. At these conferences there is an attempt to discuss the problems of women across the world.

1977 Disappeared

The mothers of people who have disappeared under the rule of the Argentinean military demonstrate in silence in the central square in Buenos Aires. Their actions help to open a space for opposition to the dictatorships that dominated Latin America at that time, opening the road to areater democracy.



1 White ribbon campaign white ribbon campaign tarts in Canada. A group of men ncourage other men to wear white ribbon to show their pposition to violence against omen. Within six weeks 100,000 men in Canada wear the white ribbon. Men in 47 countries

One woman

Wales to a

roposed

issile base

Berkshire.

participate today.

81 Greenham women

In spite of brutal treatment from military

personnel a women's peace camp is

established attracting thousands and

Nuclear Disarmament and some MPs.

gaining support from the Campaign for

1984 - 1985 Miners strike

Women play a critical role in the

and neighbours raised funds,

Miners strike, the longest strike in

distributed food supplies, picketed

British history, Miners' wives, mothers.

985 First female

Brenda Dean becomes the first

General Secretary of the large

General Secretary

2002 More rights for Iranian women Iranian Parliament grants women the right to seek divorce.

guarter of the

that lives on

one dollar a day,

2 Lithuania Government repeals a requirement that meant before qualifying for a driving licence women had to have a

2001 Morning after

women over 16.

The morning after pill becomes

available without prescription for

001 Domestic violence

60 specialist domestic violence

Crime and Victims Act

This act creates a network of

courts. It also ensures more

1995 UN development report

of this group were African, Asian, or Latin

American women. The UN developed the

Gender-related Development Index (GDI)

as a way of comparing the life chances of

women compared to men.

gynaecological examination. 2004 Back pay ruling A European court ruling says that if women are suffering from pay inequality they can backdate their claim to six years. This puts the

pressure on employers to make

sure they pay women equally or

otherwise face huge payouts.

5 Kuwait Women are allowed to vote in

national elections in Kuwait



Madame President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf (see above) takes office as President of Liberia, becoming Africa's first female elected head of state.

2012 Women & the Arab revolutions Women play an important role in the revolutions that sweep the Middle East toppling regimes in Egypt and Tunisia.

12 Women lead and join resistance

As cuts reduce the welfare state and public services across Europe and elsewhere women are an integral part of every demonstration and strike (like Wanda Guimaraes and Catarina Albergaria of the UGT union in Portugal and student leade Camila Valleio in Chile).

> 2013 #BlackLivesMatter Originated by Black activists Alicia Garza Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi, the

2011 The largest strike of women

strike sees the largest number of women

take action in British history. The deficit

reduction program of the Conservative

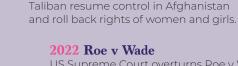
Liberal government is seen by many as

having a regressive impact on equality.

On 30 November a number of unions come

together to strike to defend pensions. This

in UK history



019 Healthcare access

2021 Rights rolled back

Abortion decriminalised in

Northern Ireland.

Saudi Arabian women vote for

the first time, in local elections.

17 Coming

Global Women's

million people.

together in power

Marches attended by

an estimated 3.5-5.5

2022 Roe v Wade US Supreme Court overturns Roe v Wade, overturning the constitutional right to an abortion in the United States which had



4 American amala Harris

Democratio

lack woman to e nominated as ndidate for US

All four British nations have now had

Sturgeon in Scotland (2014-2023), Arlene

Foster in Northern Ireland (2016-2017) and

Election, the highest number ever.

women leaders, including Nicola

Eluned Morgan in Wales (2024-).

263 women were elected to

Parliament in the General

2024 election

2021 Domestic Abuse Act

definition of domestic violence.

which includes coercive control.

The 2021 act created a new

Woman power

UK TIMELINE

Feminist

Roxane

9 Suffragettes Suffragettes begin hunger strikes to win the vote for women. Mass resistance leads to the Public Meetings Act to control militant activity: advanced notice is required for public meetings, which can then be banned. 13 Cat & Mouse

The Prisoners Temporary Discharge of Ill Health Act passed. Women on hunger strike in prison released so they can become well enough to be put back inside. Three years previously two women and 119 are injured in clashes between the police and suffragettes.

1914-1918 World War One By 1915 The Munitions Act gave the government power over labour and women were drafted in their thousands to make cartridges and for may be your leader general labour and cleaning duties.

Women fight for and get vote British women over 30 get the vote. Also, the Maternity and Child Welfare Act is passed that establishes women's clinics. Women under 30

win the right to vote ten years later.

STAND OF THE 30,000

It was the stand of 30,000 women's garment

female workers in New York in 1909 that led to

the establishment of International Women's Day a

few years later. Their actions inspired other women

around the world to demand their rights. This time-

line outlines their story and highlights the stories of

many forgotten courageous women who fought.

profession (except the church) because of sex or marital status 1923 Matrimonial Causes Act

The Sex Discrimination (Removal)

Act rules that women can no

longer be barred from any

1919 First female MP

1919 New laws

The average age of the women who

60 firms dominated the garment trade

50 but some firms employed 300 women

they used to operate sewing machines

The average workforce in each firm was

worked in the trade was between 16-25

(some being as young as 14)

Overtime was often unpaid

Women were charged for the electricity

Nancy Astor becomes the first

won a seat but refused to take it).

female to take her seat in Parliament

(Constance Markievicz had previously

This act gives women the same rights as men regarding grounds for divorce.

Fifteen years later grounds other than adultery are accepted for divorce. For example, cruelty, insanity, three years desertion.

use of the chair they sat on to work to sexual harassment Women found themselves subjected

30,000 women employed in

Some women were charged for the

30,000 600 workshops Two thirds of the workforce were Jewish immigrants, the remainder being Italian immigrants



pay legislation as well as starting a national debate on equal pay. 1969 No marital fault required Breakdown of marriage made

Women's rights champion

Clara Zetkin (pictured) is one came from a New York of the people most directly Emmeline Pankhurst Jewish family. When Clara responsible for establishing formed the Women's Social Lemlich spoke in front of a International Women's Day. and Political Union in 1903 November 1909 she made Germany. She proposed at the Suffragette movement. history. Her impassioned an international gathering A militant activist she was

was seen as Emmeline and the fact that nmeline ankhurst party in 1926.

deal with sex discrimination and gender inequality.

7 Crisis centre The first rape crisis centre is opened in the UK. The aim of such centres is to provide a place of refuge for women who are victims of rape. Six years previously the worlds first refuge for women was opened in Chiswick, London.

1979 Margaret Thatcher The Conservative party wins the General election. Margaret Thatcher, the party's leader, becomes the first

female Prime Minister.



print union, SOGAT (Society of Graphical and Allied Trades). ankhurst

Radical Suffragette Claudia Jones (pictured) Socialist (1882-1960) vlvia Pankhurst (pictured) She was forced to leave ne Women's Social and olitical Union (WPSU) by ner sister Cristabel. She et up a chapter of the uffragette movement the poorest part of ondon called the East he Women's Dreadnought went on to change the cul-

Claudia Jones Activist/Journalist (1915-1964) Courageous fighter

is considered by many to be the mother of the

effective action is taken in cases of domestic violence. **2002** Adoption rights

The UK parliament passes a law that permits lesbian and unmarried couples to adopt children. 2016 Armed Forces

2003 Anti-war

demonstration

An estimated two million

people march against the

war in Iraq in London, Salma

Yaqoob takes a leading role

in the anti war movement.

Jayaben Desai

Javaben Desai's (pictured

actions began a strike that

(1933-2010)

In 2016 the ban was lifted on women serving in ground close combat roles.

17 Gender Pay Legislation From 2017 large employers were forced

2025 The Fight continues The great gains won by women in the last 100 years plus are a iournev worth celebrating. As

the economic and political crises deepens, however, many of these advances seem threatened. The rich legacy left by the women who fought and changed the world remains a powerful resource in the fight to achieve equality and justice in the 21st century.

'Women still doing most of the

housework...' (2019) (www.ucl.

ac.uk), internationalwomensday

com, World Economic Forum,

'Global Gender Gap Report 2023

UN Women, 'Facts and Figures'

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The number of influential women writers is as long as it is

Search of Our Mother's Garden (1981); Angela Y. Davis, Women, Race ARIEL LEVY



November 1909

The Local 25 branch of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) has 2,000 members. 200 women workers at Rosen brothers. Union membership goes from 100 to 2,000 in Local 25.

Local 25 branches organise a mass rally at New York Coopers Union Hall. The turnout shocks everyone nvolved as thousands of men turn up (non-union mbers also). So many en come that extra Is have to be hired to ke the excess crowd. The cision to go on strike is nanimously accepted.

December 1909 Initially starting with 20,000 workers out on strike, by early December the number has increased to 30,000 making it the largest strike by women in US history

> told by a magistrate she is, "...on strike against God and nature." 27th December 1909 At a mass meeting of women strikers it is suggested that a deal be struck. The deal is shouted

down as the resolve of the women deepens.

25th December 1909

723 women arrested on

picket line; 19 women were

One sentenced woman is

sentenced to the workhouse.

15th February 1910 With many of their demands The Triangle Waist met and many strikers tired from months of fighting, the strike comes to an end. Over a fire broke out on their 300 firms concede to the women's demand for union

recognition.

25th March 1911 Company rejected every union demand. A year later

fire escapes. So our friends are

grounds for divorce. Clara Lemlich Clara Zetkin

strike meeting in New York She was born in Saxony, demand for strike action of socialists in Copenhagen launched the largest strike in 1910 that March 8 be of women in history. She designated International Women's Day in 1910. The reputation as an organiser date was chosen to comfor garment workers rights memorate successful strike in New York. She was a of female workers in New York. She, along with other who helped with childcare figures like Rosa Luxemand funds for strikers. She burg (1870-1919), ensured ever stopped fighting that the issue of women's all her life leading sit-ins, equality was a central part opposing nuclear weapons, of progressive politics. She and even leading action edited a socialn an old people's ist news-

Founder of the Suffragette movement (1858-1928)

that played a pivotal role in arrested many times and went on hunger strike. A breakaway from the WPSI the Women's Freedom League (WFL) was formed by another prominent suffragette, Charlotte Despard (1844-1939) in 1907 This was a reaction to what Pankhurst's dictatorial style vomen couldn't

ote in WPSU. went on a tour of the United States 1909. She supported ne First World War and ned the Conservative

Direct Action Suffragette (1880-1958) Along with her mother, Emmeline, she helped the Women's Social and Political Jnion. She favoured militant direct activities to get the vote for women. Her militanc

Cristabel

Pankhurst

led her to exile before World War One. Like her mother she supported the First World War eventually immigrating to the United States.

was the most radical nember of her family.

ondon Federation. She opposed the First World War producing the paper n 1914. Along with the ourgeoning Communist novement, she opposed ascism in the 1930's. She o opposed the invasion Ethiopia. She settled Ethiopia before

Notting Hill carnival. Born in challenged the image of modern-day Trinidad, she Asian women as being came to Britain after being passive. The Asian women at deported from the US for her Grunwicks photo processing political activities. After the plant earned £28 for a 40 Notting Hill riots in 1958 she hour week (the average was at the forefront of the wage being £72 a week at fight for racial equality. She that time). One day Desai rehelped found the Nottina fused to work overtime and Hill carnival in 1959 as a way of highlighting Caribbean workmates joined starting a nities together. The carnival She is buried in Highgate

of Karl Marx.

Cemetery next to the grave police presence. They

talent and bringing commu-significant two year strike. tural landscape of Britain. by an array of racist groups and subject to a hostile persevered, however, and even managed to gain

walked out in protest. Her

the support of a cabinet minister. This strike show the determination of an ignored group of women make their voice heard.

UC Library.

