International Women’s Week

A selection of activities for staff and students to celebrate International Women’s Day (8th March), reflect on and discuss women’s suffrage and 100 years since women got the vote in the Representation of the People Act 1918.

Lunchtime Talks

Monday 5th March - ‘#metoo – A Force for Change?’
12.00 noon to 12.45pm in the staff room. Lunch provided. An informal lunch time discussion over a sandwich.

Tuesday 6th March - Talk by Elizabeth Woodcraft and Panel Q&A
12.00 noon to 2.00pm in room R235. Bring your own lunch.
A talk given by Liz Woodcraft (author, barrister and author) about the changing perceptions and understandings of feminism and gender equality, drawing on her own experiences over the years. This will be followed by a panel discussing questions from the audience.

Elizabeth Woodcraft was a National Co-ordinator for the National Women’s Aid Federation which supported Jo Richardson MP as she presented her private member’s bill to parliament. This subsequently became the Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Act 1976. As a result of this work Elizabeth decided to become a barrister. During her time at the Bar she represented Greenham Common Peace Protesters, Anti-Apartheid demonstrators, striking miners and Clause 28 activists, as well as victims of domestic and sexual abuse, and lesbian and gay parents seeking parental rights.

Wednesday 7th March - ‘Equality; Men under Siege?’
12.00 noon to 12.45pm in the staff room. An informal lunch time discussion over a sandwich. Bring your own lunch.

Thursday 8th March - ‘Does the ‘#metoo’ campaign highlight the failure of feminism?’
12.00 noon to 12.45pm in the staff room. An informal lunch time discussion over a sandwich. Bring your own own lunch.