

A GUID CAUSE...

THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT IN SCOTLAND

Project 3 / Learning Activity 1 / Activity 3
Class debate

DID THE MILITANT CAMPAIGN DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD? CLASS DEBATE

What to do

On 14 October 1908, the Glasgow Evening Citizen commented on an upsurge of militant suffrage.

‘The suffragettes are developing into a deadly nuisance ... They are, in point of fact, repelling instead of gaining sympathy.’

The issue of the effectiveness of the WSPU militant campaign was much debated in Edwardian society, and remains a key issue for historians today.

You are now going to participate in a class debate on the following motion:

‘The militant campaign of the Women’s Social and Political Union (WSPU) did more harm than good for the women’s suffrage movement.’

Your teacher will divide your class into two groups – one group will argue for the motion, and the other group against it. You will need to find evidence to support your arguments. This should include evidence from **sources 5 – 37** and from other secondary sources suggested by your teacher.