



"I want to make
friends and have fun"



"I want to make life
better for women and
girls"



"We enable girls to reach
their full potential"



"I'm helping women and girls
all over the world"



"I want to contribute to
my local community"



"We are global with UN
status"

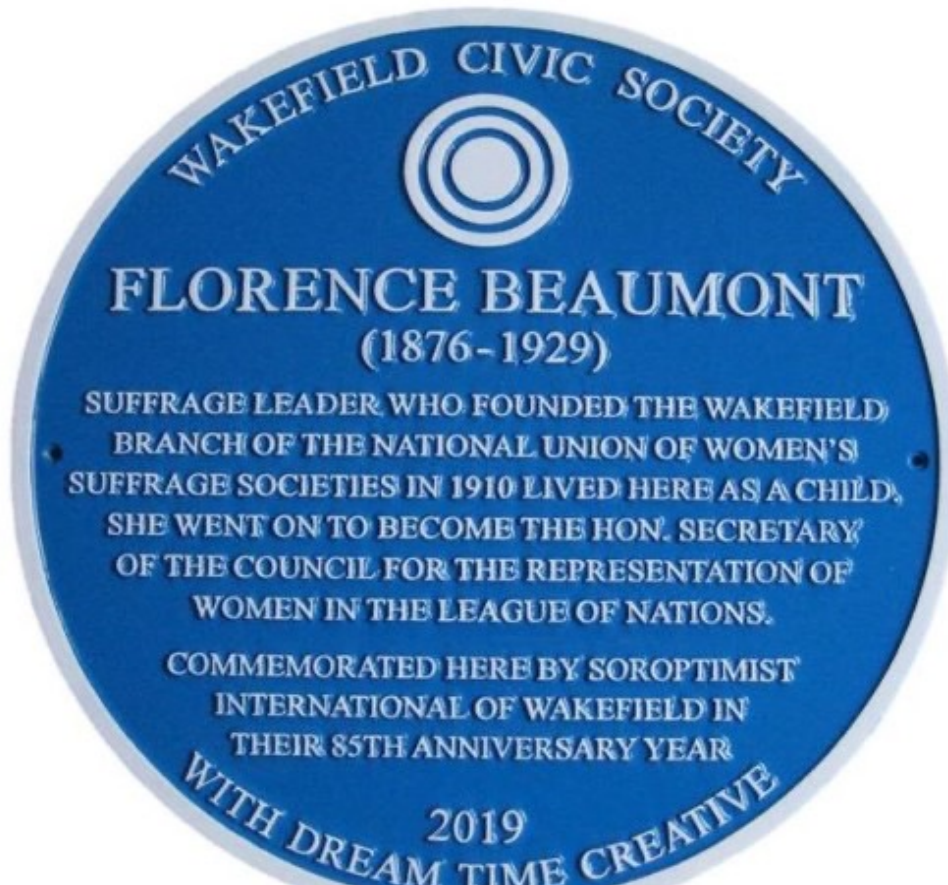
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Forgotten
Women of
Wakefield



Awarded a blue plaque in 2019 and had a building named after her in 2020



What were women not allowed to do in 1876?

- Fight in a war
- Keep money that they earned
- Go to university
- Become a doctor
- Vote

Suffragettes

In 1903, the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU – the Suffragettes) was formed, led by Emmeline Pankhurst. It was run by Mrs Pankhurst and her daughter Christabel.

The Suffragettes believed in civil disobedience. They:

- disrupted Parliament
- chained themselves to railings
- broke windows
- burned down churches
- held huge marches and demonstrations
- attacked politicians
- set post-boxes on fire
- slashed paintings
- went on hunger strike when arrested
- Emily Davison threw herself under the king's horse in the 1913 Derby race. In 1913,
- The Suffragettes, however, had **not** won the vote by 1914



1913 – March from Newcastle to London



Womens' right to vote

When Britain went to the polls on 14 December 1918, it was a milestone moment. For the first time, women were among the voters in a General Election. In total, 8.5 million of them were eligible to ballot - and at last have their say in the future running of the country.



2028 – 100 years of votes for women

But still not everyone had a voice. The Representation of the People Act, passed on February 6 a century ago, gave women the vote, providing only that they were over the age of 30 and either they or their husband met a property qualification. It was not until a decade later, with the passing of the 1928 Equal Franchise Act that women were given equal voting rights with men - and all those over the age of 21 could at last take to the polls.

Democracy in action

- What do you want to change in the world?
- What can you do and who can help you?
- What would it say on your blue plaque?

