



How did we get here?

VOTES FOR WOMEN

1865 Organised campaigns began for women to have the right to vote

1897 The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies formed, led by Millicent Fawcett. As a Suffragist, she worked within the law to bring about change

1928 All women over the age of 21 were given the vote

1929 The idea of Guilds was born, for women to meet and learn about citizenship and how to use the vote. The first Guild was opened in Hayward's Heath. Guilds were able to meet, work together and help others locally by forming Federations

1932 The organisation became the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds.

WW2 During the war years the Government asked the NUTG to encourage married women who were not eligible for National Service to work locally, part time, to release others for war work.

1950s Guilds and Federations joined in the Festival of Britain celebrations. After the Annual General Meeting Townswomen were able to campaign on national affairs.

1960s 1970s 1980s

Members campaigned on issues such as:
Environmental pollution, mixed-sex wards, nuclear power, food additives, prescription charges, carers' rights

1989 The National Union of Townswomen's Guilds became Townswomen's Guilds

1990 Nearly £200,000 was raised to plant trees in 6 new woods, to help the environment and to replace trees lost in storms in the late 1980s. TG continues to support the environment with the 'In Our Hands' initiative

1990s 2000s

Members continued campaigning on: banking, banning FGM and modern slavery, closure of railway booking offices, raising awareness about hidden plastic in women's period and hygiene products

The Campaign Hub on our website to see all that TG have been involved with

2017 A TG memorial was commissioned for the National Memorial Arboretum

2021 The first TIGs, Townswomen's Internet Groups, started via the TG website and TAGs, small and less formal Townswomen's Associate group

2024 We celebrated our 95th birthday!



- And members of this friendly organisation still meet together regularly in person or on-line, regardless of politics, race, age, religion or circumstance
- As well as meeting locally, members are involved in national activities and events in person or online
- They exchange ideas, develop new skills and interests, continue learning through talks and events, lobby on local and national Issues, make friends and have fun!

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