

Script: Helen Pankhurst's interview

My name is Helen Pankhurst. I'm Emmeline Pankhurst's great-granddaughter, Sylvia Pankhurst's granddaughter and I'm a women's rights activist and a writer.

Can you just say a little about your own activism for women's rights?

Yes, my own activism for women's rights takes many different forms. One of them was this chance to stop, reflect and write, and to do that in a very collaborative way. So lots and lots of interviews of women to hear their voices and to share those in the book called *Deeds Not Words: The Story of Women's Rights Then and Now*. So it was really looking at change over time. I also do a lot internationally.

Can you explain who your great grandmother and grandmother were?

The Pankhursts were the leaders of what was called the Women's Social and Political Union, that was the official name. It then got nicknamed the Suffragettes by The Daily Mail, and the Suffragettes, the WSPU, was an organisation set up to address the fact that women didn't have the vote. It started in 1903. And instead of quietly asking for women to get the vote, which was not getting anywhere, they decided to be much more forceful in their demand that women deserved and should be given the vote.