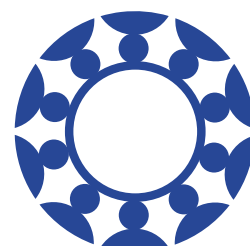




NCYW – the next generation of changemakers



Since 1895

**National Council
of Women GB**

For a fair and inclusive society

What is NCW/NCYW?

About us

NCWGB is an internationally recognised organisation. It is one of several National Councils of Women affiliated to the International Council of Women (ICW). It also has special consultative status at the UN, meaning it can send delegates to international conferences such as the United Nations' Annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York.

“For more than 120 years, NCW has campaigned tirelessly on a range of women’s issues, including the right to vote, the creation of a women’s police force, the end to violence against women and girls worldwide, and an improved quality of life for all.”

Barbara Maddison,
Honorary Vice President

National Council of Women (NCW)

At the National Council of Women, we want to ensure that women play a full role in our society. Our aim is to make women more interested in local, regional and national affairs and to get them more involved in decision-making.

We represent women’s views and concerns at the highest levels of government and are determined to make sure that discrimination is eradicated from all areas of society.

We carry out research, hold consultations, debates, and seminars, follow developments in legislation and respond to government consultations on a whole range of issues.

National Council of Young Women (NCYW)

Part of NCW dedicated to reaching out to the younger generation via a network of schools and colleges linked to NCW. These NCYW schools and colleges receive regular news updates and information, and invitations to take part in national surveys or multi-school seminars on current issues.



The history of NCW

1895

The National Union of Women Workers was founded to respond to unsatisfactory working conditions faced by many women. The organisation quickly developed into a nationwide network of small groups.

1897

Within two years of the National Union of Women Workers became affiliated to the International Council of Women (ICW). It has since worked in the UK and internationally on issues of concern to women.

1900

The union had set up a number of Special Committee, to focus on particular issues. One of the best known was the Women Patrol Committee which became a forerunner of the Women's Police. Around the same time, the organisation began its campaign for 'equal pay for equal work' and the position of women in the armed forces.

1918

The National Union of Women Workers became known as the National Council of Women of Great Britain.

1951

NCW became an incorporated body governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. Throughout the 1950s and 1960s, it was active in removing discrimination against women in all areas and in encouraging women to play a full role in society, and this work continues today.

1969

The NCW works closely with the European Network of ICW, and the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, and in 1969 was a founding member of the Women's National Commission.

2000

The organisation was given special consultative status at the United Nations, enabling it to send representatives to sessions such as the Commission on the Status of Women, held annually in New York.

Present

The NCW has responded to changes in society over the course of its history, and has created policy committees to look at issues ranging from consumer awareness to developments and challenges in science and health. Today, it continues as a forum for debate and support for women to voice their concerns, make recommendations decision-making agencies.

The rich and long history of NCWGB has been explored further in this book:



The National Council of Women of Great Britain: The First One Hundred Years,
by Daphne Glick

Why do we need NCYW?

Like many other women's groups and campaigns, the National Council of Women is important for the continued need for feminism. The organisation has existed for over 125 years and has helped in campaigning for social change by voting on and passing resolutions, which can eventually end up as law, and promoting women's rights by having members attend both national and international conferences.

Of course, there is still much debate around this – why do we still need feminism in the first place? Here, for example, we campaign for advancing women's rights by promoting engagement of and accessibility for disabled women, as well as calling on the government to support victims of human trafficking and to work to reduce modern slavery.

Beyond the scope of the UK, Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), the lack of girls' education, and internet safety are just some of the main issues surrounding women's rights that we campaign for. So, as long as there is a need for feminism, there is a need for NCW.

We also accomplish all this through hearing youth voices from the National Council of Young Women, from leaders of school Feminism Societies to students with an interest in feminism: people like you! Our network of NCYW link schools makes it easier for like-minded young people to get to know each other and instigate change together. Movements for equality improve the situation of men and women everywhere and by lobbying for change through NCW and NCYW, this can be achieved.



Meet our members

Laura, 18

"I got involved with NCYW in the Sixth Form, because I'm really interested in intersectional feminism and feel strongly about making a difference in the world. It was great to meet other like-minded school and university students at the NCYW conference, where we discussed lots of relevant issues that we're all passionate about. I've now signed up to be an 18-25 member of NCW and look forward to more of the opportunities it brings."



Anna, 19

"I joined NCYW in Sixth Form after being introduced to the organisation through my school's FemSoc. As a member I was able to get involved in numerous exciting opportunities such as the Annual Conference and cross-school seminars where I was able to meet other members from across the country. I joined NCW 18-25 to become involved in outreach projects and have been able to participate as a delegate in the UN's Commission on the Status of Women, a definite highlight of my time so far!"



Neha, 18

"The National Council of Women is an organisation that truly means a lot to me! Having had the privilege of attending an all girls high school, advocating for women rights and networking with other women is something I value very highly."

If you're passionate about empowering women and making female voices present - then the National Council of Women can provide you with a platform to do this. At my school, I was able to organise 'International Day of the Girl' events with students as young as 5, alongside my friend (and fellow NCW member) Ria. To say you belong to a group of people who also believe that women should be confident in their worth, creates a sense of unity and power; the NCW is undoubtedly a commanding force!"



Cliona, 20

"I was introduced to NCYW after studying feminism in A-Level Politics and co-running my school's FemSoc, which fortunately interested a range of students despite gender. During Sixth Form, I was given the chance to attend NCW's Annual Conference which, as part of NCW's Leadership and Challenge, was a fascinating two-day experience. I have since had the opportunity to lobby for children's rights with Amnesty International, meet lots of other members in the organisation, and attend the UN's Commission on the Status of Women."



"NCYW has been so welcoming and positive!"

National Council of Young Women member

What can you do?

Raising awareness and starting the discussion are at the core of NCYW's aims and everyone is encouraged to get involved in any way they can, to build on the work towards gender equality and women's rights internationally. As a wider organisation, we take action to achieve our goals through fundraising, researching and campaigning for women's voices to be heard at all levels, from local to international affairs.

Getting started can be a bit daunting but as a part of NCYW you'll have access to lots of helpful resources and advice with setting up your group and how you can engage with others to raise awareness!

We've listed just a few suggestions on what you can do within NCYW to help you get started...

Presentations

Presentations can be a great tool to raise awareness of issues and get the conversation started. PowerPoints aren't the only way to lead a discussion, you can choose to present in any way you like whether you want to use videos, soundbites or handouts to get your point across. Getting started with finding a topic can be tricky but there are so many important topics out there to discuss such as period poverty, body positivity, girls in education and the gender pay gap just to name a few!

NCYW events

NCYW is a welcoming and friendly community where everyone is encouraged to get involved in the group and to get to know one another. Cross-school seminars are held amongst members to share ideas and inspiration for upcoming events in the 'Feminism Calendar' and update on their progress in their societies. NCW also holds their Annual Conference and NCYW members are invited to come along to sit in on speeches, guest speaker presentations and meet everyone involved in the organisation.

Feminism calendar

There are several key dates in the calendar that you can celebrate by hosting events and fundraising. Some of the most important days to celebrate include:

- International Day of the Girl – 11th October
- International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – 25th November
- International Women's Day – 8th March

There are so many ways you can get people involved to celebrate and encourage more people to your cause – you can host a film night fundraiser, hold a seminar to get people talking or even collaborate with other schools in your area to raise money for charity.

There are so many opportunities in NCYW and we always support new ideas to help raise awareness. For more information on how you can get involved, more information is available through our student resources pack on how you can get started with your group!



How to get involved

Sound like something you might be interested in?

Please email us at info@ncwgb.org to get more information about joining, and how to get involved. You can also apply for a NCYW Resources Pack which can help you to set up your own group.

For more information, you can visit our website: www.ncwgb.org/ncyw-under-18/

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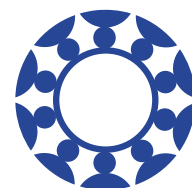
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