

Activism Now

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

What is this project about?

This project will explore contemporary activism, as practiced by young South Australians (18 to 25 years old) who identify as women. It will include a diverse range of subjects and causes.

The project has various opportunities for individuals to participate. These include

- Writing for the Centre of Democracy's blog
- Short features on the Centre of Democracy's social media channels
- An exhibition featuring up to 6 individuals
- Floor talks and panel discussions at the Centre of Democracy for various events, including during South Australia's History Festival in May 2019

This project might be right for you if you:

- Identify as an activist, or consider what you do as making a difference
- Are passionate about what you do
- Are happy to share your story with a public audience
- Are happy to speak at public events
- Are confident in your writing ability
- Are happy to be photographed
- Can commit time to sharing your story and working on the project
- Are open to learning from and sharing with other participants throughout the process

Why only women?

This project is designed to fit within a suite of activities celebrating 125 years since legislation was passed in South Australia, making South Australia's colonial parliament the first one in Australia to give women, including Aboriginal women, the vote. This decision later helped to secure votes for women after the Australian colonies federated however the 1901 Constitution of the Australian Commonwealth and following Franchise Act 1902 stripped indigenous people of their right to vote in federal elections.

This exhibition will encourage visitors to look back to the campaign in the nineteenth century that brought about this progressive step by reflecting on and exploring its legacy and future today.

Why only young activists?

Millennials often get a bad rap. Activism has changed radically in the digital age. Young people are still active activists, but in ways that some older generations may not see or recognise as forms of activism. This exhibition aims to document new activist modes, and provide ways for 'seasoned' activists to understand more about contemporary change-makers.

For more information please contact Craig Middleton, Curator Centre of Democracy on (08) 8207 7587 or cmiddleton@history.sa.gov.au



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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Please respond with a statement: (one paragraph, no more than 1 page)

Tell us about your activism (eg. the cause/s you support; the actions you take; the change you hope to achieve; the importance of your cause/s; who you hope to influence; your successes; your challenges)

What is your age?

Do you identify as a woman? Yes/No (this project is inclusive of those who identify as transgender and non-binary)

Which South Australian suburb do you live in?

Which elements of the project would you be interested in contributing to?

- Writing a post for the Centre of Democracy's blog
- Being featured on the Centre of Democracy's social media channels
- Being part of the exhibition Activism Now
- Presenting a floor talk or being part of a panel discussion
- Talking to school students about your experiences
- Participate in social media discussions about contemporary activism

Are you any of the following?

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Gender diverse or non-binary
- A person who identifies as having a disability
- Speak another language at home

Briefly (2-3 sentences), answer the following questions:

Why do you want to participate in this project?

Considering your work, study, and volunteer commitments how much time could you contribute to this project?

- Once off (eg. write a blog, social media interaction, etc. – working in own time)
- Some (eg. presenting a floor talk, being on a panel, social media video – one meeting, conversations, attendance at a talk/event)
- More (eg. be part of the exhibition – requires a few meetings, a photography session, and participation in opening activities and other events and programs)

We are seeking a diverse range of participants that represent various causes, issues, backgrounds, and experiences.

To discuss please email Craig Middleton, Curator Centre of Democracy on cmiddleton@history.sa.gov.au

Please submit your expression of interest by emailing it to programs@centredemocracy.sa.gov.au by 5pm Friday 21 December 2018. If you are unable to submit your expression of interest by email please call (08) 8207 7587 to discuss an alternative.