

## **Women in Parliament APPG Meeting with Leader of the House, Lucy Powell MP**

**Date: Wednesday 15th January**

**Time: 15:30 - 17:30**

**The Jubilee Room**

**Meeting Chaired by Dawn Butler MP, Co-Chair of the APPG**

### **Minutes**

1. Esme, Centenary Action volunteer, presented an update on the progress of the history project, sharing plans to develop a database showcasing prominent women who have contributed to the history of democracy in each constituency.
2. Helen Pankhurst shared Centenary Action's survey of MPs and encouraged members of the APPG to complete it.
3. Leader of the House Lucy Powell MP shared an update on the work of the Modernisation Committee and took questions from the audience.
  - Changes already happening include proxy voting being extended to those going through IVF and recess dates being set until Nov next year. The procedure committee is looking further at proxy voting
  - External stakeholders shared reports. Compassion in Politics and 50:50 Parliament shared their report: [Reset: A blueprint for a 21st Century Parliament](#); Global Institute for Women's Leadership shared their report: [Open House: Where next for gender equality in Parliament](#); Centenary Action and GIWL shared their [joint response to the Modernisation Committee](#).
  - The sector can provide further support by providing evidence and public advocacy for reform to help build a bigger coalition of support.
4. Leader of the House, Lucy Powell MP encouraged all attending to put in submissions to the [Speaker's Conference on the security of candidates, MPs and elections](#).
5. There was a discussion about plans for International Women's Day
6. AOB

- Baroness Anne Jenkin shared that she is involved in a project to mark 50 years since Thatcher was elected as leader.
- Kirith Entwistle MP shared that the Women and Equalities Committee has some scope to look into other issues.

### **Next Meeting:**

IWD event Tuesday 4th March 5 - 7 in the Jubilee Room

### **Attending:**

Dawn Butler MP, Labour - Co-Chair  
 Sarah Dyke MP, Liberal Democrat - Officer  
 Leader of the House, Lucy Powell MP - Speaker  
 Helen Pankhurst, Centenary Action - Secretariat  
 Liz Speight, Centenary Action - Secretariat  
 Esmee Hart, Centenary Action - Secretariat  
 Victoria Rae, Centenary Action - Secretariat  
 Sarah Coombes MP, Labour  
 Anne Jenkins, Conservative Party House of Lords  
 Maya Ellis MP, Labour  
 Emily Darlington MP, Labour  
 Kirith Entwistle MP, Labour  
 Natalie Bennett, Green Party House of Lords  
 Jo White MP, Labour  
 Sharon Hodgson MP, Labour  
 Kate Osborne MP, Labour  
 Jade Albas, Office of Emily Darlington MP  
 Theo Clark, Office of Sarah Dyke MP  
 Hannah Short, Office of Kim Leadbeater MP  
 Devangi Roy Dinesh, Kings College London  
 Elona Gashi, Kings College London  
 Amy Hewson-Smith, Kings College London  
 Minna Cowper-Coles Global Institute for Women's Leadership, Kings College London  
 Haylea Campbell, Hogan Lovells  
 Thea Ridley-Castle, Electoral Reform Society  
 Rhiannon Evans, Mumsnet  
 Lyanne Nicholl, 50:50 Parliament  
 Annabel Mullin, Elect Her  
 Genevieve Sandle, Electoral Reform Society  
 Rebecca Pilkington, Girlguiding UK  
 Anya Sizer, Compassion in Politics

## **Apologies**

Mims Davies MP, Conservative - Co-Chair

Tanni Grey-Thompson, Baroness Grey-Thompson, Cross bench House of Lords - Officer

Harriett Baldwin MP, Conservative

Elsie Blundell MP, Labour

Lisa Smart MP, Liberal Democrat

Caroline Cox, Baroness Cox, Crossbench House of Lords

Tessa Blackstone, Baroness Blackstone, Labour House of Lords

Fiona Hodgson, Baroness Hodgson of Abinger, Conservative, House of Lords

Aphra Brandreth MP, Conservative

Cathy Bakewell, Baroness Bakewell of Hardington Mandeville, Liberal Democrat House of Lords

Mary Goudie, Baroness Goudie, Labour, House of Lords

Joyce Anelay, Baroness Anelay of St Johns, Conservative House of Lords

Kirsty Blackman MP, SNP

Ann Davies MP, Plaid Cymru

Deborah Stedman- Scott, Baroness Stedman-Scott, Conservative, House of Lords

Ellie Chowns MP, Green

Uma Kumaran MP, Labour

Hayley Dean, Young Women's Trust

Dr Sofia Collignon, Queen Mary's University London

Hannah Phillips, The Jo Cox Foundation