

A BIRD IN A CAGE

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Ysgol Casnewydd. Workshop. February 18th. A Bird in a Cage.

Subject: Lady Rhondda's Life and Achievements and Women's Suffrage in Newport.

Aim: To introduce Lady Rhondda to the class and to demonstrate how she played a part in helping women to win the vote in the Newport area.

Intended outcomes: By the end of the Workshop pupils should have some understanding of:

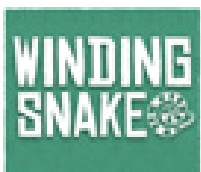
- a. What life was like for Margaret Haig Thomas of Llanwern as a child and young woman.
- b. Why she became a suffragette and the part she played in women's suffrage in Newport.

1. Find out what the class knows about Margaret, Lady Rhondda and why she is well-known. Why is she so important in this local area? (up to 10 mins.)

2. Through power point slides (pictures as well as short edited extracts from Margaret's autobiography) we shall explore what her childhood was like, look at her school years and see what life offered her as a young adult. (up to 30 mins.)

3. Based on this discussion and working in pairs, each pair will be given a different picture and write a paragraph about what their picture reveals. Each picture will focus on an aspect of about Margaret's life from a young child until she was 25 and became a suffragette. We shall then pool our findings. (up to 30 mins.)

4. Talk to the whole class about Margaret's discovery of votes for women (explaining terms used) and providing a very brief account of Newport WSPU. We shall put together a list of the different activities that Margaret undertook as a suffragette in Newport and sum up by looking at what she and the Newport WSPU achieved. (up to 20mins)



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