Telling stories in bronze

Cheshire Women's Collaboration Conference

Why do we need statues of women?

It's about justice







(Photo: Fiona Matthewson, Art UK)



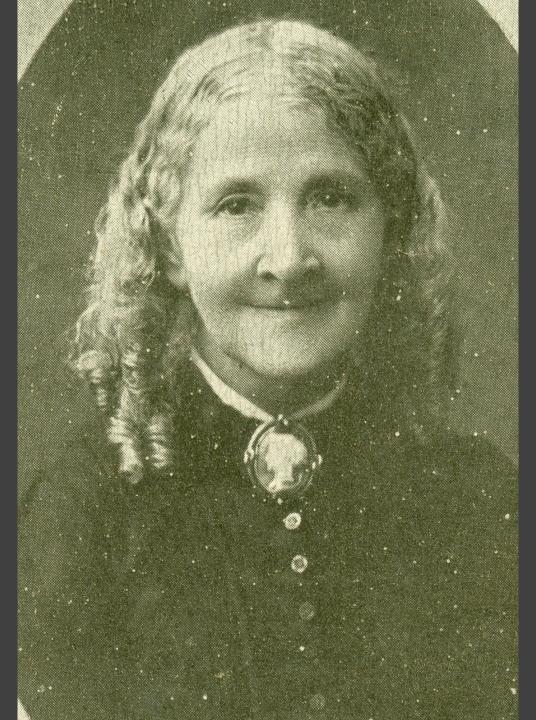




(Photo: Nick Hunt)

It's about whose stories get told

Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy (1833-1918)



(Photo: LSE collection)

Ada Nield Chew (1879 – 1945)



(Image: Nantwich Museum)

It's about rewriting history, in 3-D

It's about telling stories of women's lives



(Photo: Carrs/McVities archive)







(Photo: Nigel Kingston)



It's about telling stories of women's struggles for social justice





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The Crewe Chronicle 1 May 1894

(Photo: Cheshire Archives and Local Studies)

Correspondence.

A LIVING WAGE FOR FACTORY GIRLS AT CREWE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHRONICLE.

Sir,-Will you grant me space in your sensible and widely-read paper to complain of a great grievance of the class-that of tailoresses in some of the Crewe factoriesto which I belong? I have hoped against hope that some able influential man (or woman) would take up our cause and put us in the right way to remedy-fer, of course, there is a remedy—the evils we are suffering from. But though one cannot open a newspaper without seeing what all sorts and conditions of men are constantly agitating for and slowly but surely obtaining-as in the miners eight hour bill-only very vague mention is ever made of the underpaid, over-worked "factory girl." have come to the conclusion, sir, that so long as we are silent ourselves and apparently content with our lot, so long shall we be left in the enjoyment (?) of that lot.

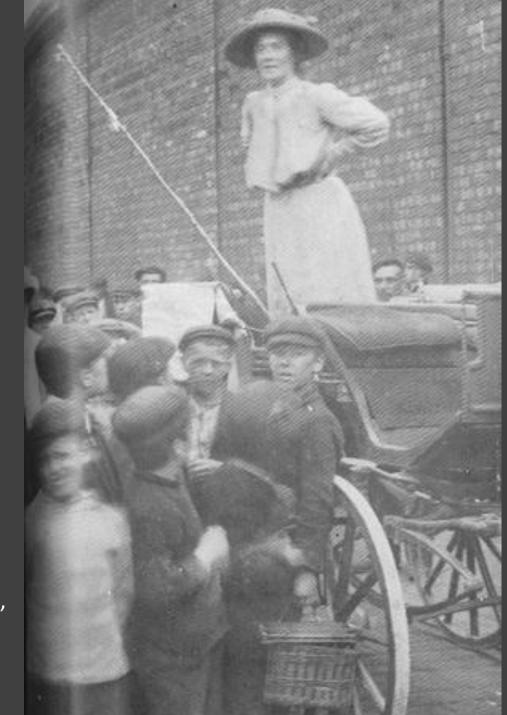
"...we are suffering from a great evil which stands in urgent need of redressing"

"'A Living Wage!' Ours is a lingering, dying wage"

"But we are not asking for pity, sir, we ask for justice?

"...If you individually, and all of you collectively, come with me, and we go at it with one or more if necessary strong, persistent "butt", in all probability the wall will fall"

I am, sir, yours sincerely
A CREWE FACTORY GIRL



(Photo: Ada Nield Chew, 1912, Open University)

It's about challenging stereotypes of women





It's about developing pride in local women







(Photo: Stuart Walker)



(Photo: Our Elizabeth unveiling march, Judie Tingle)

It's about providing role models on our streets



(Photo: Pete Stonier)



(Photo: Elizabeth's Group)



(Photo: Celia Mesure)



(Photo: Elizabeth's Group)

It's about bringing people together

YouTube





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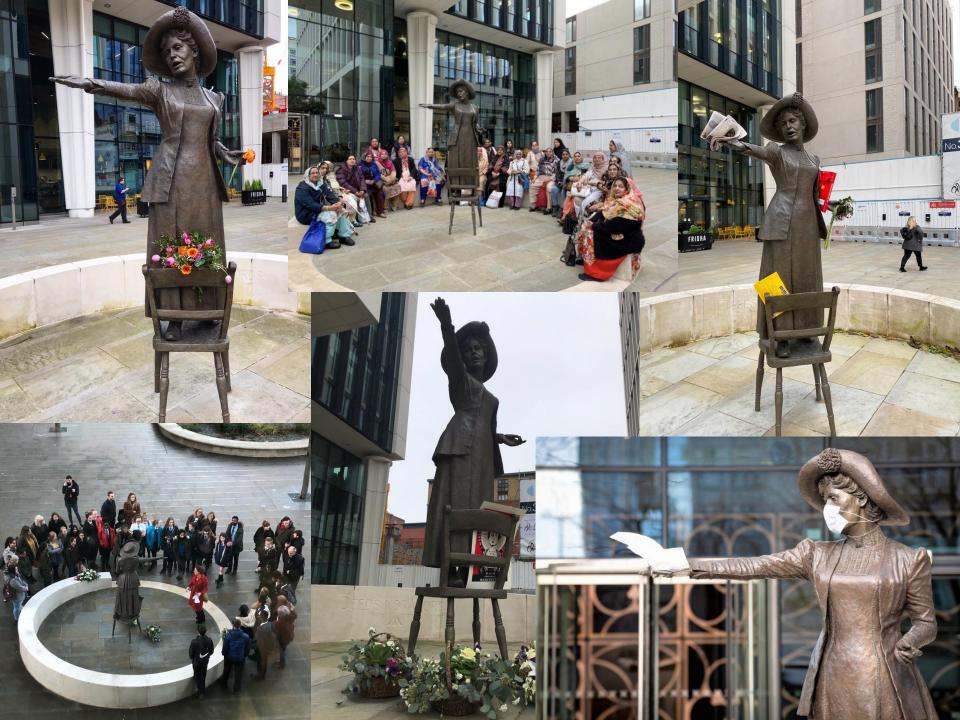


Our Emmeline



(Photo: Our Emmeline Project





It's about remembering together

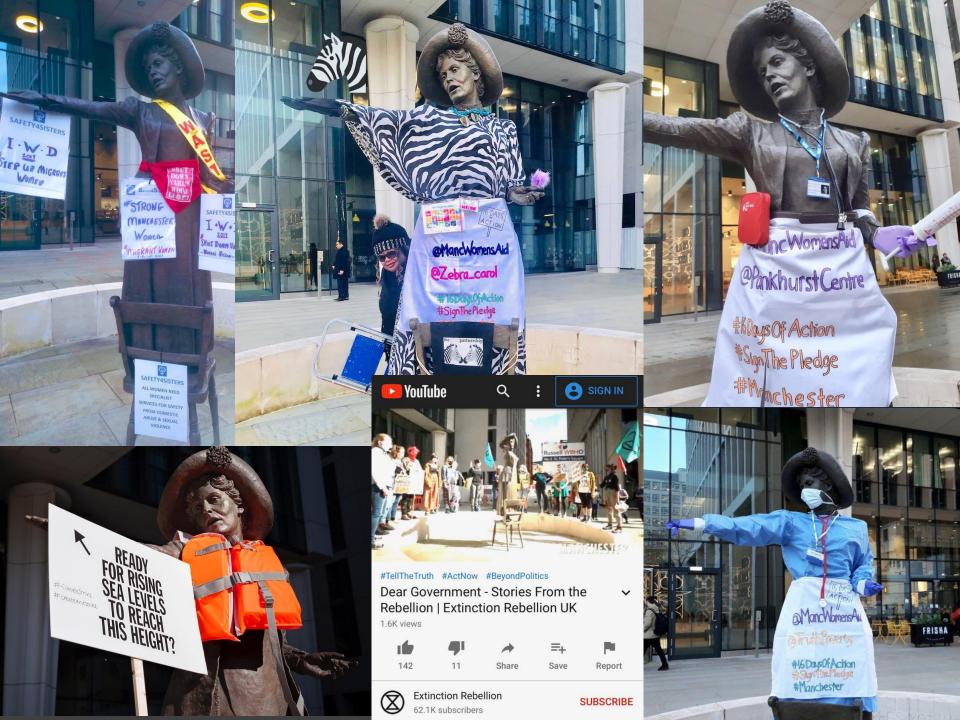


It's about inspiring activism



(Photo: Our Emmeline Project)





It's about inspiring a new generation







(Photo: Karin Janzon)



(Photo still: Our Emmeline unveiling marches, Huckleberry Films)



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The Our Emmeline Unveiling Huckleberry Films (1m 30s)