

West of England and South Wales Women's History Network and Devon History Society

A Symposium on Women in the 1920s

Saturday 18 September 2021, 10.30 - 16.00 Exeter, venue to be confirmed

The event will take place by Zoom if restrictions on meetings are still in place.

The 1920s were heavily overshadowed by the Great War. Women's experience of the war, in employment, in public and voluntary service, in bereavement and in the upheavals to family life meant that life would never be the same again. At the same time there was a positive sense of progress and change. Women had achieved – at least partially – the goal of parliamentary votes. They had begun to be active in local government. Legislation had opened up new opportunities – to be a member of parliament, a magistrate, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. Once-experimental technologies such as those concerned with electricity or the petrol engine came to be available to a wider group of the population. We would like to explore the impact of these changes on women's lives in the West of England and South Wales.

Call for Expressions of Interest

The convenors would be interested in hearing from anyone undertaking research on aspects of women's lives – whether on an individual or a group of women – during the 1920s in the West of England or South Wales. We hope to create an event which will have a mix of presentations in different formats, including posters, readings, and short papers.

If you are interested in participating, please email Julia Neville, j.neville@exeter.ac.uk with details about your work and the woman/women whom you could feature at this event