

# 50:50 Parliament At “PROCESSIONS”

## The Fight For Political Equality Is Still On

[Hundreds of 50:50 Parliament](#) supporters will be at [PROCESSIONS](#) in London with 50:50 flags and #AskHerToStand banners celebrating the centenary of some women winning the right to vote. However, although it's great to celebrate, political equality is still a long way off. At the last election only 12 extra women won seats, at this rate it will take over 50 years to achieve gender equality in the Commons. Men still outnumber women 2:1 in the Commons and 3:1 in the Lords (the name says it all). Over 52,000 people have signed up to the [50:50 Petition](#) asking for action. Why does it matter? Because representation shapes policy.

Frances Scott Founder of 50:50 says

“It is great to be celebrating some women winning the right to vote but a hundred years on we don't want art for art's sake we want equality for everyone's sake!

The fight for political equality is still on. 50:50 mind the gender power gap. It is time that women had equal seats and equal say. 50:50 have a clear aim and are taking action. Like the Suffragettes said we still need “Deeds not Words”. We still need Seats For Women!

[50:50](#) call upon everyone at PROCESSIONS not just to wear the equality colours but to do something for political equality today. If you know a woman who would make a good MP then [Ask Her To Stand](#) via 50:50 and [our team](#) will help her take the next step along the path to Parliament. Let's build a better democracy together!”

[All the political parties agree](#) that we should be aiming for a gender balanced, 50:50 Parliament, so we urge everyone at Processions to take action! Over [40 countries](#) have better gender balance in their Parliaments, the UK should be leading the way. [Evidence](#) suggests that women need to be asked three times before they will consider running for office, so let's start asking them! Women's life experience counts as much as men's.

The 50:50 [#AskHerToStand](#) team inspire, support and encourage women along the way to Westminster. 50:50 are a non-partisan cross-party group, because this is a [Human Rights](#) issue. If you are inspired to stand yourself then [Sign Up To Stand](#) with 50:50 and our team will help you on your way to Westminster.

Don't just celebrate, take action for equal representation today.

JOIN 50:50 at [www.5050Parliament.co.uk](http://www.5050Parliament.co.uk). It costs nothing to register support.  
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*About 50:50 Parliament* 50:50 Parliament is a cross party campaign taking action to get more women to Westminster. With their #AskHerToStand initiative 50:50 aims to inspire, encourage and support political engagement. The 50:50 petition is a call to action for Party Leaders and our Parliament to make gender equality of representation a priority. Join 50:50 at [www.5050parliament.co.uk](http://www.5050parliament.co.uk); [50:50 Parliament on Facebook](#); [50:50 Parliament on Twitter](#); [50:50 Parliament YouTube](#); sign <http://www.change.org/5050parliament>.

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