

Suffragette Solidarity at PMQs TODAY MPs from all Parties will wear 50:50 pins International Women's Day 2018

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50:50 is Taking Action for Equal Representation of Men and Women
Inspiring, encouraging and supporting women on the pathway to
Parliament with their #AskHerToStand campaign.
International Women's Day 2018
#IWD2018 #PressForProgress in Parliament**

50:50 pins will be appearing on all benches across the Commons at Prime Minister Question Time today, 7 March. All the parties are showing solidarity with [50:50 Parliament](#) the Modern-Day Suffragettes. This is a subtle demonstration but a massive show of support for [50:50 Parliament](#). One hundred years after women won the right to vote 50:50 Parliament is taking action for political equality. They are out to recruit 117 more women to Westminster with their [#AskHerToStand](#) campaign. [Research](#) shows that women are 50% less likely to stand for political office and need to be asked 3 times which is why 50:50 have launched [#AskHerToStand](#). 50:50 want people to sign up the inspirational women they know who would make a good MP so that they can inspire, encourage and support them along the pathway to Parliament.

50:50 want men and women to have equal seats and equal say in Parliament because representation shapes policy. [Tax on tampons is the tip of the iceberg](#). [Evidence](#) suggests that men can represent women but they do so better when there are more women in the room.

Rosie Duffield MP says, 'This time last year I was an ordinary 50:50 supporter. Frances and the 50:50 team inspired me and made me believe that I too could be an MP. We need more women to be given the confidence and support to succeed in politics, that's why I'm proud to support [#AskHerToStand](#).' More quotes from MPs 50:50's [Get Inspired Page](#).

Frances Scott, Director of 50:50 Parliament comments: 'At the last election on 12 extra women were elected to Westminster. At this rate it will take over 50 years to get gender equality in the Commons where the key decisions are made that affect all our lives. That's too long to wait! 50:50 want women to have equal seats and equal say. If you know a woman who would make a good MP sign her up via 50:50's [#AskHerToStand](#) and 50:50 will help her along the path to Parliament'

About 50:50 Parliament

50:50 Parliament is a cross party campaign taking action to get more women elected see [PRESS](#)

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