

50:50 #BringTheNoise with Women's March London

Sexism Out Women In

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[50:50 Parliament](#) joined Women's March London to #BringTheNoise as Donald Trump visits the UK. [50:50 Parliament](#) are taking action to get the sexism out of politics by getting more women into politics with our [#AskHerToStand](#) programme. Launched in 2016 50:50's [#AskHerToStand](#) programme aims to inspire, support and encourage women in standing and [getting elected](#). So far this year over one hundred women have [#SignedUpToStand](#) via 50:50.

Frances Scott Founder of 50:50 says:

"Politics is still sexist. The statistics reveal the sexism; men outnumber women 2:1 in the Commons and 3:1 in the Lords. Women have the vote now we want equal seats and equal say: Seats For Women! 50:50 want women and men to run the country and plan the future together, in equal numbers. Every week our [#AskHerToStand](#) team of volunteers are inspiring women to take the next step along the path to Parliament. We are calling upon everyone to take action; if you know a woman who would make a good MP then please [ask her to stand via 50:50](#); let's get more women elected, let's build a better democracy together!"

It's 2018 but 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. In the last hundred years only around 490 women have had seats versus around 4500 men. Over [40 countries](#) have better gender balance in their Parliaments, the UK should be leading the way. 52,800 people have signed up to the [50:50 Petition](#) asking for action.

Why does it matter? Because representation shapes policy. [All the political parties agree](#) that we should be aiming for a gender balanced 50:50 Parliament. [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. 50:50 are a non-partisan cross-party group, because this is a [Human Rights](#) issue. JOIN 50:50 at www.5050Parliament.co.uk. It costs nothing to register support.

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; [50:50 Parliament on Facebook](#); [50:50 Parliament on Twitter](#); [50:50 Parliament YouTube](#); sign <http://www.change.org/5050parliament>.

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