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• "She put body and soul at the service of liberty, equality and fraternity and secured a triumph for them." - -Rebecca West

About the Author

Emmeline Pankhurst (1858–1928) was a political activist and leader of the British suffragette movement. In 1903, she founded the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU). She died only weeks before the Conservative government's extended the vote to all women over 21 years of age.

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