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Places that wealthy people, typically men, frequented were burnt and destroyed. The suffragettes were careful to do this whilst no one was there so that there was little risk to life. They targeted places such as cricket pavilions, horse-racing pavilions, castles and the second homes of the wealthy. Suffragettes also burnt the slogan "Votes for Women" into the grass of golf courses.



EXPLODING POST BOXES

Some suffragettes set fire to post boxes or tipped purple dye in them so that no one could deliver their post!



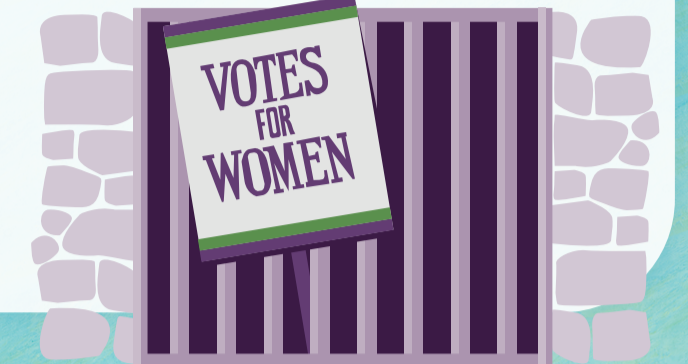
ROLLER SKATING

A group of suffragettes once stayed out all night roller skating to avoid having to fill in the census in 1911. Hundreds of women refused to complete their census forms feeling that as they didn't have the vote, they weren't considered to be real citizens. Journalists at the time thought around 500 women and 70 men hid from the census takers at the skating rink in Aldwych.



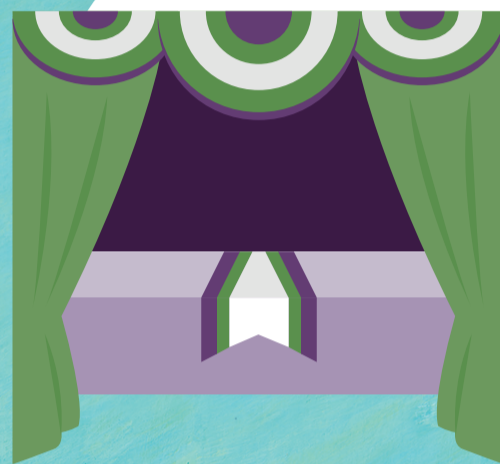
EXHIBITIONS

Suffragettes held exhibitions where they built replica prison cells so that the public could look at the conditions the political prisoners were being kept in. They even described the force feeding where jailers would try and feed the prisoners through rubber tubes threaded up their noses and down into their stomachs. This gained a lot of sympathy with the crowds.



SUFFRAGE PLAYS

Cicely Hamilton's play, *Anti-Suffrage Waxworks* was popular with the suffragettes. It featured a range of funny characters who fulfilled anti-suffrage stereotypes.

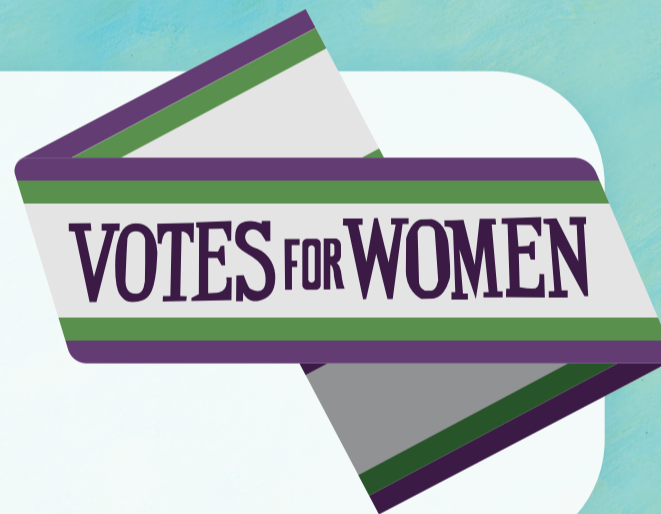


The UNSTOPPABLE SUFFRAGETTES

The hunger strikes and marches of the suffragettes are well-known – but what else did the suffragettes do to get the vote?

BRANDING

Suffragettes would turn up to marches all in the same uniform and colours. They used purple for loyalty and dignity, white for purity, and green for hope.



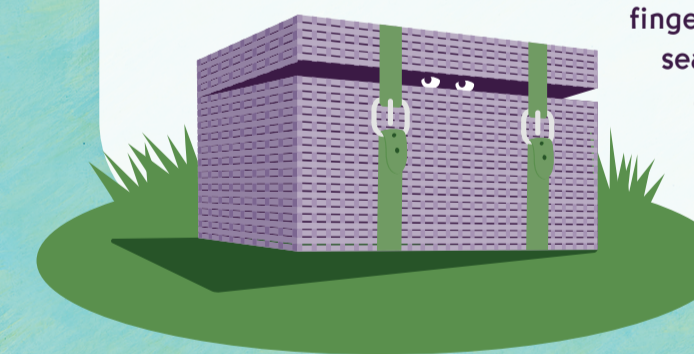
GET YOUR MESSAGE OUT

The suffragettes started their own newspapers, sold postcards, held up banners, chained themselves to railings, all in an attempt to get a bit of press attention. They even stamped their message on coins, which was illegal, but they did it anyway.



CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

In 1913 comedian Marie Lloyd helped suffragette Annie Kenny sneak into the London Palladium to give a speech when Annie was wanted by the police. Police had surrounded the theatre, so Marie put Annie into a hamper and both women crossed their fingers the trunk wouldn't be searched. The ruse worked, and Annie made it inside unnoticed.



JIU JITSU

Suffragettes organised Jiu Jitsu demonstrations, where Edith Garrud (one of the first female professional martial arts instructors in the world!) showed the audience how she could easily overcome and outwit fully-grown men in police uniform. Newspapers called it 'suffrajitsu'.



SMASH STUFF

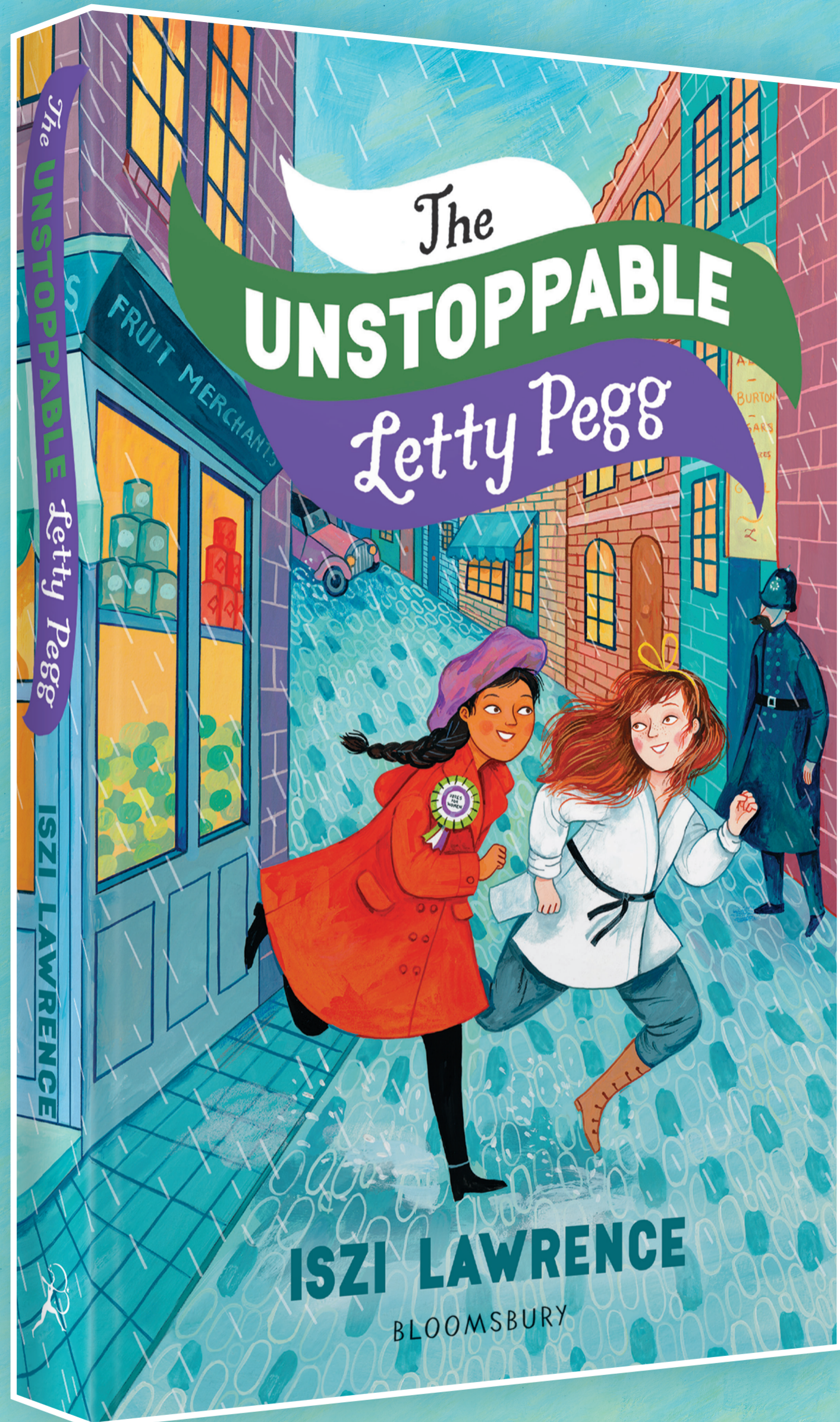
The suffragettes organised window smashing where windows were broken in high streets at exactly the same time across London. Some suffragettes attacked art galleries and museums. Some museums and galleries banned female visitors entirely.



MAKE A SPLASH

At the Paddington Baths on July 9th 1909 the suffragettes held a costumed race of suffragettes v. policemen, which featured suffragettes with a petition (and carrying umbrellas) being pursued by police (wearing helmets and brandishing truncheons).





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