

Their achievements in breaking down barriers and progressing social change in Modern Britain

Baroness Helene Hayman Labour - From the Baby of the House to Lord Speaker of the House of Lords

Margaret Beckett MP Labour - Breaking barriers to assume high offices of state and reforms.

Harriet Harman MP Labour - Mother of the House. Equality for all, challenging misogyny and making Parliament more representative.

Baroness Emma Nicholson - Conservative Breaking conventions, campaigning for Europe, fighting for international immunisation against Polio, and trying to protect Iraqi marshlands.

Baroness Gillian Shephard Conservative - The Gang Labourers Act and fighting against modern day slavery.

Baroness Anne Jenkin Conservative Peer - Getting more Conservative women into Parliament and setting up W2W.

Baroness Virginia Bottomley, Conservative - Being a woman in the Cabinet and steering through health service reforms in the face of opposition.

Baroness Hilary Armstrong, Labour - Fighting for social justice and the excluded in society and reforms to tuition fees

Anne Campbell Labour - The first MP to have a website and set up Scientists for Labour. Using technology to help with social issues and benefit mothers

Baroness Estelle Morris Labour - Winning a marginal seat and helping some of the students she taught get a start in life

Dame Margaret Hodge Labour - Fighting the BNP and introducing with others Sure Start and Flexible working.

Caroline Spelman Dame Conservative - Using her role as Agricultural Minister to put on the international agenda sustainable development goals

Baroness Susan Kramer - Improving transport in London, supporting electric vehicles and working with others on new gay marriage laws.

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