



Adult Learning Within Reach

## Member Lecture – 3 March 2022

Being in the room when it happens: women firsts in Westminster

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Starting poll questions and answers

Answers in bold / light green

**Q1 What do you think is the current percentage of women in the UK parliament, House of Commons?**

22%

41%

**54%**

61%

**Q2 Which political party has the largest percentage of female MPs?**

Conservative

**Labour**

Liberal Democrats

Plaid Cymru

Scottish National Party

**Q3 In which year did the number of women MPs first exceed 5%?**

1959

1976

**1987**

1997

**Q4 Which country has the highest percentage of women in Parliament?**

**Rwanda**

New Zealand

Germany

Brazil

Iceland

Useful links and resources

**Women, Power and Politics in the UK: What's changed in 100 years?** – a study commemorating 100 years of women's right to vote – British Council

Forthcoming WEA courses by Alison Warren

**History of musical theatre (C3533067)** – starting 26<sup>th</sup> April

**History: The life and times of Alexis Soyer - the first celebrity chef (C3533548)** – starting 3<sup>rd</sup> May