Some of Sheffield’s Past Campaigners

Campaigners Timeline

- **1790** Olaudah Equiano visits Sheffield to talk about his new book.
  
  **1793** – Britain at war with France (French Revolution)

- **1794** Thousands gather on West Street to campaign against the war with France.
  
  **1802** – The war finally ends

- **1796** Montgomery starts campaigning against slavery and child labour.

- **1807** A group (Chimney Sweepers’ Friend) is formed to campaign against the exploitation of children.
  
  **1807** – Abolition of Transatlantic slave trade

- **1827** Sheffield Ladies Anti-Slavery Society calls for immediate freedom for slaves.

- **1832** Troops open fire on a crowd demonstrating in the Haymarket for their right to vote in elections.
  
  **1834** – Law passed giving all slaves their freedom

- **1837** 18,000 Sheffield residents sign a petition in favour of immediate freedom for slaves.

  **1840** – Employing boys as chimney sweeps is banned

- **1857** Sheffield Female Political Association, the first organisation for women’s rights is formed.

  **1880** – Law passed stating all children under 10 must go to school

- **1867** Sheffield Ladies Anti-Slavery Society calls for immediate freedom for slaves.

- **1908** Adela Pankhurst begins organising suffragette meetings in Sheffield.

- **1910** Suffrage Shop opens at 26-28 Chapel Walk.

  **1918** – Women over 30 given the right to vote

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