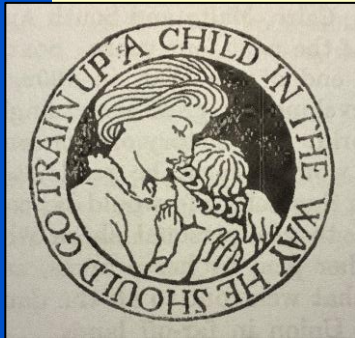




Mothers' Union grows



First MU logo

1886-9: Branches open throughout Britain and overseas.

1897: Queen Victoria grants Royal Patronage.

1900: 170,000 members in 28 Dioceses.

1913: Mary Sumner, aged 84, visits Hexham.

1926: King George V grants a Royal Charter.

Membership reaches 490,000.

Mothers' Union Campaigns

1901 Call to stop **children** collecting alcohol from public houses.

1929 Campaign to raise the **Age of Marriage** from 12 to 16.

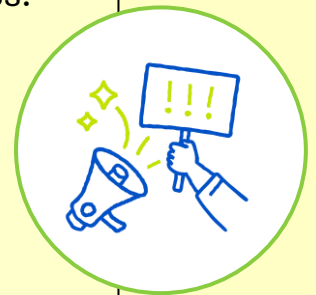
1945 Call for **Family Allowance** to be paid to women not men.

1960 Call for the raising of **Widow's Allowance**.

2003 Lobbying for **Domestic Abuse Bill**.

2006 Lobbying for **Work and Families Act** for flexible working hours.

2010 Launch of **Bye Buy Childhood** against exploitative marketing.



1974 MU Constitution is revised

MU is opened to both women and men, married or unmarried and no longer excludes divorcees. It is now an inclusive organisation. Tom, a Gen Z member, was touched by **Mary Sumner's prayer**.



2000 MU and United Nations

MU given consultative status at **United Nations** on poverty, gender equality and HIV / AIDS

'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

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