

Follow these plaques around the museum to find out about some pioneering and courageous women of Tyneside.

Often women have been overlooked in history. Or their achievements not seen as equal to men's.

There are no objects in these galleries to represent these women's stories. This is a first step in recognising the significant contribution of those women.

You will read about women running for parliament when they themselves were not allowed to vote, women studying for degrees they wouldn't be allowed to graduate from and all of them battling long held beliefs that women are somehow inferior to men.

Many women around the world still do not have equal rights and even in the UK women still face challenges in some areas of life.

Inspired by Joyce Quin and Moira Kilkenny's book 'Angels of the North (available for purchase in the museum shop).

Newcastle Story Gallery Stuarts

Mary Astell Elizabeth Elstob Elizabeth Montagu

Georgian

Anne Fisher Mary Eleanor Bowes

Victorian

Harriet Martineau Anna Richardson

1914 - 25

Muriel Robb
Charlie Marsh
Githa Sowerby
Kathleen Brown
Sister Winifred Laver
Dr. Ruth Nicholson
Ruth Dodds

1926 - 39

Irene Ward Ruth Jacobsen

1940 - 45

Nancy Spain

1960s

Connie Lewcock

Story of the Tyne Gallery

Isa Jobling Susan Auld

Tyneside Challenge Gallery

Rachel Parsons
Dorothy Buchanan

Working Lives Gallery

Dr Ethel Williams Emily Davies

We need your help.

We would like you to nominate a local woman that you think should be recognised for her achievements.

These achievements could be through community or social work, charity work, scientific or business successes or she could be a pioneer in some way.

Email in your suggestions to history@twmuseums.org.uk or tweet using #DiscoverHerStory