

What would Alice Hawkins think if she were here, I wonder whether she would be proud of her legacy or be marching on parliament in anger over how little progress has been made to ensure the equality for all women around the world. Alice Hawkins was a girl who was born into a very poor family , poverty and her gender did not stop her, this is the inspiration that is needed for many of our communities. New College sits in one of the most deprived areas of the city. We are the targets sometimes of stereotypes and rumour and yet being a student here could not make me prouder. Yes, we have great poverty in our area, but we have the heart of Alice, the fight of Alice and the determination to get a good education and learn about our history so that we can treasure those that have gone before and be empowered to support those who come offer after us. We need to be the generation to see real change for the rights of all, but especially women.

Traces of Alice are all over Leicester and our school is only 1.5 miles away from where she grew up, where she worked, where she made a change. The walk to her workplace is short but the journey she took to make a change was long and challenging. She is an inspiration to us, she represents more than women's right to vote, she represents women, she represents every struggle within our community, she represents us. To me she is an inspiration although we now in today's society face more mental issues than the physical problems that Alice faced. Not only are we going to be the guardians of Alice we will be the guardians of our own future quality. We need to empower women to stand up and help make a change , goal five shows what she fought for and we want to fight beside her. Without women's equality there is no equality. We have to end discrimination. It isn't a basic human right, it's crucial for a sustainable future, for any future women are often taken for granted, used and their opinion seems unnoticed. I think our schools should have the bust of Alice as in a way are all mini Alice's, we don't face her issues exactly, but we do face inequality, we face a daily battle. This could be a change for our school and being able to have her portrayed in our school could educate and inspire many younger students who haven't yet been taught about her. Women today are still experiencing similar injustices as women in the 1800s . Having this bust will show that we can make a change, we will make a change.