

# Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers



## HISTORY OF TAX

### The Right to Resist: The Women's Tax Resistance League 1909-1918

Founded in 1909, the Women's Tax Resistance League was part of the suffrage movement, campaigning under the slogan 'No Vote, No Tax.' At a time when women were subject to tax on their incomes, homes and servants yet lacked a Parliamentary vote, members felt keenly the injustice of taxation without representation. League supporters refused to pay income taxes, property duties and licences for dogs, guns and carriages. Goods were frequently seized for auctions and resisters - or in one case the resister's husband - sent to jail. Thanks to its own in-house tax adviser Ethel Ayres Purdie, the first woman to be admitted to an accountancy organisation, the League was able to represent its members in tax cases. The League also instigated test cases, challenging in particular how married women were taxed where their income was deemed to be that of their husbands'.

Based on research from the League's archives Helen's talk will look at the activities of the League, including the taxes they resisted and the cases they took, until partial enfranchisement was achieved for women in 1918.

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#### DATE

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### TIME

5:45pm for 6pm

#### PRICE

Members £18/  
Non-Members £20

#### VENUE ADDRESS

CIOT, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Artillery  
House, 11-19 Artillery Row,  
London SW1P 1RT

and

The Albert Pub 52 Victoria  
St, London SW1H 0NP

**This event is open to  
everyone with an interest  
in the history of tax.**

#### CLOSING DATE

13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

To: **ANN BAILEY, WCOTA ADMINISTRATOR.**

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