Leonora Cohen

Leonora Cohen was born in Leeds in 1873 and died in1978, aged 105.

Leonora Cohen was a suffragette. She was involved in the fight for women to have the right to vote.
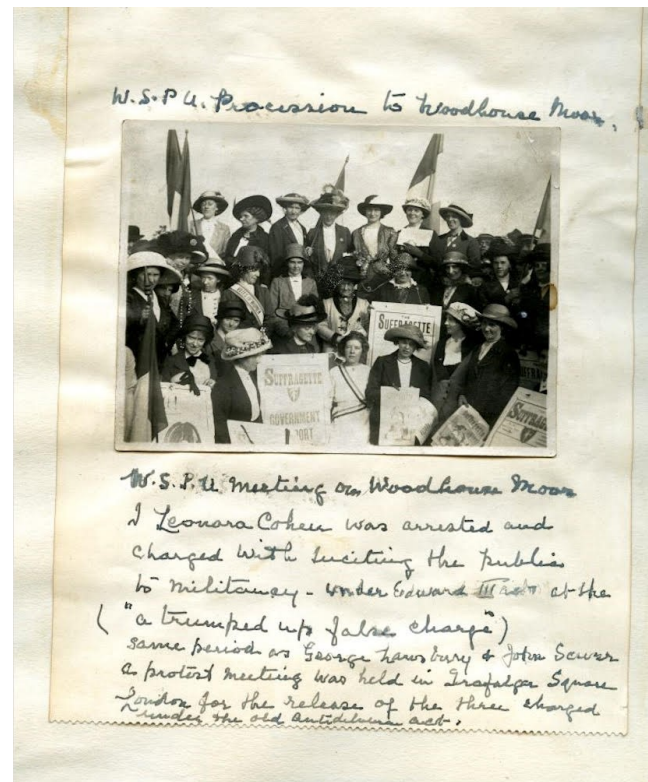
A hundred years ago, women were supposed to get married and have children. They had very few rights. They were not allowed to own their own property, be properly educated, vote or get a divorce.

Key vocabulary

suffragette

fight

right

women

believed

She gave a speech in Leeds, on Woodhouse Moor, and was arrested for what she said.

Leonora, and other suffragettes, smashed windows to make people listen to them. She was sent to prison three times.

She never gave up on what she believed in.