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National Women Citizens' Associations, 1933

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Women Citizens' Associations and what they are.

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THE OBJECTS.

The objects as set forth in the Constitution are:—

To bring together on non-party, non-sectarian, and democratic lines, women's societies and individual women, in order to foster a sense of citizenship in women, to encourage the study of political, social and economic questions and to secure the adequate representation of women in local administration, and in the affairs of the nation and of the Empire.

THE POLICY.

Women Citizens' Associations are self-governing bodies, and include women of all social, political and religious views.

They advocate no policy, except that of upholding the purity of public life, and the promotion of sincere effort for the public good.

They provide a common platform on which topics of national or local public interest may be discussed from various standpoints.

They provide an opportunity for the education and instruction of women voters in political, social and economic subjects.

They do not constitute a Women's Party but help women to qualify themselves to take part in national life.

HOW THEY ARE GOVERNED.

Local Associations elect their own Committees and Honorary Officers who may be women belonging to different political parties. Each Association is self-governing and independent, within the limits of the Constitution of the National Women Citizens' Associations; and may make its own rules with regard to

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membership, finance, election of Committee and office bearers, provided that these rules are on democratic lines.

The **Central Committee** is nominated and elected annually by the Local Associations. When desired, it makes arrangements for speakers and lecturers, furnishes information and co-ordinates the work by the issue of a monthly circular letter.

The **Annual General Meeting** of representatives of all affiliated Associations is held usually in May of each year. Associations are entitled to send delegates in proportion to their membership, to nominate Candidates as Honorary Officers and as members of the Central Committee and to frame resolutions for the Agenda.

LINES OF WORK.

Lectures, Debates or Study Circles are arranged by local Associations, thus providing a means whereby members may acquaint themselves with questions of the day.

Conferences are held between neighbouring Associations for the interchange of ideas and experiences.

Literature. The Central Office has samples of literature supplied by other Societies and from time to time publishes educative leaflets, giving information without party bias.

Elections. In order to secure adequate consideration for women's views in local and national affairs, the Associations frame questions to be addressed to candidates at local and Parliamentary Elections; they bring forward subjects of special interest to women, give an equal hearing to all candidates and generally take such action as is consistent with the principles of an all-party Association.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

I wish to join the **Local Women Citizens' Association**, and enclose my subscription £ s. d. (minimum).

Name

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