

Alice Paul worked tirelessly for the [Equal Rights Amendment](#) (ERA) in the United States and for women's rights internationally. Following the passage of the 19th Amendment, Paul earned three law degrees (LL.B., LL.M. and D.C.L.). She also traveled to South America and Europe during the 20's through the 50's. She began the [World Woman's Party](#) (WWP), headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1938. The WWP worked closely with the [League of Nations](#) for the inclusion of gender equality into the United Nations Charter and the establishment of the [United Nations Commission on the Status of Women](#). Alice Paul moved back to the United States in 1941 and became active in American women's issues. She led a coalition that was successful in adding a sexual discrimination clause to Title VII of the [1964 Civil Rights Act](#). The re-emergence of the women's movement in the late sixties led to renewed interest in the ERA; in 1972, the Senate and the House of Representatives passed the amendment, and it went to the states for ratification. Congress placed a deadline of seven years on the ratification process; the amendment needed 38 states to become law. Though the deadline was extended until 1982, the amendment fell short of ratification by three states. Since 1982, the ERA has come before every session of Congress and current efforts are underway to ratify the amendment. If Congress repeals the time limit of the original bill and three states vote for ratification, the ERA could become law.

Alice Paul died on July 9, 1977, in Moorestown, New Jersey, just a few miles from her birthplace and family home of Paulsdale. Her life demonstrates that one person can make a difference. Her legacy lives on, bearing witness to the significance of her life and inspiring others who struggle for social justice.

There is also a [children's biography](#) available that is ideal for elementary ages.

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- Educating the public about Alice Paul's work and complex history, and by preserving Paulsdale as a historic site and active center for feminist programs.
- Providing leadership development programs and opportunities – both in person and online – for individuals identifying as female, particularly girls ages 8-18.
- Continuing the work to realize full gender equality under the law, in part by advocating for the Equal Rights Amendment, Alice Paul's signature piece of legislation.

API was founded in 1984 as the Alice Paul Centennial Foundation to commemorate the centennial of Alice Paul's birth. It was an all-volunteer effort until 2000. Today, seven paid staff, dozens of volunteers, and a board of directors oversee the Institute's activities. We are proud to take a leadership role in bringing recognition to organizations and historic sites that honor women.

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11. Emmeline Pankhurst, 1913; 12. Lucy Burns, 1917; 13. Crystal Eastman, c.1913-15; 14. Christabel Pankhurst, c.1910; 15. Emmeline Pethick-Lawrence (L) and Alice; 16. Senator Harding and National Women's Party [see photo credits], 1920; 17. Alice sewing stars on the suffrage flag, 1920; 18. Alice, 1901; 19. Call to the Hague [see photo credits], 1930; 20. CUWS pickets at the White House, 1917; 21. NAWSA procession book cover, 1913; 22. Parade, W.L. Prendergast, W.L. Colt, Doris Stevens, Alice Paul, c.1910-15.

