KEY THEMES
• Women's suffrage
• Feminism
• The men's movement
• Employment and labour
• Organisations, associations and societies
• Education and training
• Government and politics
• Legislation and legal cases
• The body
• Sex and sexuality
• Conduct and politeness
• Domesticity and the family
• Leisure and entertainment

MATERIAL TYPES
• Feminist pamphlets and ephemera
• Diaries and correspondence providing personal insights into men’s and women’s lives
• Business records and legal documents detailing the fight for gender equality
• Advice literature and etiquette books
• Photographs of prominent organisations, individuals and events in gender history
• Objects including delegate pins, buttons and ribbons from suffrage conventions

OVERVIEW
From traditional constructions of femininity and masculinity, to the struggle for women’s rights and the emergence of the men’s movement, Gender: Identity and Social Change offers three centuries of primary source material for the exploration of gender history.

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HIGHLIGHTS
• Documents relating to Doris Stevens and Martha C. Anthony in the United States
• Papers from the collection of Betty Friedan, a leading figure in the feminist movement
• A unique collection of newsletters representing the development of the men’s movement from the 1970s onwards
• Reports and correspondences from organisations and groups such as the Manchester Men’s League for Women’s Suffrage, the Famous Five, the National Women’s Party and the Six Point Group
• Material highlighting arguments surrounding the body, including sexuality and abortion
• Late eighteenth- and early-twentieth century periodicals including The British Workman, The British Workwoman and The Lady’s Realm


Arthur J. Munby provided an unprecedented record of the conditions and character of Victorian working-class women within their homes and places of work through his collection of observations, interviews, stories, programs, albums and sketches, gathered along the streets of Victorian Britain. The extraordinary collection is complemented by Handwritten Text Recognition (HTR) technology to enable full-text searching of the manuscripts' metadata.
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