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Women's Committee of the Economic History Society

We propose the formation of a Women's Committee of the Society along the lines of that in the American Economic History Society.

The purpose of the Committee would be the following:

- (1) to encourage the continued participation of women in research and teaching after their graduate work on M.A.s and Ph.Ds.
- (2) to encourage a return to academic research in economic history by self financing and part-time women students, and to make these researchers a part of the profession. This would take the Society back to its roots, and create new frontiers for the expansion of the Society
- (3) to provide networks of information on research funding, especially for those coming back to research after a period away
- (4) to encourage more participation of women in the Society's activities
- (5) to encourage analytical historical studies of women and the economy or women and the labour market. This is a relatively weak area of research here compared to its strength in the U.S.
- (6) to provide teaching packages on women and the economy for undergraduate and MA courses, and to create sections on women for inclusion in schools packages.

A Women's Committee would have several advantages. It would encourage more research by women. It would encourage greater young researcher participation by women in the Society by canvassing Women's Studies Courses and Women's History groups. There would be clear advantages to the Society in increasing attendance and subscriptions.

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