

League of Women Voters of Needham

Empowering Voters • Defending Democracy

The League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League does not support parties or candidates.

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Progressive Needham

Progressive Needham is one of 24 chapters of Progressive MA, an organization that was founded right here in Needham.

Progressive Needham is a nonpartisan group that organizes around progressive issues in Massachusetts through electoral organizing, organization-building and education.

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Women's Suffrage Celebration Coalition of MA

The Women's Suffrage Celebration Coalition of Massachusetts, Inc. (WSSC) is dedicated to commemorating and celebrating the upcoming 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote.

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Needham History Center & Museum

Since 1915, the Needham History Center & Museum has celebrated the history of Needham and the accomplishments of its citizens. Through exhibits, programs, publications, and teaching, we

share our resources with the community to engage and inform present and future generations.

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Needham Women's Club

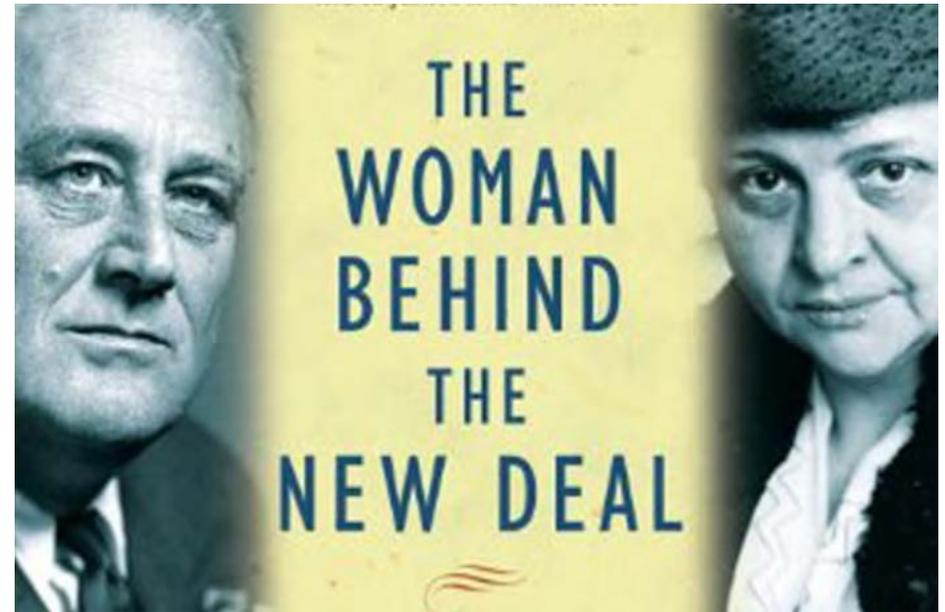
The Needham Women's Club is a networking and fundraising organization that promotes civic, educational and social activities for Needham Women.

www.needhamwomensclub.org

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The Woman Behind the New Deal: Frances Perkins, FDR's Secretary of Labor

**3 PM Sunday, April 8, 2018
The Center at the Heights**

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Special thanks to the Needham Channel and Center at the Heights.

Frances Perkins Center and Exhibit

The Frances Perkins Center in Newcastle, Maine was founded in 2008 to advance the public's understanding of Frances Perkins' legacy. Her ability to effectively implement bipartisan legislation and her inspired dedication to improving conditions for all Americans led to advances in social justice and to the establishment of ground-breaking programs to help care for the aged, children, families, workers and people with disabilities.



info@francesperkinscenter.org

The Center honors the legacy of Frances Perkins by sharing her commitment to the principle that government should provide all its people with the best possible life, and by preserving the place that shaped her character. The Center convenes leaders and future leaders in public policy, labor and related fields to generate creative solutions to today's social and economic problems and teaches students of all ages about a remarkable woman whose work continues to improve the lives of ordinary Americans.

Frances Perkins Center & Exhibit Visiting Hours

June through August, Tuesday through Saturday
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and by appointment year-round



Sarah Peskin, Board Chair, Frances Perkins Center, is former Chief of Planning and Legislation for the National Park Service North Atlantic region. She guided the preservation and interpretation of many nationally significant historic places and managed major new facility projects from concept to operation in her 30 years in federal service. A graduate of Smith College, she holds a master's degree in urban planning from New York University and was a Loeb Fellow at Harvard University.

Special thanks to Chris Cash, Program Director, Frances Perkins Center.

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Program

Welcome - Karen Price, League of Women Voters of Needham
The Frances Perkins Center - Sarah Peskin
The Woman Behind the New Deal - Kirstin Downey, author
Closing and Cake! - John Kirk, Progressive Needham

Keynote Speaker



Kirstin Downey, an award-winning journalist at the Washington Post from 1988 to 2008, is a business reporter whose work has focused on illuminating the human implications of important financial trends, particularly boom and bust cycles in the modern economy.

Downey's coverage of the aftermath of the savings and loan debacle of the late 1980s won her several regional press association awards. In 1990, she was named a finalist for the Livingston prize for outstanding young journalist in America for her coverage of the abuse of government housing programs. In the mid-1990s, her articles on sexual harassment in workplaces across America caused a paradigm shift in how people viewed a problem that had been trivialized.

From 2005 to 2007, Downey led the country in reporting on a worrisome but unrecognized phenomenon — the dangerous growth of risky new kinds of mortgages that threatened to bankrupt borrowers and the financial institutions making the loans.

Downey left the Washington Post in 2008 to finish *The Woman Behind the New Deal*, a book she had spent nine years researching. Her goal was to look to history to see how a heroine of the past, Frances Perkins, had helped the country deal with financial calamity and how, exactly, Perkins had created the social safety net that will minimize the damage to Americans today.