

Ethel Jane Adair Roberts (Mrs Francis Levitt Impey) (1877-1961)

Ethel Adair Roberts attended Madame Bergman Österberg's College between 1896 - 98. She joined the staff of Anstey Physical Training College just half a term after completing her course.

In 1900 she was on the first committee to determine the rules of netball. In 1902 she was appointed to the staff at Chelsea College of Physical Training.

Three years later she moved to Scotland to take up her post as Warden of the newly founded Dunfermline College of Hygiene and Physical Training. She became its second Lady Principal in 1906.

Ethel wrote *The Handbook of Free-standing Gymnastics* which was adopted by the Ling Association of Trained Teachers of Gymnastics. She married in 1908 and in 1908 she inaugurated and edited the *Journal of Scientific Physical Training*.

Ethel was a keen suffragette and inaugurated the Gymnastics Teachers Suffrage Society in 1910. In 1911 as a member of the Birmingham WSPU she joined in the boycott called on the census. She was described on the census form, filled in by the registrar, as a 'Suffragette, Information Refused'. In fact, information was refused not only by her, but also by her husband, her son, her servant and about 6 nameless females.