

## The Hypatia Trust

Listen to Melissa talking about The Hypatia Trust, a charity she founded to record and celebrate the achievements of women in all aspects of their lives.

### Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

### Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

#### Vocabulary

1. ..... a lecture
2. ..... an institute
3. ..... allied to
4. ..... to found
5. ..... to promote
6. ..... to edit out
7. ..... an achievement
8. ..... a community centre

#### Definition

- a. to start an organisation
- b. supported by
- c. an organisation where people do a particular type of work
- d. something, often difficult, that you have succeeded in doing
- e. to remove something before it is published
- f. a formal talk on a serious subject, usually given to students
- g. a place where people in an area can meet, do classes, etc.
- h. to encourage people to like, buy, use, do or support something

### Tasks

#### Task 1

Write a number (1–6) to put the items in the order that Melissa talks about them.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lectures by women

\_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitions of women's arts and crafts

\_\_\_\_\_ The aims of The Hypatia Trust

\_\_\_\_\_ The work of the Wikipedia group

\_\_\_\_\_ The offices and meeting rooms

\_\_\_\_\_ Where The Hypatia Trust is located and when it was founded

**Task 2**

Are the sentences true or false?

	<b>Answer</b>	
1. The Hypatia Trust is located in Penzance, Cornwall.	True	False
2. Melissa founded The Hypatia Trust in 2006.	True	False
3. The Hypatia Trust concentrates on women's careers, family lives and achievements.	True	False
4. Melissa says that in history, women's achievements are often not mentioned.	True	False
5. Melissa says that she has climbed Mount Everest.	True	False
6. Men are not allowed to attend events at The Hypatia Trust.	True	False

**Discussion**

Do you enjoy going to exhibitions and lectures? Are there any organisations like The Hypatia Trust where you live?

## Transcript

**Interviewer:** Hello, Melissa.

**Melissa:** Hello, Joanna.

**Interviewer:** What would you like to tell us about today?

**Melissa:** I would like to tell you about the organisation which is called The Hypatia Trust, erm, located in Penzance in Cornwall, that I founded in, er, 1996. It is allied to Exeter University and it is a, an institute which encourages lifelong learning for women. We concentrate on women's lives, both their careers and their family life, and virtually anything which they have accomplished – which often, in history, is, erm, swept over or sort of edited out of normal histories.

**Interviewer:** Do you want to tell me about some of the projects that The Hypatia Trust has been involved in?

**Melissa:** Yes, yes, I would like to. Er, we have, for example, we have a Wikipedia group which, erm, spend a lot of time and effort in their own homes working on the entries for women on the net, on the internet. This is very helpful because very often men forget that women are there when they're talking about their lives and their achievements! This is one project. We also have art exhibitions of women's art, er, craft. Er, er, that might be sewing, that might be needlework, you know, it might be needlework or it could be painting or any sculpture, that sort of thing. And we also have lectures where women who have climbed Everest or done something else remarkable will come and tell us about the experience. Erm, we have some very fine offices with meeting rooms that the community can also use for their projects. Altogether we are a kind of a community centre, but basically we are a women's learning institute and we promote anything which leads to lifelong learning ...

**Interviewer:** For women?

**Melissa:** For women.

**Interviewer:** OK.

**Melissa:** Though we don't, erm, disinvite men attending, because they need to learn as well.

**Interviewer:** Exactly. OK. Thank you very much for talking to us.

**Melissa:** You're welcome.

## Answers

### Preparation task

1. f
2. c
3. b
4. a
5. h
6. e
7. d
8. g

### Task 1

- 5 Lectures by women
- 4 Exhibitions of women's arts and crafts
- 2 The aims of The Hypatia Trust
- 3 The work of the Wikipedia group
- 6 The offices and meeting rooms
- 1 Where The Hypatia Trust is located and when it was founded

### Task 2

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. False
6. False