

Sophie Walker

LYING FEMINIST OF THE MONTH



[J4MB](#) presents the November 2015 **Lying Feminist of the Month** award to [Sophie Walker](#), leader of the [Women's Equality Party](#) (WE). [Sandi Toksvig](#), the party's spokeswoman, won two of these awards in the space of just three months – [here](#) and [here](#).

The BBC has given a huge amount of coverage to WE on prime time TV and radio programmes, and almost none to J4MB. Catherine Mayer, the party's president, was given a 10-minute-long platform on *The Andrew Marr Show* – [here](#) – and wasn't challenged once. A few days earlier, BBC Parliament devoted 23 minutes to [Sophie Walker's speech](#) at the launch of the party's [policy document](#), a 36-page-long whine list. William Collins's detailed [response](#) to her speech was devastating.

Mike Buchanan sent a [public challenge](#) of the policy document to Sophie Walker, giving her two weeks to respond. She failed to respond by the deadline. The first of his 16 challenges related to the following statement in the policy document (p.3):

WE are the Women's Equality Party, a new collaborative political force in UK politics uniting people of all genders, diverse ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, beliefs and experiences in the shared determination to see women enjoy the same rights and opportunities as men so that all can flourish.

The underlying assumption of this statement is a lie. Our challenge was very simple:

In the UK, what are the rights and opportunities that men enjoy, which women don't?

A list of previous winners of this award is [here](#). [Caroline Criado-Perez](#) has won it three times, [Laura Bates](#) – [The Everyday Whining Project](#) – twice.