

Learning, training and volunteering opportunities for women & women's groups in Scotland



This palette of learning opportunities is on offer to women's groups across Scotland. If you want to know more or book any of the sessions, contact us at the address, e-mail or phone number on the back of this brochure.

Making the Most of Your Women's Library

An introductory session on the Women's Library.

Format: Informal illustrated talk using a 'guided tour' of GWL's website (internet access necessary), with an optional workshop.

Target Learners: Women who work with women's groups.

Learning Opportunities: Developing awareness of GWL — how to get information, support and resources; how to contribute your own news and ideas; what learning sessions are available.

Ideal Session Time: 2 hours—half-day

'F-Word' and 'Fish on a Bicycle' DVDs



Two award-winning films developed by Pilton Video and the F-Word girl group in partnership with GWL. The films chart the shared learning journeys of a group of culturally diverse young women as they explore feminism. A lively and provocative resource.

Format: DVD and informal workshop.

Target Learners: Young women and those who work with them.

Learning Opportunities: Developing awareness of equality issues, inspiring linked research projects. Some activities shown in the films can be run by GWL. The films can be screened alongside other materials in the GWL collection, including testimonies of women involved in Second Wave Feminism.

Ideal Session Time: Full day

DVD viewing Time: 50 minutes altogether

Women's History Bring and Tell

Facilitated by GWL Lifelong Learning staff, this workshop combines oral histories with personal objects that highlight women's lives, histories and achievements. Participants bring along photographs, artefacts or memorabilia relating to their own lives or the lives of other women and record the stories behind the objects.



Format: Informal workshop session using digital recording equipment (audio, video or photograph) as well as pre-recorded oral histories and photographs.

Target Learners: Learners of all ages, women's groups, women's history groups, community groups, intergenerational groups, ethnic minority women's groups, literacy groups.

Learning Opportunities: Developing awareness and celebrating the lives of local women. This can be combined with the Mapping Local Women workshop. This is a friendly and relaxed session.

Ideal session time: 2 hours—half-day



Women's History Quiz

A quiz about past and present women in Scotland. This is a fun and informal ice breaker for events, but it can also be used as a workshop/event in itself. Questions can be tailored to meet the needs of particular groups or events. The quiz usually includes questions on the suffragette movement, women in art and civic life in Scotland, and women in particular localities.



Recording Living Heroines

This activity focuses on recording and researching the lives of local 'living heroines'. Samples of recordings from the GWL collection can be shared with groups to reveal and illuminate the amazing experiences and inspiring testimonies of the pioneering achievements of women still living.

Format: DVD and workshop/recording sessions.

Target Learners: All women.

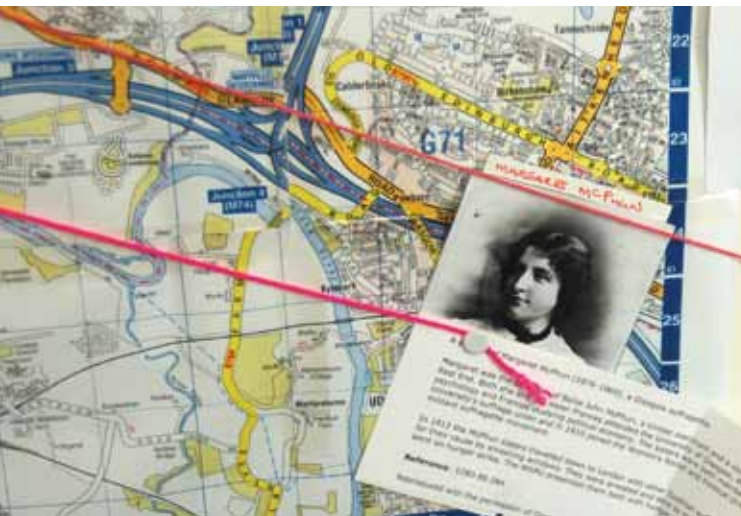
Duration: Samples of oral history recordings from 30 minutes and up.

Learning Opportunities: Developing awareness of diverse women's lives and the importance of gathering information from older women on their lives and experiences. Participants are inspired to get involved in research and documentation activities.

Ideal Session Time: Half-day

Mapping Local Women

An informal session facilitated by the national lifelong learning team mapping the stories and histories of women in specific local areas. Participants build a map using their own stories, knowledge and memories.



Format: Workshop using local area maps and various other creative materials.

Target learners: Women's groups, intergenerational groups, community groups, literacy groups.

Ideal session time: 2 hours—half-day



Women's History Walking Tours

GWL has developed 5 popular walking tours based on Women's History in Glasgow; we also support the development of other women's walks in Scotland. We are keen to encourage the development of further women's history walks and can offer the following related activities:

Create a Women's History Walk: Our Lifelong Learning team and Women Make History (WMH) learners share the learning journey of developing a pioneering women's history walk in Glasgow. These talks inspire and encourage women to think about what they can do to highlight local women's achievements.

Mapping Women's History: An informal session on how the WMH learners developed a new women's history map for Glasgow. It looks at a range of materials produced by groups in Scotland that are starting to map the hidden histories of women.

Format: Illustrated talks with discussion points and hard copies.

Target Learners: Women who would like to discuss women's history in their local area, or are looking for a specific project to work on that highlights and addresses women's history.

Learning opportunities: Ideal to kick start a new project or inspire an existing women's project. Offers straightforward guidance and tips for generating a new tour, plus an inspiring model for groups to use in their own context.

Ideal Session Time: Half-day — full day

Tours from the Doors

GWL has developed a strand of Women Make History to engage women who are accessing Adult Literacy and Numeracy (ALN) support. The Tours from the Doors walks encourage learners and all women developing their confidence to get involved in short walks for physical health and for general wellbeing.

Format: Illustrated talk about the history and development of the Tours From the Doors model, with 'One Small Step' DVD.

Target Learners: Women's groups and women who work with women, in particular women developing their literacy skills.

Learning Opportunities: Inspiring ideas on how to develop research projects and improve communication skills, team-building exercises, and uncovering local women's history.

Ideal session time: 2 hours — half-day

'One Small Step' DVD

Encourages women to get involved in researching women's history and become tour guides for women's history walks.

Learning Opportunities: Offers background to 'Why do Women's History?' and provides some basic introductory tips on creating a women's history walk and tour-guiding, with a focus on women building on their existing skills and strengths.

Ideal session time: Half-day



Women's History Road Shows

A series of large-scale Road Shows with information stalls, object handling, reminiscence sessions and 'surgeries' on the historic value of photographs and other records of women's lives. Can include an introduction to GWL's Archive and Archival Training.

Format: DVDs, illustrated talks, workshops and hard copies.

Target Learners: Women and women's groups with a special interest in women's history, on a personal and local scale.

Learning Opportunities: Ideal for kick-starting a new women's history project and sharing information on accessing and preserving women's history.

Ideal Session Time: Half-day — full day



Women's History Archival Training

GWL's archivist will work with women and women's groups on how to look after, use and preserve their own and their groups' histories. The workshop can be tailor-made to meet the group's needs and can involve an introduction to researching archive resources online, oral history, sorting and cataloguing materials, hands-on practice and tips on how to preserve old materials including papers and photographs, and tips on where to get further advice and help.



BME Women's History Project

This GWL project was devised by our Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Development Worker. The project has generated a range of resources that are available for use by mixed and BME groups nationally, including the following exhibitions:

Small Exhibition – The Model House: Created by GWL, artist Sadia Gul, and a group of South Asian women learners, the Model House is a composite 3-D representation of the homes these women had before they migrated to Scotland.

Format: 3D model house (1m²), and an A1 display board exhibiting records of the participants' experiences.

Target Learners: All women.

Learning Opportunities: Raising awareness of women's hidden histories. Discussion points include: home, significant moments in women's lives, memories, shared histories, and the importance of becoming active in gathering women's memories.

Ideal session time: Full day

Large Exhibition – She Settles in the ‘Shields: This vibrant exhibition records and illustrates the colourful histories of women migrants to the Pollokshields area in south-side Glasgow from the 1950’s on. Includes photographs, documents, objects of significance, and portraits of the women participants.

Format: Large scale photographs & portraits, household objects.

Target Learners: All women. This exhibition can be tailored for mixed groups and BME specific women’s groups.

Learning Opportunities: An excellent model for discussion: Where are the records of migrant women’s histories? What could be the focus of a related project in other local areas? What can we learn about culture and gender from this exhibition? Why are women’s life histories more likely to be lost?



Welcoming Women

Consultation, events and facilitation for community-based and third-sector organisations who would like to or are actively trying to engage with Black and Minority Ethnic women in Scotland.



Conferences/Learning Events

Glasgow Women's Library can work in partnership with other organisations across Scotland to organise and host all-day events which can combine speakers, workshops and various other activities focusing on many different aspects of women's lives, histories and learning. These events can be national or they can be tailored for a specific local area. For some examples of events that GWL has hosted all over Scotland, please see our website: www.womenslibrary.org.uk



Format: Speakers, DVDs, workshop sessions.

Learning Opportunities: A chance to engage with a range of women to encourage new learning opportunities in their local areas. A chance for organisations to focus on new ways of working with women and women's groups.



GWL Archive Exhibition 'Between Future and Past'

This mobile exhibition showcases posters from the GWL archive designed by artists in the 1980s to promote the history and changing position of women in society. The last poster includes a contemporary update, which has been specially designed to explore what feminism and the portrayal of women means today.

New Modules Coming Soon...

ALN for Women: Awareness raising and skills development for women working with women ALN learners. Includes GWL's DVD 'Literacy is for Me!' and our '*Breaking Barriers*' publication.

Online Learning: A range of downloadable training materials and resources, including:

- developing women's history walks
- how to access information on women's history
- DVDs
- Podcasts
- Oral history recordings

Satellite Collections: Satellite Collections are remote collections — a 'mini women's library' from our Glasgow based collection — consisting of books, magazines, DVDs and other materials. They can be adapted in size and content to suit a wide range of interests and reading levels. We are currently installing satellite collections in libraries, learning centres and women's organisations across Scotland.

Please Note:

It is possible to adapt and combine modules to tailor a session to specific group needs. We are experienced in working in partnership with other groups and developing new learning models.

The Scottish Government provides funding for Glasgow Women's Library to deliver lifelong learning to a wide range of women and women's groups across Scotland, free of charge. There may, however, be a fee for sessions or services delivered to some organisations.

If you would like more information, please contact us at the address overleaf.



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Alternatively, find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/womenslibrary or follow the GWL Kettle on Twitter at twitter.com/gwlkettle

If you are based outside the Glasgow area, please ask for **Morag Smith**, National Lifelong Learning Development Worker or **Nisha Ramayya**, National Lifelong Learning Assistant.

Please contact us for detailed information on access to our premises.