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It is unique in Scotland and a national treasure! Glasgow Women's Library (GWL) celebrates the lives and achievements of women and champions their contributions to Scotland's culture. Our vibrant information hub is open to all. An Accredited Museum and home to a lending library and archive, GWL also offers exciting events, activities and courses through its various learning programmes linked to its collections.

JOINING AND BOOKING

How do I join the library?

Joining the library is really easy to do and is completely FREE! Complete a form at GWL or join online.

How do I book an event?

You can book through our website, in person at GWL, or call or email us.

Do I need to pay?

Most GWL events are free. Where events do have a booking fee we have two rates: Full Price (people who feel that they can afford to attend events and want to support our work), and Subsidised (usually free) for students, people on

a low income, unemployed people or people in receipt of benefits. We do not ask for proof of this. GWL Friends also access all our events at a subsidised rate.

Why is it important to book first?

It is important for us to know how many people to expect at all events as this affects the spaces we use and how many staff, biscuits and teabags we need! We can also contact you if there are any last minute changes. It's important to cancel a place if you can't attend as we have waiting lists. If you have any questions about this or anything else you read in the programme please contact us.

GREEN WAYS TO GET TO BRIDGETON

Our Environmental Policy sets out how we aim to reduce our carbon emissions, including supporting our visitors to travel by foot, bike or public transport.

By bike: We are on one of the city's best cycle routes which follows the Clyde, to the East and the West. You can hop on a Next Bike for £1 per 30 minutes and return it to the docking station round the corner.

Front Cover: Detail from 'Ta' Lige Stilling' poster, from the GWL collection and included in the 'Sisterhood is Powerful' exhibition.

Open: Mon to Fri 9.30am to 5pm, Thurs 9.30am to 7.30pm, Sat 12pm to 4pm
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Find us on Facebook and follow [@womenslibrary](https://www.facebook.com/womenslibrary) on Twitter



On foot: We're a 30 minute walk from the city centre.

By public transport: Take advantage of the great public transport links to Bridgeton: low level trains from Glasgow Central station take 10 minutes. Bellgrove Rail Station is a 10 minute walk away connecting visitors from Edinburgh and Queen Street Low Level. Buses 18, 46, 64 and 263 stop at the end of our street.

GWL: A PLACE FOR ALL THAT IS MAKING HISTORY



Audience member at a fundraising Games Night for GWL at Women in Profile, circa 1991. Credit: Adele Patrick

This is the final programme of our 25th anniversary year, and what a year: awards galore, the library popping with excitement and creativity and with optimism abounding. Bigger picture planning and reflection has also been the flavour of the past few months for the team. We are full of anticipation as we look to the future and delivering even more in better ways for everyone who uses GWL.

Within this programme you will see plenty of ways to get involved in and learn about what lies behind our archive and museum store doors. We want to put our learners, users and researchers in the driving seat, getting their perspectives on what our objects can mean and say and what it is important to display in a women's library. Our new Community Curators project, Open Archive events and our final exhibition and performance to mark our 25th anniversary will involve women in exciting activities that bring our collections and our own history to life.

If you are just discovering GWL, our legendary programme launches are the best way of finding your feet with tasters, exhibition previews, meet the team, book sales and early bird bookings. The **Autumn programme launch** date is: Thursday 17th August between 1pm and 2.30pm and 6pm-7.30pm.

GWL Warm Welcome drop-ins take place on the first Saturday of the month: if you are new to GWL this is another relaxed way to find out about borrowing, volunteering, to learn about and book events and to have a full tour.

Women-only events are labelled throughout the programme. All events are trans inclusive. All events are free unless otherwise stated. GWL is an accessible venue: please contact us if you have specific requirements. All events are located at Glasgow Women's Library unless otherwise stated and are open to all ages.

WOMEN MAKE HISTORY

A rich array of ways to discover the hidden histories of women

Women Making an Exhibition of Themselves

Ever wished you could go behind the scenes in a museum? Get hands-on with priceless objects? Now's your chance!

As the only Accredited Museum in the UK dedicated to women's history, Glasgow Women's Library is home to an amazing 300,000 objects that tell the stories of women's lives: from knitting patterns to contemporary art, from Suffragette memorabilia to sporting history. We want to create new displays to showcase these gems, brimming with the GWL 'special ingredient' of being accessible, friendly and welcoming to all.

We are launching a new project, **Women Making an Exhibition of Themselves**, and need YOU to join the GWL team and become the curators who will decide what goes on display, why and how. We want your voices to help tell the stories of our objects. The **Community Curators** group will learn the basics of museum work and how to care for objects, go on outings to other museums for inspiration and have lots of fun creating the new GWL museum displays.

We meet every Tuesday afternoon, 1–3pm at GWL, with occasional Saturday outings to museums and galleries in Glasgow and beyond. No training or experience necessary! Get in touch to join us or find out more.

For more information or to book onto any of these events contact the Library on **0141 550 2267**, email us at info@womenslibrary.org.uk or visit womenslibrary.org.uk



Anti-nuclear movement materials from the collection. Credit: GWL

The Open Archive

Join our amazing archivists for a new series of drop-in events that will open the doors of the stores to share some of the surprising and varied collections we have in the GWL Archive.

Anti-Nuclear Movements

Tuesday 13th June, 11am to 2pm

“While the Tories Cruise, We Lose!”
Have nuclear weapons in the age of Trump made you itch to get active? Take inspiration from activists of the past as our archive team dig deep to give an in-depth look at some of our stirring anti-nuclear themed material.

Feminist Anti-Violence Campaigning

Saturday 1st July, 12pm to 4pm

Feminist responses to violence against women have a long and fascinating history in Scotland. As part of our project **Speaking Out: Recalling Women's Aid in Scotland**, the archivists who have been capturing this important heritage will be spotlighting an array of anti-violence themed posters, photographs, and badges from our collections. There will be discussion on some pioneering feminist campaigns, and (of course) badge-making over tea!

WOMEN MAKE HISTORY



Nurses at the Belvidere Hospital. Credit: GWL

Listening to the Voices From the Belvidere

**Tuesday 4th July, 2.30pm to 4.30pm,
£2/Free, Women only**

In a series of dramatic monologues bringing to life fascinating stories of laundry maids who ran away, nurses who caught fever after fever, kitchen staff who rebelled and the rare women doctors who followed their calling against all odds, we proudly showcase Voices from the Belvidere. Over the last few months, we have been researching and writing about the women linked with the Belvidere Fever Hospital in the East End of Glasgow around the time of the First World War. Now hear their voices.

"...within hours I was a patient on my own ward..."

"...smells of polish and antiseptic and boiled cabbage..."

Architecture in Conversation: Voices of Experience

Saturday 8th July, 1pm to 3pm

How might role models and built environment histories be re-thought through listening to experienced women architects, planners, designers, and engineers who haven't been written into professional myths, mainstream history, and public consciousness?

Share in this conversation over tea and cake, while experienced and up-and-coming women architects reflect on their practice.

This ongoing collaborative project is developing an oral and material archive in partnership with Glasgow Women's Library, Architecture Fringe 2017, Collective Architecture, ESALA, and Panel.



Palestinian Embroidery Workshop. Credit: Claire Anderson

Palestinian Embroidery: Empowering Women and Strengthening Communities

**Tuesday 1st August, 11am to 1pm,
Women only**

Learn traditional Palestinian embroidery techniques that have been passed down through generations of women and find out more about the historical and cultural richness of Palestinian embroidery and some of its links to knitting traditions in Scotland.

Some may remember the very popular series of Palestinian embroidery workshops and exhibition at GWL during Spring 2016 led by textile designer **Claire Anderson**. With this follow up workshop, Claire invites past attendees to return, and welcomes all others who are interested, as she reflects on the completion of the project 'Palestinian Embroidery: Empowering Women and Strengthening Communities'.

Women's Heritage Bike Ride

**Saturday 12th August, 1pm to 3pm,
Meet outside GWL**

Whether you're the next Katie Archibald or your bike hasn't seen the light of day for years, this ride is for you. Our volunteer tour guides will lead you at a leisurely pace along off road cycle paths (no hills, we promise), stopping along the way to share some key events in women's cycling history.

Follow in the tracks of pioneering women athletes, militant suffragettes, and a vaudeville performer, and gain insight into why bicycling, "has done more to emancipate women than anything else in the world" (Susan B. Anthony, American social reformer and women's rights activist).

WOMEN MAKE HISTORY



East End Women's Heritage Walk through Glasgow Green. Credit: GWL

Women's Heritage Walks

Our ever popular guided walks are packed with stories about the resourceful, radical and creative women who've lived, worked and contributed to Glasgow throughout the ages, brought back to life by our Women Make History volunteers.

Each guided walk lasts 2 hours and is led by experienced tour guides who cannot wait to share the hidden histories of Glasgow's women with you, from housewives to hawkers, artists to activists, and entrepreneurs to entertainers.

"THE CONTENT WAS TOTALLY FASCINATING. THE TOUR GUIDES WERE BOTH KNOWLEDGEABLE AND VERY ENTHUSIASTIC. LOVED IT ALL!"

Women of the Gorbals tour participant

To book on to any of our Women's Heritage Walks please visit our website at womenslibrary.org.uk, come in to see us at **23 Landressy Street**, or call us on **0141 550 2267** for more information. We cannot take payment on the day so all bookings to be made in advance.

"I LOVED THE WALK. A VERY WELL-RESEARCHED AND WELL-PRESENTED AND GREAT FUN WAY TO SPEND AN AFTERNOON."

Women of the West End
tour participant

Merchant City Women's Heritage Walk

Saturday 10th June, 2pm to 4pm,
£10/£6

Meet the trailblazing women who made this district including: formidable midwives, 'the Scots Scarlet Pimpernel' Jenny Patrick, and a hatchet-wielding temperance campaigner from Kentucky known as 'the bar-room smasher'.

East End Women's Heritage Walk

Saturday 24th June, 2pm to 4pm,
£10/£6

This tour focuses on some of the achievements and struggles of the resourceful and industrious women of Bridgeton and Calton, and explores the radical nature of the area which gave birth to them.

Necropolis Women's Heritage Walk

Sunday 9th July, 2pm to 4pm, £10/£6

Take a stroll through this atmospheric Victorian cemetery while our tour guides bring back to life the notorious and forgotten women buried there. This is a hilly walk but the views and insights are spectacular!

The Glasgow Girls of Garnethill

Sunday 23rd July, 2pm to 4pm, £10/£6

From the bustle of Sauchiehall Street to the quiet and leafy back streets, Garnethill is full of surprises and has been home to many remarkable women.

Women of the Gorbals Heritage Walk

Saturday 5th August,
2pm to 4pm, £10/£6

Travel through time from the Napoleonic Wars to the modern day New Gorbals as our guides introduce you to the suffragettes, Jewish and Asian immigrants, hawkers and weavers who've inhabited the area.

We're delighted to partner with the British Deaf Association who will provide BSL interpreters for this walk.

West End Women's Heritage Walk

Saturday 19th August, 2pm to 4pm,
£10/£6

Spend a couple of hours walking in the footsteps of protesting activists, rent strikers and the first female students of the University of Glasgow.



WOMEN'S WORDS

A world of women's words, written, spoken, sung and heard

Story Café

Thursdays 8th June to 29th June, 27th July, 3rd August, 24th August to 31st August, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free, 16+, Women only

Be nourished over lunchtime with stories and poems from women writers around the world, as we rediscover the joy of being read to. So far this year we've had our wanderlust unleashed with tales of St Kilda, our appetites whetted by banquets on Indian train journeys and our funny bones tickled by the weird and wonderful world of bookshops. Top up your cuppa from our big, bottomless teapot, get yourself comfy and become a part of it all.

Story Café Specials:

Pippa Goldschmidt

Thursday 15th June, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free, 16+

Interlacing big ideas about the physical nature of the universe with poignant personal narratives, author and astronomer **Pippa Goldschmidt's** work is beautifully evocative and inventive. Find out how hidden histories of science, such as the 1913 Suffragette bombing of the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh, have inspired her work, and how she manages the incredible feat of demystifying the ordinary lives of scientists and scientific endeavours in her fiction and poetry.

Addison Jones

Thursday 29th June, £2/Free

Warm, funny and devastatingly perceptive, **Addison Jones'** new novel, **'Wait for me, Jack'**, is a wise and brilliantly observed portrait of a marriage over the course of sixty years. Following the lives of Jack and Milly on their quest to live the American Dream, we will learn about the difficulties not of finding love, but of making it last.

Addison Jones is the pen name for prize-winning author, Cynthia Rogerson.



Story Café. Credit: Katy Owen

Grey Hen Press

Thursday 27th July, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free

Celebrate 10 years of **Grey Hen Press** with our poetry picnic! Discovering some of the best Scottish women poets is a wonderful way to get the best out of your lunchtime. Grey Hen Press explores the wit and wisdom of older women, offering a feisty, funny and fearsome take on modern life.

Donna Moore: Historical Crime Fiction Thursday 3rd August, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free, 16+

Donna will be talking about her PhD, Sources and Silences, a series of historical crime fiction novellas set in the 1870s, 1890s and 1910s, telling the stories of grandmother, mother and granddaughter. She will be reading from one of the novellas set in Glasgow's Lock Hospital, a place where women with syphilis were locked away to be cured and reformed.

Anne Pia

Thursday 24th August, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free, 16+

Where do I truly belong? **Anne Pia** grappled with this question whilst growing up in the Italian-Scots community in Edinburgh, in the aftermath of the Second World War. Her memoir, **'Language of my choosing'**, explores the challenges of living between two cultures, and is brimming with characters full of contradiction, humour and eccentricity. At its heart it is a celebration of three generations of women, telling their story of resilience, determination and aspiration.

WOMEN'S WORDS



Creative Writing for Fearties. Credit: GWL

Transatlantic Literary Women Saturday 3rd June, 9.45am to 3.30pm

As we approach the centenaries of women's suffrage in the UK and the US we recognise the achievements of transatlantic literary women of this period.

Speakers from both sides of the Atlantic will talk to us about Jazz Age women, "women's" advertisements, African American women touring and lecturing in Europe in the late nineteenth century, and Sylvia Plath.

After lunch (which is provided) there'll be a choice of workshops on creative writing, UK/US Black feminisms, and the chance to vote for YOUR transatlantic literary heroine.

This day of talks, workshops and readings is part of the **Cultural Connections: Transatlantic Literary Women project.**

Creative Writing for Fearties: Lose Yourself in Writing

Thursday 8th June, 2.30pm to 4.30pm,
Thursday 6th July, 5.30pm to 7.30pm,
Saturday 5th August, 1pm to 3pm, £2/
Free, Women only

Our fear-free creative writing summer school is back. In these three Fearties sessions we will explore character, plot, setting and dialogue with writing exercises that will coax those words out of your head and onto the page in a relaxed and supportive way. As a special treat, our Saturday session is with **Ethyl Smith**, a previous winner of our Bold Types writing competition who has since gone on to have her first novel published. Ethyl will be facilitating a session on dialogue and finding your character's voice.



Credit: GWL

Drama Queens: Play Reading For Pleasure

Thursday 8th June, 5.30pm to 7.30pm,
Thursday 6th July, 2.30pm to 4.30pm,
Thursday 10th August, 5.30pm to
7.30pm, £2/Free, Women only

From an alternative look at life in Palestine in the shadow of the wall, to a crew of Bulgarian sailors stranded in Shetland, a plethora of new plays at GWL – thanks to our Play Amnesty with **Stellar Quines** – means that our Drama Queens have their pick of parts to perform and take pleasure in. Come along to read, to listen and to hear voices from across cultures, classes and continents.

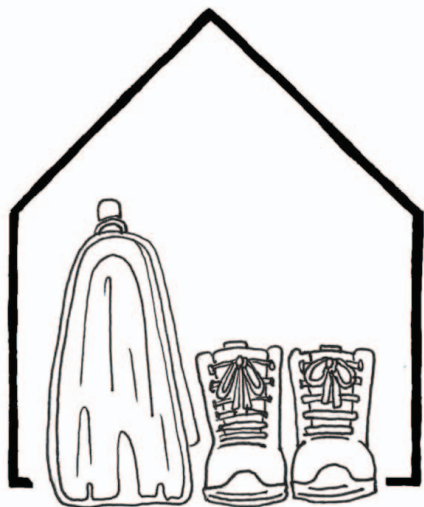
In Conversation – Lucy Ribchester, Sara Sheridan and Kaite Welsh discuss Historical Crime Fiction

Thursday 22nd June. 5.30pm to 7.30pm,
£2/Free, Women only

What do a journalist in the suffragette era, a Bletchley Park code-breaker, and a Victorian medical student have in common? Meet these remarkable women battling against power, patriarchy and pressures of society and their equally remarkable creators. **Lucy Ribchester**, **Sara Sheridan** and **Kaite Welsh** will be talking about the pleasures and pitfalls of writing historical fiction, what draws them to crime fiction and how they give a voice to the voiceless as they discuss research, writing and rebellion.

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Credit: Nick Askew

Celebrating Belonging: Readings on Journey, Community and Belonging

Thursday 22nd June, 12.30pm to 2pm, Women only

Over the past year, the Belonging Project has worked with over 1,200 participants across Scotland on themes of journey, assimilation and belonging, specifically considering the experiences of migrants and refugees. This event marks **Scottish Refugee Week** where we will present new creative writing written as a part of the project's workshops at the GWL and the Maryhill Integration Network.

"[THE BELONGING WORKSHOPS HAVE] BEEN THE MOST INTERESTING AND INSPIRATIONAL MORNINGS WITH A WONDERFUL GROUP OF WOMEN WHO HAVE COME TOGETHER AND VERY QUICKLY FELT CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO SHARE INCREDIBLE STORIES IN A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT."

Belonging Workshop Participant



Reading group participant
Credit: GWL

Reading Group for Muslim Women

Friday 18th August, 10am to 12pm, Women only

The Reading group for Muslim Women brings together women interested in books written by Muslim women or with a focus on women's issues. The books are chosen by the group members with guidance provided by the GWL staff. If you are passionate about books and love to share them with others, or you simply want to get into the habit of reading but find it challenging, then this group is for you! So join us for a good laugh, learn something new, share your wisdom, make new friends and enjoy refreshments in a fun and relaxed environment.

The book we will be discussing is, **'If I should speak'** by **Umm Zakiyyah**. To find out more please contact syma.ahmed@womenslibrary.org.uk

Sophie Collins: You Must Locate a Fantasy

In June 2016 **Sophie Collins** was appointed GWL artist-in-residence in partnership with Book Works.

Her project, **small white monkeys**, is a creative non-fiction text comprising a commentary on her own work in poetry and an account of trauma that engages with material from GWL's Lending Library and Archive Collection.

Researching and writing 'small white monkeys' has allowed Sophie to explore shame's relationship to writing (hers and others'), the language of self-help, and trauma as it pertains to instances of sexual violence.

Save the Date: On November 18th 2017, Sophie Collins, Book Works and GWL will host a one-day event that will represent the culmination of the residency project. The event will feature contemporary writers whose work engages with sexual politics, trauma and response, and truth (in literature and non-fiction) in a range of exciting ways. The day event will be followed by a book launch and reading from 'small white monkeys'.

ART, DANCE AND EXHIBITIONS

Ground breaking work on show and pioneering creatives to discover

Sisterhood is Powerful: Posters from GWL

Thursday 11th May to Saturday 17th June, visit during GWL opening hours

In the second of three exhibitions celebrating our **25th anniversary** year, we spotlight graphic gems from the huge poster collection at GWL. The exhibition includes some of the cut and paste works created to spread the word about GWL in its infancy, posters raising awareness of women's issues at home and internationally, works that promote women in the arts, and campaigning flyers for social and political change. All demonstrate how the poster format has and continues to be important to women, women's groups and GWL. This exhibition has been designed and curated by our first Designer in Residence, **Kirsty McBride**.

A Banner for GWL

Tuesday 27th June, 1pm to 3.30pm

What would a GWL banner in our 25th year look like? What might it say? How could it be used?

New Zealand based artist **Fiona Jack** plans to handcraft a banner for GWL and she would love your suggestions on the design.

Hear more from Fiona about the practicalities of making banners, their history and uses, and take a look at some of the banners Fiona has made in the past. Through discussion, sketching, and reflection, you'll help to inform Fiona's design process, so start thinking now about what stories our banner should tell about GWL.



Project X – Celebrating and profiling dances of the African diaspora. Credit: 'Grin' October 2016 by Mele Broomes

A Loving Aneurysm

Thursday 3rd August, 6pm to 7.30pm, 16+

Artist **Catalina Barroso-Luque** gives a reading of her recent text-work **A Loving Aneurysm**. This personal exploration of the 'female lament' as a source of creative energy, plays with ideas around touch, voice, and emotional stress. This text-work explores how writing can become a 'second body' to that of its author, and from which the author can gain a sense of personal agency.

After the event the reader's body will be replaced by printed versions of the text, 'supplanting the lost intimacy between voice and listener'.

Project X: Dances of the African Diaspora

Thursday 3rd August, 5.30pm to 8.30pm, Thursday 10th August, 5.30pm to 8pm, Saturday 12th August, 1pm to 3.30pm, 16+

Project X is an educational, cultural programme, profiling and celebrating the dances of the African diaspora. Throughout 2017, dance workshops, performances and events will take place across Glasgow. In collaboration with GWL, Project X will be screening an African dance film curated by Africa in Motion Film Festival on Thursday 3rd August. The screening will be followed by two dance workshops for adults on Thursday 10th and Saturday 12th August. In these workshops we will be learning traditional and contemporary dances of the African Diaspora and exploring their cultural connections. From Kuku and Hoofing to Tap, Dancehall and Hip Hop, we will discover a hidden history of dance one "step" at a time!

ART, DANCE AND EXHIBITIONS



Scotswummin: Scotland's Forgotten Women

Saturday 5th August to Saturday 12th August, visit during GWL opening hours

Five youth groups across Scotland have turned detectives to discover influential and unrecognised women from their communities, past and present. From historical heroines to firebrand campaigners and women who've changed the face of contemporary Scotland, learn about women who've inspired, surprised and motivated young people today as they share their research with us in a new exhibition.

This youth-led research project, **Scotswummin**, has been delivered by YouthLink Scotland in partnership with GWL and with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Scotswummin Exhibition Launch

Friday 4th August, 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Hear from some of the young heritage researchers about the **Scotswummin** project as we launch their new exhibition.

"WOMEN HAVE MADE AN ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTION IN EVERY WALK OF LIFE AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE CELEBRATE THESE ACHIEVEMENTS ... I AM A HUGE SUPPORTER OF THE #SCOTSWUMMIN CAMPAIGN."

Nicola Sturgeon,
Scotland's First Minister



Her body remembered a night-blooming cereus, sweated industry and salt (what came near)

Thursday 17th August, 1pm to 7.30pm,

In August 2017, Travelling Gallery will launch a new exhibition by artist **Lauren Printy Currie** following a residency at GWL where the archive and collection served as a repository from which the artist drew material and inspiration. Travelling Gallery is a contemporary art space inside a big beautiful bus, which will tour the exhibition around Scotland. As it tours, there'll be chance for women of all ages to see the show, discover the mini GWL archive on board and take part in workshops. See the exhibition before it heads off on its journey and find out about its trip at our Autumn programme launch.

We are pleased to offer this exhibition and tour in partnership with Travelling Gallery and with support from the Outset Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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ART, DANCE AND EXHIBITIONS



Volunteers making props for GWL fundraising event at Trongate premises, circa 1995. Credit: GWL

She Made the Library

Friday 18th August to Saturday 2nd December, visit during GWL opening hours

The final exhibition in GWL's 25th year is a photographic portrait of women who helped to create the Library, and is a powerful and fascinating record of the growth of a unique organisation through collaborative working. It evokes a recognition of the thousands of women who have created GWL and how important it is to record cultural and political contributions. However, the photographs contain figures whose names are lost, at events and activities that we have no record of, at a date and time unknown. We need help to put names to the faces. She Made the Library encourages your interpretations and comments and the addition of your own photographic records of GWL's history.

She Made the Library: Exhibition Launch

Thursday 17th August, 6pm to 7.30pm

This exhibition launch will be an opportunity to meet, mingle and reminisce about the historical highlights of the Library or discover more about how this resource has grown from the grassroots to a Recognised Collection. We will be toasting the journey vividly illustrated in the exhibition and we also welcome your active involvement to help us put you in the picture. Bring memories, photos and comments to add.



GWL banner, Edinburgh circa 1994. Credit: GWL

Saying Their Name: Honouring the women who have made GWL

Saturday 23rd September, 4pm to 6pm, 16+, Women only

From September 2016 to September 2017 GWL has been celebrating its 25th birthday. This public performance will be a final, powerful and poignant recalling of the hundreds of women who have created the GWL story. We are offering up a warm and open invitation to women who have played their part (from donating time and books to DJing, staffing the front desk to flyposting) to come and share the first names of the women you remember contributing to GWL. This reciting and recording of names will create an artwork that echoes an earlier performance at the origin of GWL's history. The performance will conclude with a pot luck party provided by us.

#GWL25: how you can help us remember

We are active each day at GWL making sure women and their histories are remembered. This year we have been taking time to remember and record our own. We need your help in naming and honouring the women who have been involved in our history. Bring your memories to our GWL history themed events (Saying Their Name and She Made the Library), add your photographs to the exhibition and our archive, tweet us nuggets of recollections at [#GWL25](#) and help us in our efforts to provide the bigger picture of the history of GWL.

OUT AND ABOUT

Bringing GWL's special ingredients to a place near you

Edinburgh Art Festival for Fearties

Tuesday 15th August, 10.30am to 3.30pm, Meet at City Arts Centre, Edinburgh, Women only

Always wanted to visit the Edinburgh Art Festival but always felt a bit, well, nervous? Edinburgh Art Festival for Fearties is a beginner friendly tour of some of the highlights featured in 2017 including photography, tapestry and performance by women artists. GWL and festival staff will be there throughout the day to show you some of the unmissable exhibitions on offer.

Assistance with travel and travel costs from central Glasgow is available. Bring along a packed lunch.

In partnership with Edinburgh Art Festival.

"...BEING TAKEN TO EDINBURGH, GETTING TO KNOW NEW FOLK AND...SEEING THE EXHIBITION...WAS FANTASTIC."

Participant in 2016 Stills Gallery Edinburgh visit

Prior booking for these popular events are essential as tickets sell fast. For more information or to book onto any of these events contact the Library on 0141 550 2267, email us at info@womenslibrary.org.uk or visit womenslibrary.org.uk



Poetry Slam 2016 Credit: GWL

Women Poets Out Loud

Wednesday 31st May, Edinburgh Central Library, 6pm to 8pm, 16+, Women only
Thursday 1st June, GWL, 6pm to 8pm, 16+, Women only

Itching to get stuck into performance poetry and poetry slams but feel you need a little help to boost your skills and confidence? Our workshop with acclaimed wordsmith and performer **Carly Brown** is just what you're looking for. Let Carly take you through your paces, giving you hints and tips to help you on to your next (or first) poetry slam.

This session is open to women of all ages and confidence levels, and beginners are particularly welcome.

In partnership with Edinburgh City Libraries and the Bonnie Fechtters.

All Women Poetry Slam

Friday 9th June, Out of the Blue Café, Edinburgh, 16+

Wild Scottish beaches, belly buttons, sherbert sweeties; no subject is off limits for the performers at our All Women Poetry Slams. Whether you're a newbie or a poetry slam aficionado – this is a chance for women of all ages, backgrounds and levels of experience to perform and compete, or simply come along and enjoy the show!

In partnership with Edinburgh City Libraries and the Bonnie Fechtters.



GET MORE INVOLVED

Ways to get active, make your mark, and help shape our future

Collect:if

Thursday 24th August, 5.30pm to 7pm, 16+, Women only

Collect:if is a network run by and for creative women of colour (WoC). Through building mutual support we aim to highlight the existing work of Black and Ethnic Minority women, and nurture emerging creative voices.

Join us at our welcoming, informal gatherings to connect, build the network, and learn more about opportunities to use Collect:if and GWL resources to put your practice into the spotlight. We look forward to fresh conversations and welcoming new members. Refreshments provided.

"IT WAS BRILLIANT TO MEET ALL THE WOMEN FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND WITH DIFFERENT AMBITIONS."

Collect:if member

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Collect:if members perform at a GWL event. Credit: Julie Gibson

GET MORE INVOLVED



Group enjoying a tour at the St Mungo's Museum of Religious Life and Art. Credit: GWL

Women Making It

Fortnightly from Friday 16th June to Friday 25th of August, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Women only

Summer is here! Time to try something new. GWL has bitesize learning on offer including scrapbooking, badge and book making, creative writing, film screenings and much more. Over the summer we will venture out to visit museums, galleries and take time out to make things, make friends and make the most of summertime.

The drop-in sessions are open to all women. We are especially keen for women in our neighbourhood of Bridgeton to use GWL to socialise, meet new pals and take part in feel-good creative activities.

Calling the women of Bridgeton and Calton

Our volunteering project is all about giving women the chance to try new things and feel good about themselves. Volunteers learn, laugh, meet people and help out in lots of different ways.

We are really keen to recruit more volunteers from the Bridgeton and Calton areas and would love to hear from you if you're interested and want to find out more. There is no need for any previous experience as we offer training and support. We also pay for travel expenses (up to £5) and always have lots of tea, coffee and biscuits on the go.



Seeing Things

Glasgow is a UNESCO City of Music, home to award-winning museums, and has, of course, the UK's only Accredited Museum dedicated to women's history (that's us by the way!), but how often do you get to soak these up? Seeing Things is a group of women who visit cultural events which showcase women's creativity and talent together, they get to see all that our city has on offer while making new friends. This summer, we're visiting the Glasgow Science Festival, the launch of [Nina Allan's](#) latest book [The Rift](#), and the ['Sisterhood is Powerful'](#) exhibition here at GWL, among other trips. The group is always growing and is friendly and welcoming so please get in touch if you would like to join it. All events are free.

Become a Paper Grrl!

We would love some help with getting this programme to coffee shops, galleries and community organisations across Glasgow. We have tried and tested routes to share, can connect you with a lovely cycle buddy if you would like one, and can even cover the cost of hiring a Next Bike if you don't have your own wheels. If you have a couple of hours a month to spare and like the idea of using your pedal power to let more people know about GWL, please get in touch or visit the Get Involved page of our website.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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Wed 31st	Women Poets Out Loud	23
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JUNE

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	Drama Queens: Play Reading For Pleasure	13
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Sat 10th	Merchant City Women's Heritage Walk	9
Tues 13th	The Open Archive: Anti-Nuclear Movements	5
Thurs 15th	Story Café Special: Pippa Goldschmidt	10
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	Celebrating Belonging: Readings	14
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Thurs 29th	Story Café Special: Addison Jones	10
Fri 30th	Women Making It	26

JULY

Sat 1st	Warm Welcome	3
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Tues 4th	Listening to Voices from the Belvidere	6
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Fri 14th	Women Making It	26
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Thurs 27th	Story Café Special: Grey Hen Press	11
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AUGUST

Tues 1st	Palestinian Embroidery	7
Thurs 3rd	Story Café Special: Donna Moore, Historical Crime Fiction	11
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How do you get to be in the GWL programme?

We are always looking for fresh ideas, and exciting new partnerships. The very best way to let us know what you'd like to propose is by visiting our website, clicking through Get Involved and Work with GWL where you'll find Guidelines and a Working with GWL form.

For more information or to book onto any of these events contact the Library on **0141 550 2267**, email us at info@womenslibrary.org.uk or visit womenslibrary.org.uk

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We play a vital role in collecting, conserving and making accessible an otherwise neglected area of our nation's heritage. As an Accredited Museum and a Recognised Collection of National Significance, our artefacts, archive and library collections form a wonderful treasure trove to celebrate the lives, histories and achievements of women and are visited by people from all over the world.

From the local community of Bridgeton to international visitors from Brisbane, we offer something for everyone.

As a Friend, and from as little as £2 per month, you can ensure that GWL's work continues now and is developed for future generations.

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Glasgow Women's Library is no ordinary library. It is a national treasure and the only place of its kind in Scotland. A place for borrowing, browsing and being inspired, it is welcoming, free and open to all.

At Glasgow Women's Library we have been supporting women from all walks of life across Scotland through our life-changing work since 1991. With many learning programmes, and projects focussing on Adult Literacy and Volunteer Development, we have helped women to stretch themselves, try new things and achieve far more than they ever imagined.

Knowing that you can change someone's life for the better is a powerful thing.

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