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JANUARY – MAY 2016 PROGRAMME



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GLASGOW WOMEN'S LIBRARY IS NO ORDINARY LIBRARY

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 book an event?

Join the Library: this is really easy to do and is completely FREE! Complete a form at GWL or online. Joining gives you a number that you can then use to book events. For all booking enquiries 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

We're taking steps to reduce our carbon emissions and want to make it as easy as possible for you to visit us by bike, on foot or by public transport.

By bike:

Hop on a Next Bike (£1 for 30 minutes) and cycle along the Clyde or through Glasgow Green. There is a Next Bike docking station just round the corner and suggested cycle routes on our website.

On foot:

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

By public transport:

Jump on a Low Level train from Glasgow Central and you'll be here in 2 stops. Buses 18, 64 and 263 stop at the end of our street. Bellgrove station is only a 10 minute walk away connecting visitors from Edinburgh, Queen Street and the West.

Open: Mon – Fri 9.30am to 5pm, Thur 9.30am – 7.30pm, Sat (from 5th March) 12pm – 4pm

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WELCOME TO OUR SPRING PROGRAMME



Credit GWL (Claire Heuchan)

The Glasgow Women's Library team have been working hard to develop events, activities and learning that are truly mind exciting and expanding. We hope you will find what you are looking for in this programme and will be tempted to try something new. We have been reflecting on the feedback to our #GWLHearsme consultation project and have made changes that we hope you will enjoy (including a beautiful new lift, late night opening on Thursdays and opening on Saturdays from 5th March). We are still keen to gather suggested improvements and ideas so please give us feedback when you visit us or via our website from March onwards.

GWL programme launches are the best days to find out what we have in store, with tasters, opportunities to meet the GWL team, a book sale and a chance to bag earlybird bookings. The summer programme launch date is **Thursday 12th May, 1pm to 2.30pm and 6pm to 7.30pm.**

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. Unless stated otherwise all events are located in Glasgow Women's Library and are open to all ages.

WOMEN MAKE HISTORY

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

Outstanding Women of Scotland Award Nomination Deadline 8th March, 5pm

The Outstanding Women of Scotland Awards were inaugurated in 2015. They honour 10 living women each year who have made truly outstanding contributions to Scottish life and culture. Last year's moving and memorable induction ceremony saw some of the most remarkable women in Scotland receive their awards from young women about to embark on their career and life journeys. These unique awards are a partnership between Saltire Society and Glasgow Women's Library.

Nominations are welcomed from all. Details of which woman you wish to nominate and what information is required can be found at:

www.saltiresociety.org.uk/discuss-and-debate/saltire-women/

Nominations welcomed until deadline of 5pm, March 8th 2016

"I HOPE THAT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ALL THOSE FEATURED ON THIS LIST WILL INSPIRE MANY MORE SCOTTISH WOMEN FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE TO FULFIL THEIR AMBITIONS."

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, a 2015 award winner



Credit: GWL

Tips For Girls Thursday 4th February and 7th April, 2pm to 4pm and Thursday 5th May, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, Women only

Dear GWL, is it permissible to spoon with a young man before we're engaged? Should I singe the hairs off the pig's trotters before roasting them? Is dancing bad for my ovaries? Love, Confused of Glasgow.

Dear Confused, we have just the thing for you. Come and check out some of the useful, quaint and downright outrageous advice contained in the archives of Glasgow Women's Library and the National Library of Scotland Moving Image Archive. Choose your favourites as we create our own exhibition of some of the top tips and short films.

Tips For Girls Special with Margaret Montgomery Thursday 3rd March, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, Women only

As part of our Tips For Girls programme, we are chuffed to bits to welcome Margaret Montgomery, author of the novel Beauty Tips For Girls, to GWL. The book asks the question: what happens when bad advice is given at the worst possible time? It features three very different women who each find their own voice in a society obsessed with perfection. We'll be talking with Margaret about feminism, women's portrayal within the media and the pressures of the idea of 'perfection' on women, as well as looking at some of the often hilarious beauty tips in the National Library of Scotland Moving Image Archive and GWL's own collection.

WOMEN MAKE HISTORY



Women of the East End Heritage Walk Sunday 6th March, 12pm to 2pm, Starting and ending at Glasgow Women's Library, £10/£6

It's the weekend before International Women's Day and we want to invite you to discover the hidden heroines of Glasgow's East End by joining our fabulous tour guides on Glasgow Women's Library's popular heritage walk.

The women of the East End have always had to be industrious and resourceful simply to survive. This walking tour focuses on some of their achievements and struggles, and the radical nature of the area which gave birth to them. Find out about the women of the Templeton factory, the Suffragettes held in Duke Street Prison, the gallus woman who set up the Barras and much, much more!

The Glasgow Girls of Garnethill Heritage Walk Saturday 2nd April, 2pm to 4pm, Meeting at the CCA, £10/£6

Within Garnethill's confined boundaries we spotlight the women who pioneered European art movements, designed banners for suffragette processions, created the first women's library in Scotland and made Garnethill the most exciting cultural and multicultural hotspot in Glasgow.

Join our tour guides and hear the stories of some of the most remarkable achievements of women in Glasgow's history.

"THIS WAS AN INCREDIBLE DAY. THE TOUR WAS GREAT, INFORMATIVE AND SO MUCH FUN. YOU MADE MY DAY!"

Participant on Heritage Walk

Women of the Merchant City Heritage Walk Sunday 17th April, 2pm to 4pm, Meeting at Old Rottenrow Maternity Hospital Entrance, £10/£6

Uncover the Merchant City's hidden history during this walking tour around Glasgow's intriguing City Centre village.

Join Glasgow Women's Library tour guides as we uncover the female stars that stud the fabric of this famous quarter. Scandal, vice, radicalism, regeneration and revival are topical highlights.

Women of the Necropolis Heritage Walk Sunday 20th March, 2pm to 4pm, Glasgow Necropolis, meeting at Cathedral Square, £10/£6

Experience our fantastic women's history walking tour which digs the dirt on Victorian society, unearths women's achievements and exhumes the histories of women buried in Glasgow's Necropolis. Our tour guides will tell the stories of both the notorious and forgotten women buried in these atmospheric surroundings.

Women of the West End Heritage Walk Saturday 14th May, 2pm to 4pm, Starting at Kelvingrove, £10/£6

Join monumental figures, such as Mary Barbour and Agnes Dollan, on this our pioneering women's heritage walk that reveals the hidden histories of Glasgow's West End: from pipe-smoking forewomen to revolting schoolmistresses. A unique and inspiring insight into the largely unsung women who made the West End.

"LOVED THE INTERESTING WAYS THE GUIDES INTERPRETED THE HISTORY; ROLE PLAYING WOMEN FROM DIFFERENT CASES, READINGS AND QUOTES..."

Participant on a Heritage Walk

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.

WOMEN MAKE HISTORY



Credit: GWL

Women's Heritage Bike Ride

Saturday 23rd April, 11am to 1pm,
Starting and finishing at GWL, £10/£6

If you're interested in women's history and would like to explore Glasgow's regenerating East End by bike, then this is the ride for you! This loop is for cyclists of all ages and abilities and follows cycle paths through Bridgeton, Dalmarnock and Glasgow Green, stopping along the way for our volunteer tour guides to share stories of trailblazing women cyclists from the worlds of sport, political activism, literature and entertainment.

Bike hire is available from Bridgeton Cross through Next Bike:
www.nextbike.co.uk/en/glasgow/

"AFTER 8 YEARS IN GLASGOW, I GOT MORE INFORMATION FROM TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE, AND MET A WONDERFUL GROUP."

Participant on Women's Heritage Bike Ride



The campaign for domestic abuse services continues, 2000. The History of Women's Aid in Scotland

Histories of the Feminist Anti-Violence Movement: Symposium
Wednesday 11th May,
1pm to 4.30pm, 18+

In October 2015, Jenny Wartnaby made GWL history, becoming our first PhD student. Jenny's project focuses on the history of the feminist anti-violence movement in Scotland. This event places Jenny's research alongside other exciting work in this area. Confirmed speakers: Lesley Orr (history of Scottish Women's Aid); Sarah Browne (author *The Women's Liberation Movement in Scotland*), and Hannah Austin (the feminist anti-violence movement in Wales). This is a joint event with Centre for Gender & Feminist Studies (University of Stirling) and Centre for Gender History (University of Glasgow). Jenny is funded by the Scottish Graduate School for Arts & Humanities.

"They thought we were just marriage breakers...": The History of Women's Aid in Scotland
Wednesday 16th March, 1pm to 4pm

Scottish Women's Aid has a proud forty year history of working to address domestic abuse in Scotland. To mark this, a project has been launched to capture the stories of those who have been involved. It will plot the progress of the movement as it took domestic abuse (then called the issue of 'battered wives') from a hidden problem to a social issue. Come along and find out more about the work of Women's Aid, the history project and how you can become involved.

WOMEN MAKE HISTORY



Palestinian Embroidery; Empowering Women and Strengthening Communities Workshops: Tuesdays 2nd February until 5th April, 11am to 1pm, Women only. Exhibition Launch: Friday 6th May, 2pm to 4pm. Exhibition: Friday 6th May until Tuesday 31st May

Following her residency with the Palestinian women's embroidery co-operative 'Women in Hebron' textile designer Claire Anderson will be running a series of workshops focusing on the historical and cultural richness of Palestinian embroidery.

Participants will learn traditional Palestinian embroidery techniques, which have been passed down through generations of women and incorporate these into modified and adapted knit patterns from the GWL archive collections. The workshops are open to all interested women. Please note no previous embroidery or knitting experience is required; workshops are suitable for beginners through to the more experienced.

A final exhibition showcasing workshop outcomes and documentation from Women in Hebron will deliver a peaceful message about cultural exchange and mutual understanding.



Remembering Women Peace Crusaders; a new series of history workshops Launch Event: 31st March 2016, 6pm. Workshops will run throughout spring, leading up to a procession to mark the centenary of the Women's Peace Crusade on Saturday 23 July, Women only

World War 1 changed the lives of Scottish women forever. On 23 July 1916 the first "Women's Peace Crusade" marched from George Square to Glasgow Green drawing crowds of over 5000 people that grew into a mass women's peace movement. We are looking for women today who will help bring these lost heroines of the movement to life as part of a wider WW1 themed season. Together we will learn about the carers, pioneering front line doctors, the pacifists, choosing our own heroines and putting ourselves in the shoes of The Peace Crusaders. Our taster meeting will reveal all...

A conference exploring Faith and the First World War, drawing on the experiences of both men and women, will take place at the University of Glasgow 20th to 22nd July 2016.

WOMEN'S WORDS

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

Trailblazers: The Journey of the Boundary Riders
Tuesday 8th March,
6pm to 7.30pm

For three years Rachel Dawick researched the stories of these trailblazing women who migrated from the UK leaving all they knew behind to start a new life on the other side of the world. These stories turned into songs, a book and a final show.

On September 19th 2014 'The Boundary Riders' the album and book were launched to much critical acclaim. The work follows six ordinary women who led extraordinary lives – the washerwoman, fraudster, magician, goldminer, prostitute and missionary.

Celebrate International Women's Day by joining us – as Rachel takes us on a journey using stories, images and songs from her discoveries.

In Conversation With... Ajay Close
Thursday 10th March,
6pm to 7.30pm, £3/Free

In the first of her visits to GWL this spring, Ajay Close will be in conversation with our own Donna Moore about her novel A Petrol Scented Spring which looks at a turbulent time in Scottish suffragette history and portrays the real people on both sides of the struggle. In the summer of 1914 Perth Prison held Scotland's most militant suffragettes, women determined to fight for their rights with any weapon to hand: fire, bombs, even their own bodies. But they met their ruthless match in prison doctor Hugh Ferguson Watson.

"NOVELIST AJAY CLOSE LOOKS BEHIND THE SATIN SASHES AT THE WOMEN WHO WANTED THE VOTE ENOUGH TO BREAK THE LAW AND RISK THEIR LIVES."

Daily Record



Scottish International Storytelling Festival at GWL. Credit: GWL

Mixing the Colours: Women speaking about sectarianism

Through our Mixing The Colours project women have shared their stories and experiences of sectarianism to create a historically unique resource.

The authors of the Mixing The Colours publication have engaged in groundbreaking dialogue with audiences and communities across Scotland, confronting head on women's anxiety of discussing sectarianism in public spaces.

There remain, however, unsafe spaces for women to speak about the issue and as Mixing The Colours draws to a close we will continue ensure that women's voices are included. Our resource and website remain an accessible hub of information including the publication, film, reports, books, reviews and podcasts.

"I FELT THERE WAS A TRUTH TO THE WAY IN WHICH WOMEN CHOOSE TO PUSH THROUGH SECTARIANISM TOGETHER."

Workshop Participant



Illustration by Jenny Spiers. Credit: GWL

"IT'S WONDERFUL TO HAVE SUCH A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT TO TAKE TENTATIVE STEPS IN CREATIVE WRITING AFTER YEARS OF WRITING FUNCTIONAL REPORTS."

Sworn Virgin – An evening with translator Clarissa Botsford Thursday 25th February, 6pm to 7.30pm, Women only, 16+

Sworn virgins are women who take a vow of chastity and wear male clothing in order to live as men in the patriarchal northern Albanian society. Translated to English by Clarissa Botsford, the novel *Sworn Virgin* by Elvira Dones, explores this cultural practice and has recently been made into a film. A new English edition was published in October 2015. Clarissa will read excerpts, discuss the challenges of translating it, and introduce the *Sworn Virgin* tradition, while exploring some of the themes inherent in the book such as cultural and sexual disorientation and transitions, gender identity and uncertainty, intercultural misunderstanding, emigration, and language as appropriation of identity.

Creative Writing For Fearties Thursday 17th March, 3pm to 5pm, £2/Free, Women only

They say that everyone has a book in them. Have you always wanted to let your creative muse out of her cage, but not known where to start? Well, we have the very thing for you: our fear-free creative writing workshop. Whether you've never written a poem or short story before but would love to try, or you have notebooks full of your writing hidden in drawers and want to get support in making them sing, our Creative Writing For Fearties workshop is a great place to feel facilitated to write creatively and ignite that creative spark in the supportive company of others.

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

WOMEN'S WORDS



Story Café

Thursdays 4th Feb to 24th March, 14th April to 19th May, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, 16+, £2/free, Women only

Think lunchtime is just about what's on your sandwich? Think again! Pull up at chair at our weekly Story Café, sit back with your cuppa and travel the world, one tale at a time. We've read about barefoot, pioneering climbers in Snowdonia, globe-trotting, fearless matriarchs from India, and fabled heroines on dangerous quests in Afghanistan. Story Café Specials are an intimate way of hearing from some of the best Scottish women writers. Who knows where our Story Café and its wild and wonderful literary women will take us next? Go on, reinvent your lunchtime!

"THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FRIENDLINESS AND THOUGHTFULNESS. STORY CAFE IS A WONDERFUL ACTIVITY AND YOU CREATE A WARM, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, WHICH ENCOURAGES US TO PURSUE THE JOY OF READING"

Story Café Participant

"AN EXCELLENT GATHERING, SPARKLING QUESTIONS AND A WARM WELCOME"

Maggie Ritchie Story Café Special

Story Café Specials: Helen MacKinven Thursday 25th February

Helen MacKinven will chat about her fierce and funny debut novel, *Talk of the Toun*. An uplifting black comedy of love, family and friendship, it's a bittersweet coming-of-age tale set in the summer of 1985, in working class, central belt Scotland.

Angela and Lorraine are two very different girls, and a growing divide in their aspirations puts their friendship under increasing strain. Humour and pathos abound as the two girls wrestle with the inevitable complications of growing up.

Ajay Close Thursday 24th March

Ajay Close is the latest fantastic writer to pay a visit to Story Café. Following her 'In Conversation with Donna Moore' Ajay will be dropping in to read from and talk about her latest book, *A Petrol Scented Spring*, an exploration of the struggles of the Scottish Suffragettes in Perth Prison and their treatment at the hands of prison doctor Hugh Ferguson Watson. A riveting read. Ajay offers a fascinating insight into the real women on the front line in the fight for women's rights in Scotland.

Honey Bees Thursday 14th April, Women only

A springtime special with readings of poems and writings about the enchanting world of the honey bee and some delicious honey based snacks. Expect tales of queen bees, bee stings, bee hives, bee dancing, honeycombs and other bee stories.

Marion Molento Thursday 5th May

It's a huge pleasure for Story Café to welcome prize-winning author Marion Molento. Her latest novel, *Uncertain Light*, captures the world of international aid workers and peace negotiators, and is set high in the mountains of war-torn Tajikistan.

Marion grew up in South Africa where she was active in the anti-apartheid movement and lived in Zambia at a time of profound social change. She'll be reading from *Uncertain Light*, and sharing with us how her life experiences have influenced her writing.

FESTIVALS AND LAUNCHES

Be there at the start of fresh new projects and enjoy a feast of festivals

Collect:if
Thursday 28th April, 6pm to 8pm, Women only, 16+

GWL are embarking upon an exciting series of discussions that will explore the challenges affecting Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) women in the arts and open up the potential for creating a new network based at GWL. We welcome women claiming space at GWL to come together, combat isolation and increase creative confidence. We invite all women who are involved in the arts, and identify as BME or WoC, to come along, share views and ideas and explore the potential for an inspiring new network.

This event will be hosted by women who are BME arts practitioners and staff from GWL's BME project. Refreshments will be provided.

Radical Film Festival at GWL
Friday 29th April and Saturday 30th April, 6pm to 8pm

Over the May Day weekend, Glasgow will host the Radical Film Network festival and unconference at a range of venues across the city. This unique and innovative constellation of events brings together the collective efforts of activists, academics, and cultural workers from over twenty organisations engaged with radical film culture in Scotland.

The 2016 unconference and festival will respond to one another, allowing for questions and ideas to be explored beyond the conventional boundaries of academic fora and film festivals.

GWL are thrilled to be included in the programme and will be taking this opportunity to put Feminist Film Making in the spotlight. We will be also be screening MARCH a film championing radical women commissioned by GWL and RCS.



Credit: GWL

Material Matters: Sharing Stories of Sewing
Show and Share Exhibition Launch Event:
Thursday 3rd March, 2pm to 4pm, Exhibition:
Thursday 3rd March to Tuesday 15th March

Material Matters involves women of different ages and cultures in the creation of sewn wall hangings inspired by each person's emotional attachment to a textile that has a story to tell: a grandmother's quilt, a child's dungarees, a Palestinian embroidery, a wedding dress. Through workshops in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Dundee, Material Matters explored the fabric of peoples' lives in an imaginative way.

At a special Show and Share launch, artist Clare Hunter invites you to bring along a textile that is precious to you and tell its story, or come along to hear other people talking about the materials that matters to them.

Following the launch these sewn wall hanging will be on display at the Library from 3rd to 15th March 2016.

FESTIVALS AND LAUNCHES

Speaking Volumes: Glasgow International Festival 2016

Exhibition Launch: Thursday 7th April, 6pm to 7.30pm,
Exhibition: 8th to 25th April, regular library open hours and Sundays 10am to 5pm.
Discussion Events: Thursdays 14th and 21st April, 6pm to 7.30pm, Sundays 17th and 24th April 2pm to 3.30pm

Speaking Volumes is a reading room project that will create space to reflect on the influential role of women in art through the object of the book. It is part of Glasgow International (GI) a biennial festival of contemporary art showcasing the best of local and international art.

GI 2016 Festival participants are contributing their lists of recommended texts that GWL are sourcing and will display in bespoke reading rooms created by artist and My Bookcase founder, Cristina Garriga. Speaking Volumes is also hosting discussions between international and Glasgow-based creatives around the women, art and books that have influenced them.

A My Bookcase and GWL partnership project, supported by GI 2016

My Bookcase

Connecting people through books



Illustration by Jenny Spiers. Credit: GWL

Book Giveaway Party Saturday 23rd April, 2pm to 4pm

Free books, tea and cake? It's the perfect way to spend a Saturday afternoon, and we'd love your company. Pick up your free book to grow your own library at home, or see if you can bag a prize at our book quiz. Our book champions will be on hand to chat about what reading means to them, how books can change your life, and read aloud some of their favourite stories and poems. Share the book love and refresh or kickstart your reading.

Part of World Book Night 2016

Herland Herland

Herland

A crucible for women's creative and cultural endeavours

What is Herland? Herland is a new irregular event night at Glasgow Women's Library. It distils the special ingredients of GWL: illuminating learning and pleasures, the historic and the cutting edge, bringing together diverse audiences to discover new ideas, enjoy established and experimental women creatives work, good food and fun in a beautiful new space.

Alter Native Burns Friday 29th January, 7pm to 10pm, 18+, £10/£7.50

Herland launches with a wry, feminist take on Burnsery, from the Burns Cottage Suffragette Arsonists, gothic witchery, mind expanding live music & ribaldry from saloniere Susan Calman. The talents of Muscles of Joy, Georgia Horgan, Yana and Lisa Petticrew and Sheila Templeton will be served up with fusion Burns themed fare from Mistress Chef contender Julie McLeod along with special launch night treats. A truly unforgettable night in store. Book early.

The Redstockinged Women's Quiz

Friday 6th May, 7pm to 10pm,
18+, Teams of up to 5, £25

An unmissable Herland evening of unfettered fun, fiendish questions and feminist facts (courtesy of GWL special opps quizmistresses) and the most unseemly competition as teams pit wits for lush prizes and the accolade of Scotland's Reining Redstockings. Which team will prove the most knowledgeable about femme fatales, revolting women and sisters who blazed trails on tracks, charts and the web? Name your team, book your table and let battle commence. Bar, bar-snacks, special guests and live music.

OUT AND ABOUT

Bringing GWL's special ingredients to a place near you

West Dunbartonshire Women's History Group
Wednesdays 3rd February until 6th April, 1pm to 3pm,
Dalmuir Community Centre,
Clydebank, 16+

This lively and welcoming GWL women's history group celebrates the histories of local women, from artists and suffragettes to admirable mothers and grandmothers. The group have created a women's history memory box, a virtual memory box on GWL's website and other exciting new community resources. The group meets every Wednesday to share their stories and research and plan new projects and activities and welcomes all local women to join. No previous knowledge of history is needed so don't be shy. To book a place or for more information contact Morag at Glasgow Women's Library on 0141 550 2267.

"...LOTS OF LEARNING ABOUT WOMEN IN MY LIFETIME, THE ENTHUSIASM TO LEARN MORE NEW KNOWLEDGE ABOUT MY OWN HISTORY AND THINGS THAT HAPPENED DURING MY OWN AND MY PARENTS LIFE TIME ... AND A NEW CIRCLE OF FRIENDS"

Group Participant

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

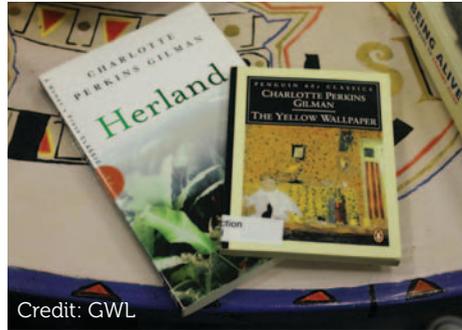


West Dunbartonshire memory box items

OUT AND ABOUT



Volunteers interviewing Ciara Phillips at the Glasgow Print Studios



Credit: GWL

Ripples on the Pond at the Gallery of Modern Art Until 3rd April, See GoMA opening hours, Gallery of Modern Art

Ripples on the Pond is a Glasgow Museums exhibition designed as a conversation between works by women on paper and moving image. It takes as the starting point recent acquisitions from the Glasgow Women's Library 21 Revolutions series, relating them to other works by women from Glasgow Museums' collection that spark questions about gender and media choice in relation to women's practice and visibility. From January 2016 the exhibition will incorporate new video interviews produced by Glasgow Women's Library volunteers with 8 of the artists, including Jackie Parry, Helen de Main, Ciara Phillips and Sarah Forrest.

Edinburgh Story Café Wednesdays 10th and 24th February, 30th March and 27th April, 1pm to 2pm, Edinburgh Central Library, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 16+

This new Story Café group is suitable for women of all ages from all walks of life. Bring along a bite of lunch and relax while you listen to readings from specially selected stories and powerful poetry from the rich GWL collection of women writers and bring your own thoughts to the supportive discussion. A chance to chill out at lunchtime, discover new authors and enjoy the company. Ideal for booklovers and those new to reading and reading groups. This Story Café group is supported by Edinburgh City Libraries in partnership with Glasgow Women's Library.

To book, contact Glasgow Women's Library or go to edinburghreads.eventbrite.co.uk



March of Women. Credit: Sarah Amy Fishlock

MARCH: a film from Glasgow Women's Library and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland

Following its triumphant launch in September at GWL, MARCH our magnificent film that documents the March of Women project is now on the road. March of Women involved women from Glasgow and Aberdeen performing an adaptation of Cicely Hamilton's popular suffragette play A Pageant of Great Women. The film MARCH brings a diverse community of women from across Scotland to the screen and celebrates the lives and achievements of Scotland's women, past and present. This spring you can catch it in Aberdeen or the Palace of Westminster!

MARCH Aberdeen screening Thursday 3rd March, 6pm, Aberdeen venue (TBC)

This screening in partnership with Aberdeen Women's Alliance and Aberdeen City Council and will include a post-screening Q&A with special guests Anna Birch, artistic director of MARCH and Adele Patrick, GWL Creative Development Manager. For bookings please contact awainfo@btinternet.com or telephone 01224 522000.

MARCH Palace of Westminster screening Saturday 5th March Palace of Westminster

This screening is in partnership with the Vote 100 project, please contact us for further details.

OUT AND ABOUT



Seeing Things at Anne Hardy 'Twin Fields' at the Common Guild

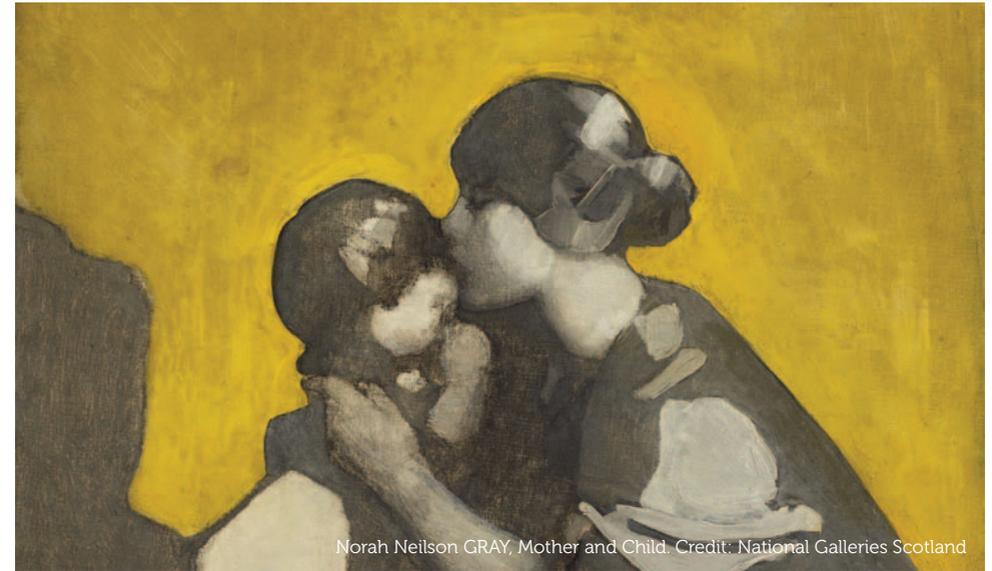
Seeing Things

Trips Vary, Women only, 16+

Seeing Things gives women the opportunity to see things like art exhibitions and theatre, together with other women. Seeing Things also aims to support women's cultural contributions to Glasgow by focusing on seeing work by women artists and creatives. The group is a great way to get to know your city and see things you might not go to otherwise. In 2015, the group visited exhibitions and workshops at Street Level Photoworks, Common Guild, the Turner Prize at Tramway and more besides!

The group is open to all women. If you are interested in joining the group please get in touch. Also you are welcome to come along to our Seeing Things meetings at GWL or ask a member of staff to find out more about the group and the kinds of things we are planning to see this spring. They will take place on:

Wednesdays 13th January, 24th February, 6th April and 18th May, 3.30pm to 5pm



Norah Neilson GRAY, Mother and Child. Credit: National Galleries Scotland

Modern Scottish Women at the Gallery of Modern Art (Modern 2) Edinburgh 73 Belford Road

Want to find to more about women artists in Scotland? We have arranged special guided tours for women to this major exhibition featuring Scottish Women painters and sculptors from 1885–1965. Each visit features a tour of the exhibition from a gallery staff member, time to see the exhibition yourself then tea/coffee and creative discussion and activities to share your thoughts and ideas on what you have seen. You can join: the Edinburgh based Bonnie Fechtors who welcome new members, a visit for young women or come along with GWL Seeing Things group. Organised in partnership with National Galleries Scotland.

**Bonnie Fechtors Group
Thursday 25th February,
1pm to 3pm, Meet at
entrance to gallery.**

**Young women aged 16 to 25,
Thursday 17th March, 1pm to
3pm, Meet at GWL for group
travel (time TBA) or meet at
entrance to gallery**

**Seeing Things group (open
to all women) Thursday
14th April, 1pm to 3pm,
Meet at GWL for group
travel (time TBA)**

Call or email Morag at GWL to book a place at any of the visits.

GETTING INVOLVED



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#GWLhearsme

We have the building, the can-do team and the scope as never before to offer life-changing events, activities and learning at Glasgow Women's Library. We would like everyone who has used GWL and our website and those that are yet to visit to get involved in shaping GWL's future events, environment and learning.

Since August 2015 we have received hundreds of suggestions and ideas, all of them welcome and all contributing to the bigger picture planning and day to day improvements we hope you are already seeing, taking our 'special ingredient' to the next level. Throughout this programme you'll hear what some have shared already.

**"WHAT DO YOU ENJOY?"
"MEETING PEOPLE FROM
ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND
CULTURE AND LEARNING
FROM THEM."**

#GWLneedsyou – GWL asks 'What can we offer women across Scotland?' Friday 12th February, 10.30am to 4pm, Women only

This event is for women from all over Scotland to stake their claim in GWL now and into the future. Wherever you are based outside Glasgow and whether you have participated in previous library events or not, this is a chance for you to see our newly refurbished building and archive in Bridgeton and let us know what you want us to deliver for you and your network. This uplifting gathering will include a keynote speech from the writer Zoe Strachan, a screening of our inspiring film March produced in partnership with the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, discussion, workshops and poetry slam performances. Numbers are limited so make sure you book your place early! For more information contact Morag.

YOUNG CRITICS



Credit: GWL

GWL Young Critics Few spaces available early 2016, Women only, 16 to 25

GWL Young Critics meet regularly at the Library and together, we go to events (like those in this programme) and get to see behind the scenes with artists, writers and other creative women. We learn how to review what we see, and say how we feel through learning about how to blog and make, zines, podcasts, video interviews.

We help promote amazing GWL events, and we develop our views and our confidence through learning new skills and meeting new people.

**"YOUNG CRITICS IS VERY INFORMAL AND SUPPORTIVE –
IF ONE OF US TRIES SOMETHING EVERYONE IS REALLY
NICE. IT'S COSY. LIKE A BIG HUG."**

We have a few spaces available to join the group and we're especially interested if you've never done this sort of thing. Young Critics get travel expenses, free entry tickets, and support with childcare if needed. We're also very friendly and we always have cake.

If you're 16-25 and you'd like to find out more, get in touch with Young Critics Project Worker Kim Long:
kim.long@womenslibrary.org.uk

Keep an eye on the GWL website for blogs by Young Critics, or search Twitter using #GWLYoungCritics

GWL EVENTS AT A GLANCE

JANUARY

Wed 13th Jan Seeing Things Planning Meeting
 Fri 29th Jan Herland: Alter Native Burns

FEBRUARY

Tue 2nd Feb Palestinian Embroidery Workshop
 Wed 3rd Feb West Dunbartonshire Women's History Group
 Thur 4th Feb Tips for Girls
 Story Café
 Tue 9th Feb Palestinian Embroidery Workshop
 Wed 10th Feb Edinburgh Story Café
 West Dunbartonshire Women's History Group
 Thur 11th Feb Story Café
 Tue 16th Feb Palestinian Embroidery Workshop
 Wed 17th Feb West Dunbartonshire Women's History Group
 Thur 18th Feb Story Café
 Tue 23rd Feb Palestinian Embroidery Workshop
 Wed 24th Feb Edinburgh Story Café
 Seeing Things Planning Meeting
 West Dunbartonshire Women's History Group
 Modern Scottish Women (Bonnie Fechtlers)
 Story Café Special with Helen MacKiven
 Sworn Virgin with Clarissa Botsford
 Thur 25th Feb

MARCH

Tue 1st March Palestinian Embroidery Workshop
 Wed 2nd March West Dunbartonshire Women's History Group
 Thur 3rd March MARCH Aberdeen Screening
 Material Matters Exhibition Launch
 Tips for Girls Special with Margaret Montgomery
 Story Café
 Sat 5th March MARCH Palace of Westminster Screening
 Sun 6th March Women of the East End Heritage Walk
 Tue 8th March Trailblazers: The Journey of the Boundary Riders
 Palestinian Embroidery Workshop
 Outstanding Women of Scotland Nomination Deadline
 Wed 9th March West Dunbartonshire Women's History Group
 Thur 10th March In Conversation with... Ajay Close
 Story Café
 Tue 15th March Palestinian Embroidery Workshop
 Wed 16th March The History of Women's Aid in Scotland
 West Dunbartonshire Women's History Group
 Modern Scottish Women (Young Women)
 Creative Writing for Fearties
 Story Café

Tue 22nd March Palestinian Embroidery Workshop
 Wed 23rd March West Dunbartonshire Women's History Group
 Thur 24th March Story Café Special with Ajay Close
 Tue 29th March Palestinian Embroidery Workshop
 Wed 30th March Edinburgh Story Café
 West Dunbartonshire Women's History Group
 Remembering Women Peace Crusaders
 Thur 31st March

APRIL

Sat 2nd April The Glasgow Girls of Garnethill Walk
 Sun 3rd April Last Day of Ripples on the Pond Exhibition
 Tue 5th April Palestinian Embroidery Workshop
 Wed 6th April Seeing Things Planning Meeting
 West Dunbartonshire Women's History Group
 Tips For Girls
 Speaking Volumes: GI Festival Preview
 Speaking Volumes: GI Festival Open
 Modern Scottish Women (Seeing Things)
 Story Café Honey Bee Special
 Speaking Volumes: GI Festival Discussion Event
 Speaking Volumes: GI Festival Discussion Event
 Speaking Volumes: GI Festival Discussion Event
 Story Café
 Sun 17th April Book Giveaway Party
 Thur 21st April Women's Heritage Bike Ride
 Sat 23rd April Speaking Volumes: GI Festival Discussion Event
 Sun 24th April Speaking Volumes: GI Festival Closes
 Mon 25th April Edinburgh Story Café
 Wed 27th April Collect:if
 Thur 28th April Story Café
 Fri 29th April Radical Film Festival at GWL
 Sat 30th April Radical Film Festival at GWL

MAY

Thur 5th May Tips For Girls
 Story Café Special with Marion Molento
 Fri 6th May Herland: The Redstockinged Women's Quiz
 Palestinian Embroidery Exhibition Launch
 Summer Programme Launch
 Thur 12th May Seeing Things Planning Meeting
 Wed 18th May Last Day of Palestinian Embroidery Exhibition
 Tue 31st May

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