

# Tracey Emin

Didn't win the Turner Prize 1999

# Beyoncé

Didn't win the Grammy for Album of the Year 2017

# Glasgow Women's Library

Didn't win Art Fund Museum of the Year 2018



**SEPTEMBER 2018 –  
JANUARY 2019  
PROGRAMME**

## 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 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, and we have a **bike shelter**. You can hop on a Next Bike for £1 per 30 minutes and return it to the docking station round the corner.

If you are travelling by car, please be considerate to our neighbours and park opposite the library in the small carpark rather than on Landressy Street.

**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.



**Open:** Mon to Fri 9.30am to 5pm, Thurs 9.30am to 7.30pm, Sat 12pm to 4pm  
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## A WARM WELCOME



Merchandise created with WEvolution.  
Credit: WEvolution

The staff and Board, and hundreds of our visitors, audiences, volunteers, Friends, and supporters got behind our bid to bag Museum of the Year. Although our case was a compelling one, we have had to settle for making our mark as Finalists and being the first equalities focussed resource to do so. You can read more about our campaign on our website and look out for our specially designed tote bags that mark this milestone.

This journey has made us even more committed not to wait but instead to be encouraged by the millions of women who have seized the moment and made a change. A £100,000 prize could certainly have wrought huge improvements in our space, our resources and our offer to users, so we are rallying our energies and planning a new campaign later this year to help realise some of these dreams. In the meantime, look out for the launch of our inspiring neighbours **WEvolution's** new affordable merchandise in collaboration with GWL, aiming to help us both become more sustainable.

This programme is a heart warming and soul stirring blend of events, parties, festivals and learning journeys that are

designed to make this autumn and winter a memorable one. Amongst the pleasures on offer, check out the strong showing of Women's Words with a host of ways you can find your voice, hone your writing and fuel your reading. Take a cue from GWL, and don't wait.

Thanks again to everyone who has supported us through this landmark year.

If you are just discovering GWL, join us for our Warm Welcome on the first Saturday of the month or come along to our **Spring Programme Launch** on Thursday 31st January from 1pm to 2.30pm and 6pm to 7.30pm.

Over the holidays, we are closed on Saturday 22nd December and we will reopen on Monday 7th January.

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

## Doors Open Days Building Tours

Get to Know GWL tour (in English)

Monday 10th, Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th, Friday 14th September, 1pm, and Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September, 3pm

Get to Know GWL tour (in Urdu)

Tuesday 11th September, 1pm

Get to Know GWL tour (in Farsi)

Thursday 13th September, 6pm

Opening the Doors to our Archive and Museum Stores (in English)

Sunday 16th September, 2pm

Visit the beautiful Category B-listed Carnegie Library, home to the world-famous Glasgow Women's Library since 2013. Get to know the library, archive, museum and our year round programme of events dedicated to women's lives, histories and achievements on these guided tours. We'll be open 9.30am to 5pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 9.30am to 7.30pm on Thursday, as well as from 12pm to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

GLASGOW  
DOORS  
OPEN DAYS  
FESTIVAL



The Glasgow Girls of Garnethill Heritage Walk. Credit: Katy Owen

**"THE GUIDES WERE GREAT: SO FRIENDLY, HELPFUL AND CONSIDERATE AS WELL AS KNOWLEDGEABLE AND INTERESTING TO LISTEN TO."**

Walk participant

To book on to any of our Women's Heritage Walks please visit our website at [womenslibrary.org.uk](http://womenslibrary.org.uk), come in to see us, or call us on **0141 550 2267** for more information. **Booking is essential** as payments cannot be taken on the day. Further details of where to meet will be provided once booking is confirmed.

## Women's Heritage Walks

To conclude the 2018 season of Women's Heritage Walks, our Women Make History volunteers are offering two of our sell out walks which highlight the hidden histories of trailblazing, hardworking and determined women who have inhabited Glasgow over the centuries.

Pick up one of our **Stamp as you Stomp** loyalty cards from our tour guides or next time you're at GWL. Do all 6 walks and get a very special Women Make History treat!

### East End Women's Heritage Walk

**Saturday 15th September, 2pm to 4pm, Meet at GWL**

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. Part of the Doors Open Days Festival and booking is not required. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis at the start of the walk.

### The Glasgow Girls of Garnethill

**Sunday 7th October, 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, including **Margaret Macdonald** and other lesser known Glasgow Girls, who we'll be celebrating as part of the Mackintosh Festival.

## WOMEN MAKE HISTORY



The Parliament Project workshop. Credit: Courtesy of the Parliament Project

### The Moving Story: How Suffragettes Changed the World



**Wednesday 19th and Saturday  
22nd September, 1.30pm to  
3.30pm, Women only**

Have you heard about Australian suffragette **Muriel Matters** who scattered handbills from an airship with 'Votes For Women' emblazoned on the side? Or **Catherine Taylor** who burned down a stand at Ayr Racecourse? Help us develop an animated web resource highlighting the forgotten heroines who have campaigned for women across the world to have the right to vote. From Arisaig to Australia; from Yoker to Yongzhou, help us to bring to life 100 Scottish and international women campaigners. Make your research, their lives and your voices heard!



### Women's Heritage Bike Ride Saturday 29th September, 1pm to 3pm, Meet outside GWL

Let our tour guides lead you gently along cycle paths, through Glasgow Green and beside the Clyde, while sharing fascinating facts about the history of women's cycling: from the corset-wearing pioneers of the Victorian era to the Lycra-clad athletes of the 21st century.

### Exploring Your Political Pathway

**Saturday 10th November,  
1.30pm to 3.30pm, Women only**

Women are under-represented in all levels of Scottish politics. The Parliament Project encourages women to run for political office by demystifying the process. This workshop will explore how women can best prepare for this role and the stages involved in getting elected; from becoming an activist and joining a party, through to selection and election.



Women's Freedom League Demonstration, Glasgow Green, 1914. Credit: Courtesy of Glasgow City Council, Glasgow Museums

### Suffragette City West Trail Launch

**Sunday 4th November, 2pm to 4pm**

Suffragettes have been honoured with trees and buildings (albeit temporarily) in the west of the city, but who were they? Our newest trail tells the stories of these women and more. Be among the first to experience our new Suffragette City trail.

### Suffragette City East Workshops

**Thursdays 8th, 15th and 22nd  
November, 6th and 13th December,  
6pm to 7.30pm, Women only**

In the wake of our West Launch, we invite you to take part in the development of our Suffragette City East Trail. Taking in the area GWL calls home, we'll identify the suffragette heroines who made the changes still impacting women today. Be part of the story by joining our team of Women's History Detectives.

### The Open Archive: Girls' Annuals

**Saturday 1st December, 1pm to 3pm**

Did you look forward to a new 'Bunty' or 'Judy' annual every Christmas? Maybe 'Jackie' was your favourite or 'Diana'? For some, annuals were a source of entertainment and helpful hints. For others they carried a persuasive message about conforming to the norm. Our eclectic collection dates from a 1920s 'Schoolgirls' Own Annual' to '80s publications like 'Patches'. Uncover or rediscover the world of annuals, peruse picture stories, flick through fashion pages and marvel at some of the beauty tips over a warming cup of tea!

# WOMEN'S WORDS

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

## Utter: Raise Your Voice

Thursdays 30th August, 13th and 27th September, 11th and 25th October, 8th and 22nd November, 6pm to 7.30pm, Women only

This singing group with a difference brings together women of all ages and abilities to celebrate womanhood through the power of our collective voice. Each session uses music and movement to explore a particular aspect of our personality. Build confidence and experience the joy of making music together. No auditions, no need to read music, and no singing experience necessary.

## Creative Writing Support Group

Tuesdays 18th September, 23rd October, 27th November, 2pm to 4pm, Women only

Drop by this group where writers can meet each other, share their work in an encouraging atmosphere, motivate each other to hone writing skills, try out fresh ideas, and develop writing projects. Get a cuppa, get creative and meet other writers in this friendly, self-facilitated group.

**"FAB EVENING. SINGING, MEDITATION, I ENJOYED THE WHOLE THING."**

Utter participant

## Reading Group for Muslim Women

Fridays 21st September, 2nd November, 14th December, 10am to 12pm, Women only

The Reading Group has as its focus books written by Muslim women or with topics of particular relevance to Muslim women today. You may be passionate about books and love to share them with others, or you simply want to get into the habit of reading, whatever your motivation this group is for you! On Friday 21st September, we'll be discussing **Secrets of a Henna Girl** by **Sufiya Ahmed**.

To find out more please contact [syma.ahmed@womenslibrary.org.uk](mailto:syma.ahmed@womenslibrary.org.uk)

## With Our Own Voices

Saturdays 22nd and 29th September, 12.30pm to 3.30pm, 16+

We'll use writing and other creative activities including crafts and music to help victims and survivors of oppression and trauma share, understand, and forge new written narratives at these creative writing workshops. Learn new ways to use your voice with experienced guest poets and authors **Elaine Gallagher**, **Victoria Shropshire**, and **Sarah Tytler**. Lunch will be provided.



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](mailto:info@womenslibrary.org.uk) or visit [womenslibrary.org.uk](http://womenslibrary.org.uk)

## Celebrate Muslim Women's Writing

Saturday 29th September, 12pm to 3.30pm, 15+

A lively afternoon of spoken word and performance by emerging Muslim women writers exploring the theme of relationships. We'll also be in conversation with acclaimed Muslim women writers including **Safina Mazhar**, **Sara Shaarawi**, and **Sufiya Ahmed**. Afternoon tea will be provided. In partnership with Sheffield University Storying Relationships Project.

## Drama Queens: Play Reading For Pleasure

Thursday 20th September, 2.30pm to 4.30pm, Thursday 1st November, 5.30pm to 7.15pm, Thursday 29th November, 2.30pm to 4.30pm, £2/Free, Women only

Let's take to the stage once more for Drama Queens, an armchair drama group without the limelight. Informal play readings with no performance at the end! Come and listen, or come and read. Come to one, or come to all. We can promise... THRILLS! GASPS! LAUGHTER! TEA!

## Open Book

Tuesdays 2nd October, 6th November, 4th December, 5th February, 10.30am to 12.30pm, £2/Free, Women only

These vibrant and thoughtful monthly Open Book sessions are led by poet **Marjorie Lotfi Gill**. Each month focuses on a theme such as new beginnings, light or language. Read together poems and short stories as prompts for your own creative writing – perfect for seasoned writers and beginners alike.

## WOMEN'S WORDS



Creative Writing workshops at GWL. Credit: Katy Owen

### Hitherto Unknown: Research Workshops

Thursday 4th October,  
5.30pm to 7.30pm, GWL  
Thursday 1st November,  
5.30pm to 7.30pm, Mitchell Library  
Monday 4th February, 6.30pm to  
8.30pm, Platform

“Literary history and the present  
are dark with silences.” Tillie Olsen,  
‘Silences’, 1978.

Inspired by writer and social activist **Tillie Olsen**, and her legendary reading lists, these research workshops will uncover the writers and stories silenced by the barriers of gender, class and race. Across the city, in the archives and lending library collections, we will find vital voices that have been forgotten and build our own new reading list.

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### Boireannaich Beachdail/ Witty Women

Thursday 15th November,  
6pm to 7.30pm

Hear three witty women give their unique and humorous perspective on the Gaelic arts world. **Seonag Monk**, renowned Gaelic broadcaster and writer, is known for her depiction of strong and opinionated female characters. **Muireann Kelly** is the artistic director of Theatre Gu Leòr, whose most recent production resurrected the 17th century poet Màiri Ruadh. Accomplished singer, **Linda MacLeod**, is also famous among under-5s for her lively reading sessions on BBC Alba. This event is in both Gaelic and English.



“LOVELY ATMOSPHERE. I ENJOYED TRYING OUT ALL  
THE DIFFERENT TASKS. CAN'T BELIEVE I READ OUT.  
THANK YOU!”

Creative Writing workshop participant

### Bold Types: Scottish Women's Creative Writing Competition

Entries by Friday 2nd November,  
Women only

Be bold and submit your short stories and poems to our annual writing competition. Book Week Scotland's theme this year is **REBEL** and we think that's perfect for all you subversive sirens and magnificent mutineers!

So, give your rebellious muse free rein and e-mail your short stories and poems of up to 1000 words (either in a Word Document or typed in the body of the e-mail) to [info@womenslibrary.org.uk](mailto:info@womenslibrary.org.uk) with Bold Types Competition Entry in the subject line. You can enter once in each category and the closing date for entries is **Friday 2nd November 2018**. See below for events to build up your boldness! Supported by Book Week Scotland.

### Bold Types: Creative Writing For Fearties

Wednesday 3rd October, 2.30pm to  
4.30pm, £2/Free, Women only

Our popular Fearties Workshops are back for a Bold Types special to rouse your inner rebel. Try out some fantastic fiction and ravishing rhymes and get helpful feedback ahead of submitting to our Bold Types competition.

### Bold Types: Editing Mistress-Class

Thursday 25th October, 2.30pm to  
4.30pm, £2/Free, Women only

So you've nurtured that story or poem from a tiny seedling, but you're reluctant to release it into the wild without some helpful pruning. What can you do to be a rebellious Bold Type? Bring along your writing and our editing mistress-class will support you to turn your beautiful bud into a fantastic flower, and give you the boost you need to be bold.

### Bold Types: Creative Writing Showcase

Thursday 22nd November,  
5.30pm to 7.30pm, £2/Free

Hear the shortlisted writers read their stories in front of our supportive and encouraging panel of judges, including: prize-winning poet **Vicki Husband**; Science Fiction novelist **Safina Mazhar**; and GWL's own librarian, **Wendy Kirk**. Winners will be announced on the night. Prizes include a 1:1 skills sharing session with one of our judges and a selection of books.

## WOMEN'S WORDS

### Story Café

Thursdays 13th and 20th September, 4th and 25th October,  
1st November to 13th December, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free,  
Women only

Let Story Café be a haven for you this Autumn, as we immerse ourselves in tales of headstrong heroines, awe-inspiring adventurers and luminous landscapes. From Indian folklore to beloved Scottish writers, each week we'll travel the world, one tale at a time. Top up your tea, sit back and relax, and rediscover the joy of being read to.

**"I LOVED THE STORYTELLING AND THE COMMUNAL  
ATMOSPHERE, AND THE SHARING OF TEA AND SWEETS!"**

Story Café participant

### Story Café Specials:

#### Ruth Carr

Thursday 4th October,  
12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free

We're delighted to be sharing National Poetry Day with Irish poet **Ruth Carr**. Born in Belfast, Ruth edited the first anthology of women's writing to come out of Northern Ireland, and was a founding member of Word of Mouth women's poetry collective. She will be reading from her latest collection, **Feather and Bone**, which responds with curiosity and compassion to the lives of two remarkable women from the past: **Dorothy Wordsworth** and **Mary Ann McCracken**.

#### Remarkable Women on Paper

Thursday 4th October,  
3pm to 5pm, Women only, 16+

We are thrilled that Ruth is able to lead a workshop after Story Café as part of her visit. We all know women who have made a difference to us, either personally or historically, but whose lives have been overlooked or undervalued in some way. Make these remarkable women visible and celebrate their lives by reimagining them on paper.



Story Café. Credit: Jeanette Lang

### Hallowe'en Harpies

Thursday 25th October,  
12.30pm to 2.30pm, 16+

An eerie presence on one of the world's tallest mountains. A haunting through the eyes of the ghost. From **Michelle Paver** to **Mary Shelley**, **Angela Carter** to **Hilary Mantel**, we'll lose ourselves in chilling extracts from sci-fi, horror and ghost stories by women writers.

### Kirstin Innes

Thursday 22nd November,  
12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free

We have revelled in the centenary of the birth of the inimitable **Muriel Spark**. In our final salute, Scottish writer **Kirstin Innes** will talk about the legacy and impact of Spark on her own writing, reading snippets from her favourite Spark books and examining the iconic writer through her own acute literary lens. Part of Book Week Scotland 2018.

### Creative Writing by Muslim Women

Thursday 6th December,  
12.30pm to 2.30pm

Enjoy an afternoon of short stories and plays on the theme of relationships by emerging writers from the Muslim Women's Creative Writing Group. We will also be joined by science fiction novelist **Safina Mazhar**, who will share her journey into writing and give us a taste of her **Power of Four** series in anticipation of the upcoming final volume!

**"FASCINATING BOOK  
READING AND DISCUSSION.  
I LEARNED A LOT OF  
THINGS I DIDN'T KNOW."**

Story Café participant

# ARTISTS AND EXHIBITIONS

Ground breaking work on show and pioneering creatives to discover

## Seeing Things

Women only, 16+

If you've ever wanted to learn about work by women artists and creatives then **Seeing Things** is the group for you.

Our friendly volunteers lead fortnightly trips to see exhibitions, performances, films and talks either at GWL or in other places, always ending with a cup of tea and a chat. The trips are always free and we can cover your travel expenses (up to £5).

Look out for the **Seeing Things** stamp in this programme, keep an eye on the website or get in touch to find out about upcoming trips.

Seeing things is always more fun with others!



## Women Make Heritage!

Thursday 23rd August to Saturday 22nd September, visit during GWL opening hours

**"The shawls are wonderful and reflect so much thought and research into local women's histories."**

Working with artists **Rachel Mimiec** and **Fiona Dean**, East Dunbartonshire Women's History Group have explored local women's stories of work, creating unique shawl designs. This exhibition evokes women's experiences of weaving, spinning, mining, leadership and philanthropy, and is accompanied by portraits of the Women's History Group themselves.

## Women Make Heritage! Exhibition Launch

Thursday 23rd August, 6pm to 7.30pm

Join us for the launch of the exhibition, meet the women who were involved and hear the stories of their creative journeys in designing the shawls and discovering the histories of local women.



From Glasgow Women's Library: Ruth Ewan and Joy BC, Feminist Charms. Credit: Caro Weiss

## From Glasgow Women's Library

Organised in partnership with Craft Scotland's 'Meet Your Maker' programme, these rescheduled workshops mark our collaboration with design curators Panel to create products that speak to the history of women's lives.

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## Make your own charm with Joy BC and Ruth Ewan

Saturday 8th September, 10am to 1pm, £30 (materials included), 12+

Design and carve your own charm from wax with jeweller Joy BC. After the workshop, a finished charm in precious silver is cast from your model and posted directly to you. The workshop will follow an introduction by **Ruth Ewan** and **Joy BC**.



From Glasgow Women's Library: Donna Wilson, Lambswool Book Cushion. Credit: Caro Weiss

## Architecture in Conversation: Voices of Experience

Saturday 8th September, 1pm to 3pm, 12+

How might role models and built environment histories be re-thought by listening to women architects who have been written out of mainstream history? Share in this conversation and celebrate **Finch and Fouracre's** architecture inspired 'Bridgeton-Women's Library Sketchbook', which **Franki Finch** will introduce during the event.

## Make your own hat with Donna Wilson

Saturday 13th October, 12.30pm to 3.30pm, 12+

Meet celebrated designer **Donna Wilson**, and create your own hat at this special knitting workshop. Donna will talk about her new Book Cushion, which celebrates women's right to vote and was designed and created especially for GWL.



## ARTIST AND EXHIBITIONS



First Waves: Glasgow Portraits.  
Credit: Scarlett Crawford



### Untouchable – Gypsy Witch – The Radically Diverse Artist's Talk by Delaine Le Bas Thursday 1st November, 6pm to 7.30pm

How does it feel to be a minority within a minority? The other within the others? An outsider amongst the outsiders? The installations, photography, film and performance of **Delaine Le Bas** visualise, wrestle with, and interrogate this situation. This rescheduled artist's talk by Delaine, a British Multi Media Artist from a Romany background, compliments her exhibition taking place at Transmission Gallery from 3rd November to 8th December.



Hannah Leighton-Boyce, Consequences of progress, remnants for the future, 2018.  
Credit: Hannah Leighton-Boyce

### Ruth Barker & Hannah Leighton-Boyce Friday 1st February to Saturday 23rd March, visit during GWL opening hours

**Ruth Barker** and **Hannah Leighton-Boyce** have developed new works as a result of research residencies undertaken by the artists in 2017/18. Hannah Leighton Boyce was in residence at GWL and Ruth Barker with the University of Salford Art Collection.

In developing their new works the artists collaborated with others, including scientists and school children. They drew upon their residencies to realise salt cast and powered sculptures, installation, sound, textiles and photography. Before touring to GWL, their commissions premiered at Castlefield Gallery, Manchester. Special thanks to Castlefield Gallery patron James Mycock.



### First Waves Exhibition Tuesday 9th October to Friday 30th November, visit during GWL opening hours

The Race Relations Act made history across the UK, but how did it affect women's lives here in Glasgow?

The First Waves exhibition speaks of women's experience of Race Relations across Glasgow through photographic portraits and digital audio works crafted by **Scarlett Crawford**, UK Parliament Artist in Residence.

### First Waves: Exhibition Launch Tuesday 9th October, 12pm to 2pm

Meet artist Scarlett Crawford and some of the local women involved in the project at the launch of this powerful exhibition.



### Ruth Barker & Hannah Leighton-Boyce: Exhibition Launch with Special Guest Jackie Kay Thursday 31st January 2019, 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Join us at GWL to experience inspiring new commissions by artists Ruth Barker and Hannah Leighton-Boyce.

**Jackie Kay** MBE, award-winning writer of fiction, poetry and plays, University of Salford Chancellor and 'writer in residence', will launch this exhibition and share her new writing inspired by Hannah Leighton-Boyce and Ruth Barker's works.

# FILMS AND PARTIES

Be there at the start of fresh new conversations and enjoy a feast of films and parties

## Herland: Subjects and Sequences

### 100 Years of Margaret Tait

Friday 21st September, 7pm to 10.30pm, £16/£12, 18+

Celebrate Orcadian film poet **Margaret Tait's** 100th birthday in true Herland style! The evening will showcase historic and contemporary film, poetry, music and more from women creatives inspired by the luminous magic of Tait's work, with light refreshments that reflect her love of Italy and time spent in Rome.

Curated by Tait expert **Sarah Neely**, hosted by **Gerda Stevenson**, star of Tait's **Blue Black Permanent**, with performances from **Laura Edbrook & Sarah Forrest**, **MacGillivray**, and more.

Herland  
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Recy Taylor Portrait, Civil Rights Organizers, Rosa Parks, Director Nancy Buirski

## Women Making Change

Sunday 23rd September, 1pm to 4pm

As part of the **Take One Action Film Festival**, this empowering and celebratory event takes a look at the progress women have made in shaping a fairer and more balanced political, social and cultural landscape.

During an afternoon of panel sessions and participatory workshops, we will explore the place of women in change-making while also tackling some of the current challenges we still face.

**TAKE ONE  
ACTION!**

film festivals

## The Rape of Recy Taylor

Thursday 18th October, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, 15+

Twenty-four year old black mother and sharecropper, **Recy Taylor**, was gang raped by six white boys in 1944 Alabama. Unbroken, she spoke up and fought for justice with help from **Rosa Parks** and legions of women. Her story and the community's support triggered an unprecedented outcry for justice.

**"RECY TAYLOR, A NAME I  
KNOW AND I THINK YOU  
SHOULD KNOW TOO"**

Oprah Winfrey,  
Golden Globes 2018

Modern  
Films



## FILMS AND PARTIES



Front: Horse MacDonald, Joyce McMillan, Jo Clifford, Myrtle Simpson,  
Back: Rosina Bonsu, Remzije Sherifi, Sam Ainsley, 2017. Credit: Graham Clark

### Outstanding Women of Scotland 2018

Saturday 20th October, 1pm to 3.30pm

At this special event dedicated to women who pave the way and inspire others, we'll welcome ten new inductees into the Outstanding Women of Scotland community based on public nominations this year.

Each outstanding woman will be presented with a limited edition print from a woman printmaker. A drinks reception and music will follow the formal presentations.

In partnership with the Saltire Society.



### Africa in Motion Presents: Standing on their Shoulders

Thursday 1st November, 6pm to 8pm, 15+

In this film, award-winning South African female director, **Xoliswa Sithole**, takes us on a journey through time connecting female resistance movements in South Africa. The film challenges the erasure of these powerful women who paved the way to liberation and who, post liberation, were relegated to the old roles of wives, mothers, and daughters of heroes. This screening will be followed by a discussion with South African female activist, **Firdoze Bulbulia**.



Susan Stein, Tracks, 1989. Credit: Courtesy the artist and Cinenova

### F is for Film, F is for Feminism: A weekend workshop and screening programme

Friday 23rd November, 6pm to 8pm and Saturday 24th November, 12.30pm to 3.30pm, 16+

The artist, curator and writer **Lucy Reynolds** shares her research into feminist filmmaking in an evening of screenings and an afternoon of discussion. Plucking books from GWL's shelves and films from the LUX collection and Cinenova archive, Lucy illuminates the diverse ways in which film has been shaped by feminist debate and women's lived experience, from the 1930s to the present time.

### Alternative Burns Night: Herland Ceilidh

Friday 25th January, 7.30pm to 10.30pm, £TBC, 18+

Our legendary Alternative Burns Night gets a twist, a turn, a birl... this year we'll be ceilidh-ing the night away and hearing Scots and Gaelic story-telling and song by awe-inspiring women creatives.

More details and ticket information in late November.

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# OUT AND ABOUT

Bringing GWL's special ingredients to a place near you

## GWL at Women of the World Festival, Perth

We're really excited to be leading workshops as part of this jam-packed festival weekend for women and girls. For more information and prices, please visit [www.horsecross.co.uk](http://www.horsecross.co.uk)

### Story Café: Writing the Body Positive

Saturday 29th September, 11.30am to 12.30pm, 16+, Women only

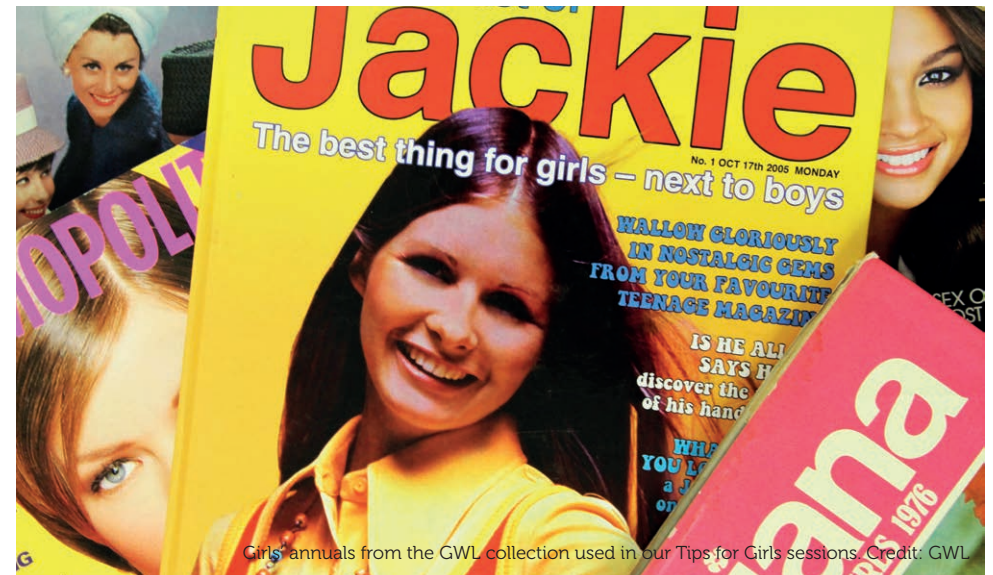
Hear how women writers have challenged, subverted and ridiculed the knotty topic of body image in fiction and poetry. We'll be reading aloud from some of the best women writers worldwide. Stay on afterwards and make your own fabulous, feisty and feminist badges with help from GWL.

### Story Café: Period Poetry and Menstrual Myths

Sunday 30th September, 1.30pm to 3pm, 16+, Women only

Every day, over 800 million people have their period yet menstruation cycles remain an unmentionable subject for many. At this Story Cafe, we'll be celebrating how women writers worldwide have been breaking the taboo of periods by telling the stories and myths of menstruation in fiction and poetry.

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](mailto:info@womenslibrary.org.uk) or visit [womenslibrary.org.uk](http://womenslibrary.org.uk)



## Nautical and Nice: Artworks Inspired by the Sea

Friday 7th September, 12pm to 4pm, Scottish Maritime Museum, Irvine, Women only

From shipwrecks to shoes, fishing to flares, trawlers to travelers... let women's artworks at the Scottish Maritime Museum tempt you to write seafaring stories and poems of your own. Alongside creative writing exercises and a guided tour of the artworks, this visit will also incorporate a tour of a shipyard worker's tenement flat from 100 years ago. We'll have time for tea in the Museum's café but bring your lunch to eat on the train!



**"I LOVED THE OLD FILMS AND HAVING A LOOK THROUGH THE ARCHIVE ITEMS. REALLY FUNNY AND INTERESTING..."**

Tips for Girls attendee

## OUT AND ABOUT



Kate Charlesworth working on 'Sally Heathcote Suffragette'. Credit: Kate Charlesworth

### Changing Stories: Creative Writing about the Menopause

Thursdays 25th October, 1st and 8th November, 10am to 12pm, Kairos, Johnstone, 16+, Women only

What does the menopause mean to you? A new beginning? A taboo subject? A future mystery? Listen to readings from women writers, share your thoughts and experiences about this time of life, and learn how to turn them into poems, stories and more. These workshops are open to all women whether you are new to writing or not. To book, email [katy@activecommunities.co.uk](mailto:katy@activecommunities.co.uk)

### Sally Heathcote: Suffragette with Kate Charlesworth

Saturday 10th November, 2pm to 4pm, Birks Cinema, Aberfeldy, 12+

It's 100 years since some women first got the vote in the UK, so let's celebrate! Enter the world of **Sally Heathcote: Suffragette** with cartoonist and writer **Kate Charlesworth**. Her graphic novel is a tale of love, loyalty and courage. Be swept along by Sally's adventures, then create your own heroine on paper in a hands-on session!

This event is aimed at girls and young women but everyone is welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult. To book, email [birkcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:birkcommunity@gmail.com)

**"IT IS IN THE AUTUMN AND WINTER OF LIFE THAT WOMAN IS FREED FROM HER CHAINS..."**

Simone de Beauvoir

## GWL at Rise up Quines Festival, Aberdeen

We are delighted to be offering workshops and exhibitions as part of this exciting new festival in Aberdeen.

**"AS THE NIGHT SKY IS BRIGHTENED STAR BY STAR, CHANGE MUST COME PERSON BY PERSON, GIRL BY GIRL, VOTE BY VOTE."**  
Sheena Wilkinson

### Firebrand Women

Wednesday 14th to Sunday 18th November, Aberdeen Central Library

This exhibition features unique materials from GWL's museum and archive collection. Including suffragette artefacts, campaigning badges, posters and zines, it tells the stories of the women who challenged the politics of their time.

### Women's Equality Timeline

Friday 16th November, 4.30pm to 6pm, Maritime Museum, Aberdeen, Women only

The history of the fight for equality is made up of many key people and moments. This session is a journey of discovery through discussion about the women who fought for our future.

### Story Café: Girl by Girl, Vote by Vote

Saturday 17th November, 2pm to 3.30pm, Aberdeen Central Library, 10+

To mark the centenary of the vote being won for some women in the UK, why not bring your daughters, granddaughters and nieces along to our Story Cafe to celebrate! Enjoy cake and snacks, and be inspired by **Sheena Wilkinson**, award winning author of **Star by Star**, a bold tale of suffragettes, courage and survival. This event is aimed at girls and young women but all ages 10+ are welcome! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

### March: Film Screening and Discussion

Sunday 18th November, 3pm to 4.30pm, Belmont Cinema, Aberdeen, Women only

In 2015, over 100 women in Glasgow reenacted a suffragette pageant first performed one hundred years before. The March of Women project was a life-changing journey for many of those involved. This documentary charts the process to its rousing, moving finale.

# GET MORE INVOLVED

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

## Women Making It

Fortnightly from Friday 14th September to 23rd November, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Women only

This Autumn, be invigorated by our drop-in Women Making It sessions. GWL has bitesize learning and fun on offer including crafts, creative writing, film screenings, wellbeing workshops and much more.

The drop-in sessions are open to all women, so if you live round the corner or on the other side of town, pop by to connect with others, learn and make new friends.

## Collect:if

Thursday 29th November, 5.30pm to 7pm, 16+, Women only

Collect:if is a network run by and for creative women of colour (WoC). Built on mutual support, we highlight the cultural contributions of Black and Ethnic Minority women, and nurture emerging creative voices.

Join us at our informal gatherings to learn about upcoming events and opportunities for WoC creatives. At this meeting, we're delighted to welcome **Gauri Raje**, anthropologist and storyteller who performs regularly in the UK and India.

We look forward to reconnecting, celebrating creative talent and welcoming new members. Refreshments provided.

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PaperGrrls. Credit: Jeanette Lang

## Become a Paper Grrl!

We're always looking to reach new people and widen our audiences. If you've got a couple of hours to spare each month and you like getting out and about by bike, skateboard or on foot, we'd love your help with distributing this and future programmes to a growing number of friendly venues across Glasgow. Get in touch if you can help us spread the word.

**"EVERYWHERE I DROPPED OFF THE PROGRAMMES WAS INCREDIBLY LOVELY AND POSITIVE."**

Jessie, GWL Paper Grrl

## Volunteer with us

We're currently looking for volunteers who might be interested in:

**Tour guiding on our Women's Heritage Walks** (see page 5)

**Organising Seeing Things trips with other volunteers** (see page 14)

No specific skills or experience required.

We are committed to providing inclusive and accessible volunteering and particularly encourage women with disabilities, mental health conditions, and/or women facing barriers to getting involved with their community to get in touch.

We provide all our volunteers with training, support, travel expenses (up to £5), and of course plenty of tea.

## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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- Books written in translation and in languages other than English
- Bilingual poetry books

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