

**The first law of  
ecology is that  
everything is  
connected to  
everything else.**

**Nan Shepherd, The Living Mountain**



**GLASGOW  
WOMEN'S  
LIBRARY**

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**FEBRUARY –  
MAY 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

We often shout proudly about how equality, diversity and inclusion are at the heart of our work. In this programme we focus on another value close to us, as we highlight the importance of thinking widely about our environment and our changing world. In our **Women and Environment** strand you'll find a conference, creative writing workshops and story cafés, exploring activism, nature writing and optimistic responses to our environmental challenges. We'll discover poetry, non-fiction and prose about women, space and place by writers including **Kathleen Jamie, Vandana Shiva** and **Nan Shepherd**.

We hope to be a changemaker in the cultural sector and a role model for individuals and organisations. At the Green Arts conference, we recently shared our approaches to embedding our environmental values across our organisation, and we invite you to join us this Spring as we open up conversations about care and responsibility for the world we're living in.

Our organisation and collection is built on donations, and an ethos of sharing and lending is central to GWL. This programme, like all our seasonal programmes, is printed on recycled paper by local carbon neutral printers and we distribute them by foot or bike. From upcycled merchandise to our cycle shelter and switching energy suppliers, we look out for our local and global environments.

Climate change is a feminist issue. Gender inequality across the world means that women are disproportionately impacted by environmental challenges such as drought and flooding. Ecological activism is built on the work of women, yet the value of women's campaigning often remains invisible. Let's make that work visible together.

This Spring, we welcome you to our **Women and Environment** strand whether you're a seasoned activist or these are new seeds of thought for you.

If you are just discovering GWL, join us for our **Warm Welcome** on the first Saturday of the month or come along to our **Summer Programme Launch** on Thursday 23rd May from 1pm to 2.30pm and 6pm to 7.30pm.

**GWL will be closed from and including Friday 19th April to Monday 22nd April.**

Women-only events are labelled throughout the programme. All women-only events are inclusive of Trans, Intersex women, non-binary and gender fluid people. GWL is wheelchair accessible and hearing induction loops are available. Please visit [womenslibrary.org.uk/about-us/accessibility](http://womenslibrary.org.uk/about-us/accessibility) or get in touch if you have any questions about access. All events are free, open to all ages, and are located at Glasgow Women's Library unless otherwise stated.

## "SUCH A BEAUTIFUL AND INSPIRING PLACE"

GWL Visitor

# WOMEN MAKE HISTORY

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

## Women's Heritage Walks

Our sell out women's heritage walks are back for another season. Led by our Women Make History volunteer tour guides they highlight the hidden histories of trailblazing, hardworking and ingenious women who have inhabited Glasgow over the centuries: from housewives to hawkers, artists to activists, and entrepreneurs to entertainers.

Pick up a **Stamp as you Stomp** loyalty card from our tour guides or next time you're at GWL. Do all 6 walks and get a very special Women Make History treat! Large print versions of the tour guides' script are available on the day.

**"IT WAS JUST A JOY TO HEAR ABOUT THESE GREAT WOMEN. IT MADE ME PROUD."**  
Walk participant

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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.

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Necropolis Walk. Credit: Katy Owen

## Necropolis Women's Heritage Walk

**Sunday 14th April, 2pm to 4pm, £10/6,  
Meet at Cathedral Square**

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 across Glasgow and the insights on women's history are spectacular!

## The Glasgow Girls of Garnethill

**Saturday 27th April, 2pm to 4pm,  
£10/£6, Meet at the CCA**

From the bustle of Sauchiehall Street to quiet and leafy back streets, this bohemian enclave is full of surprises and has been home to many remarkable women who have made Garnethill one of the most exciting cultural and multicultural hotspots in Glasgow.

## Women of the Gorbals Heritage Walk

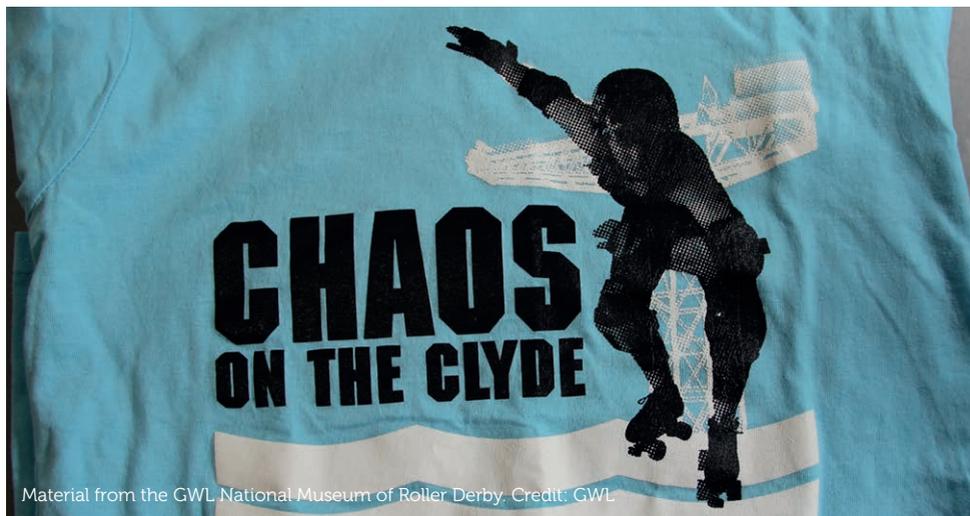
**Sunday 12th May, 2pm to 4pm, £10/6,  
Meet at the Clutha Vaults**

This guided walk will take you on a time travelling journey, from the Napoleonic Wars to modern day New Gorbals, highlighting the Suffragettes, Jewish and Asian immigrants, hawkers, and weavers who have inhabited the area over the centuries.

**"VERY FRIENDLY AND WELL INFORMED GUIDES. I SAW PARTS OF GARNETHILL I DID NOT KNOW EXISTED."**

Walk participant

## WOMEN MAKE HISTORY



Material from the GWL National Museum of Roller Derby. Credit: GWL

### Suffragette City East Trail Launch

Sunday 31st March, 2pm to 4pm

In the early 1900s, Glasgow's East End was a hive of suffrage campaigning with mass meetings on Glasgow Green and noisy demonstrations outside Duke St Prison, where imprisoned suffragettes were hunger striking. This guided walk of our new Suffragette City trail highlights these and other stirring stories.



### The Open Archive: Roller Derby

Saturday 6th April, 1pm to 3pm

Can you tell a jammer from a blocker? The **Irn Bruisers** from the **Twisted Thistles**?

This Open Archive event will showcase our National Museum of Roller Derby collection, so get your skates on to discover more about this inclusive grassroots contact sport! Find out about Flat Track Roller Derby leagues in Scotland and further afield. Immerse yourself in memorabilia, from bout programmes to helmets, statement stickers, t-shirts and more.



Màiri Anndra (Màiri MacRae) on South Uist, photographed by Margaret Fay Shaw in the 1930s. Credit: ©National Trust for Scotland

### Revealing Scotland's Women

Wednesday 10th April, 2pm to 4pm

Join National Trust of Scotland for an afternoon of rediscovery as we explore their collections. From the photographic collection of **Margaret Fay Shaw** on the Isle of Canna and the works of overlooked artist **Hannah Lorimer** in Haddo House, to the memory laden rooms of the Tenement House, we'll hear these women's stories and more in a series of fast-paced Pecha Kucha talks.



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Visitor to GWL

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# WOMEN'S WORDS

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

## Open Book

Tuesdays 5th February, 5th March, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 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 poems and short stories together as prompts for your own creative writing – perfect for seasoned writers and beginners alike.

## Utter: Raise Your Voice

Thursdays 14th and 28th February, 14th and 28th March, 11th and 25th April, 9th May, 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.

## Reading Group for Muslim Women

Friday 22nd February, 10am to 12pm, GWL. Friday 22nd March, 10am to 12pm, Scotland Street Museum. Friday 26th April, 10am to 12pm, GWL, Women only

The Reading Group focuses on books written by Muslim women or with topics of particular relevance to Muslim women today, and we also watch films together. Whether motivated by your passion for books and a love of sharing them with others, or if you simply want to get into the habit of reading – this group is for you! On Friday 26th April, we'll be discussing **Broken Promises** by **Aizah Aziz**.

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



Nadine Aisha Jassat. Credit: Rob McDougall

## 'Let Me Tell You This' Launch with Nadine Aisha Jassat

Thursday 7th March, 6pm to 7.30pm

Award-winning poet **Nadine Aisha Jassat** launches her debut poetry collection **Let Me Tell You This** at GWL. A vital exploration of racism, gender and the sustaining and restorative bonds between women, her poems seep into the reader and deliver a punch to the chest. Celebrate Nadine's new publication alongside brilliant guests, with powerful performances, a Q&A, and signing to mark the occasion.

## Drama Queens: Play Reading For Pleasure

Thursday 21st March, 5.30pm to 7.15pm, Thursday 18th April, 2.30pm to 4.30pm, £2/Free, Women only

Let's take to our armchairs once more – enjoy informal play readings where no lines need to be learned! Come and listen, or come and read. Come to one, or come to both. We can promise... THRILLS! GASPS! LAUGHTER! TEA!

**"[NADINE] MASTERFULLY EVOKES THE OFTEN BEAUTIFUL, SOMETIMES PAINFUL SPECIFICITY OF HER MIXED HERITAGE WHILST INVOKING THE UNIVERSALITY OF BEING A WOMAN LOOKING FOR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS THAT SHOULDN'T NEED TO BE ASKED."**

Sabrina Mahfouz, author of *How You Might Know Me*

## WOMEN'S WORDS



Threads of Life. Credit: Courtesy of Clare Hunter and Sceptre Publishing

### Hidden Rhythms

Friday 8th March, 6pm to 7.30pm, £3/£2, 16+, Women only

A chance to hear original songs and poetry celebrating love, joy, sadness, hope and everything that comes with life. Written and performed by young women who are often hidden, these tracks will give you a glimpse of a world too often overlooked. From party bangers to sobby ballads they showcase a wide range of experience and personalities. We want to share our stories – come and be a part of them.

The songs were written as part of a series of workshops run at the Youth Community Support Agency, a youth work charity that works with young people from ethnic minority backgrounds.



### Threads of Life: Clare Hunter and Janice Forsyth in Discussion

Saturday 9th March, 12.30pm to 3pm

Clare Hunter's first book **Threads of Life** is an exploration of the significance of sewing through time and across cultures. **Janice Forsyth** will be in discussion with Clare about how she came to write the book, sharing its themes and stories and reading extracts. 'Threads of Life' will be available to buy at the event.

**"I THINK THIS IS THE BEST SONG I HAVE EVER WRITTEN – I AM STARTING TO GET IT NOW!"**

Hidden Rhythms performer

**"REALLY ENJOYED MY FIRST VISIT TO THE WOMEN'S LIBRARY. A PLACE FOR READING AND REFLECTION. LOVED IT."**

Visitor to GWL

### Hitherto Unknown Research Workshop

Saturday 9th March, 2pm to 4pm, National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh

Join National Library of Scotland curators and the Hitherto Unknown team to consider the challenges of archiving non-paper texts, including film footage and web publications. Inspired by writer and social activist, **Tillie Olsen**, this is part of an ongoing series of research workshops across Glasgow that aim to uncover writers and stories silenced by the barriers of gender, class and race.

### Creative Writing For Fearties: Dear Diary...

Saturday 16th March, 1.30pm to 3.30pm, £2/Free, Women only

Have you ever picked up someone else's diary and been intrigued by the snippets of life within, while feeling just a tad guilty for reading something so personal? Well, here's a guilt free invitation to read between the lines and do some creative writing using diaries in our collection. Look through the tiny 1922 journal of a party animal, the writing of a woman farmer in the 1930s, and the wartime diary of an ophthalmic nurse in far flung locations.

### Hitherto Unknown Research Group: The First Reading List

Saturday 6th April, 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Since October last year, Hitherto Unknown have been searching for silenced or unheard voices in the GWL zine archives, NLS moving image archives, the Mitchell archives and special collections, on the internet, and at live events across Glasgow. At this event they will present highlights from their finds and publish a new set of radical Reading Lists.

### Creative Writing For Fearties: Dear Agony Aunt...

Saturday 13th April, 1.30pm to 3.30pm, £2/Free, Women only

Dear Agony Aunt – I'm looking for a creative writing workshop where I'll get a warm welcome, encouraging feedback and fun writing exercises using all those 1970s and 80s magazines for teenage girls. Thanks! Hopeful of Glasgow.

Dear Hopeful – we have just the thing for you: two hours of creative writing inspired by the fashion and feathercuts, stories and soul-searching, and music and mayhem of magazines like Jackie, Blue Jeans, Boyfriend and Patches.

## WOMEN'S WORDS

### Story Café

Thursdays 7th February to 28th March, 18th April, 2nd May, 16th May to 30th May, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free, Women only

Immerse yourself in tales and poems from around the world, as we rediscover the joy of being read to. From wild and windswept wonderlands, to fearless feminist fairytales, Story Café will spark your curiosity and freshen your perspective. So why not sit back and relax, top up your tea and become part of the story. Packed lunches welcome!

**"LOVED BEING HERE, SITTING DOWN, SLOWING DOWN, AND LETTING MY MIND WANDER AS I LISTENED."**

Story Café Attendee

### Story Café Specials:

#### Muriel Spark

Thursday 14th March, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free, Women only

Our Drama Queens have adapted **Muriel Spark's** sharply observed political novel, **The Abbess of Crewe**, into a new play. Hear about the historical background to the novel, go behind the scenes of the adaptation process, and listen to readings from the play.

#### Donna Moore

Thursday 21st March, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free, Women only

Hear the fictional tale of one of Glasgow's first policewomen investigating dark deeds in Edwardian Glasgow. **The Organ Grinder's Serenade** is the final thrilling novella in a trilogy by **Donna Moore** exploring the position of women in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

#### Sonia Purnell

Thursday 2nd May, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free

Prepare to be dazzled by the epic, untold story of **Virginia Hall**, a fearless American woman who infiltrated wartime France to become the Gestapo's most wanted Allied Spy. Acclaimed author, journalist and broadcaster **Sonia Purnell** brings this extraordinary figure out from the shadows with her new book, **A Woman of No Importance**. This is an astounding account of courageous resistance, ingenious spycraft and triumph over prejudice.



Lesley McDowell and Louise Welsh at Open the Door 2017. Credit: GWL

### The Poetic Spectrum with Jen Hadfield

Saturday 23rd March, 1pm to 3pm, 16+, Women only

"As a poet and a woman with Asperger's traits, I process experiences slowly but intensely, focus ardently on sometimes unexpected subjects, and express my feelings with unfashionable sincerity. My poetry grows directly from neurodiverse experience, allowing me to process, connect and share my perception of the world." **Jen Hadfield** hosts this creative writing workshop, to explore how these traits are not only valuable in poetry but vital to our culture.

### Save the Date: Open the Door 2019

Friday 17th and Saturday 18th May, £TBA, 18+, Women only

Scotland's first ever festival for Scottish women's writing returns for its third edition, and this time we're expanding into a two-day event. Expect creative workshops, in-depth discussions, open mic sessions and plenty of performances from the best literary talent this country has to offer. This year we will be celebrating the careers of **Naomi Mitchison**, **Agnes Owens** and **Janet Paisley**, and are seeking donations of these writers' books. More details released in March.



# ARTISTS AND EXHIBITIONS

Ground breaking work on show and pioneering creatives to discover

## Seeing Things

Women only, 16+

Seeing things is always more fun with others! Our fortnightly Seeing Things trips offer a new way of exploring women creatives' work. You can come on one trip or on all of them, they're always free, and we can cover your travel (up to £5).

The Seeing Things stamp next to events in this programme highlights group trips to GWL activities. Keep an eye on the website or get in touch to find out about upcoming trips to other venues.

**"I'M GLAD I WENT BECAUSE OTHERWISE IT WOULD NOT HAVE APPEALED TO ME. A MEMBER OF STAFF EXPLAINED THE PHOTOWORKS EXHIBITION AND THEN IT MADE SENSE."**

Seeing Things member



Bluebell Young Ladies: Still from Felicity Means Happiness. Credit: Alison J Carr

## Ruth Barker & Hannah Leighton-Boyce

Friday 1st February to Saturday 23rd March, visit during GWL opening hours

See inspiring commissions by artists **Ruth Barker** and **Hannah Leighton-Boyce**, as well as new writing by **Jackie Kay** developed in response to the artists' works. The artists undertook research residences in 2017/18, Hannah with Glasgow Women's Library, and Ruth with the University of Salford and University of Salford Art Collection. Before touring to GWL their commissions premiered at Castlefield Gallery, Manchester, to mark Vote 100. Special thanks to Castlefield Gallery patron James Mycock.

There will be transcriptions of all audio content in this exhibition available.

## Showgirls: Screening and Book Launch

Thursday 28th February, 6pm to 7.30pm

Artist **Alison J Carr** presents her new short film and book drawing from her research with showgirls. **Felicity Means Happiness** tells the story of a shared dialogue between 98-year old former chorus girl, Felicity Widdrington, and the artist. **Viewing Pleasure and Being a Showgirl, How Do I Look** raises questions around representation and contemporary showgirl experiences, and their relevance for feminist debate.

The screening is subtitled.

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### Decoding Inequality Exhibition

Wednesday 6th March to Saturday 6th April, visit during GWL opening hours

Narratives of women's inequality underpin GWL's collection. The **Decoding Inequality** project tells the stories of 25 objects through an exhibition, learning programme, and an online digital collection and interpretation resource.

In response to recent high profile campaigns such as #MeToo and Repeal the 8th this exhibition uses personal and political interpretation to highlight the social justice themes that run through the collection. These perspectives link women's historical and contemporary inequality with ongoing political campaigns for reform such as reproductive rights, domestic abuse, maternity leave, equal pay, women's suffrage, sexual harassment, and sexual violence. This exhibition has audio description and subtitled content.

### Artemisia visits Glasgow Women's Library

Thursday 7th March to Tuesday 19th March, visit during GWL opening hours

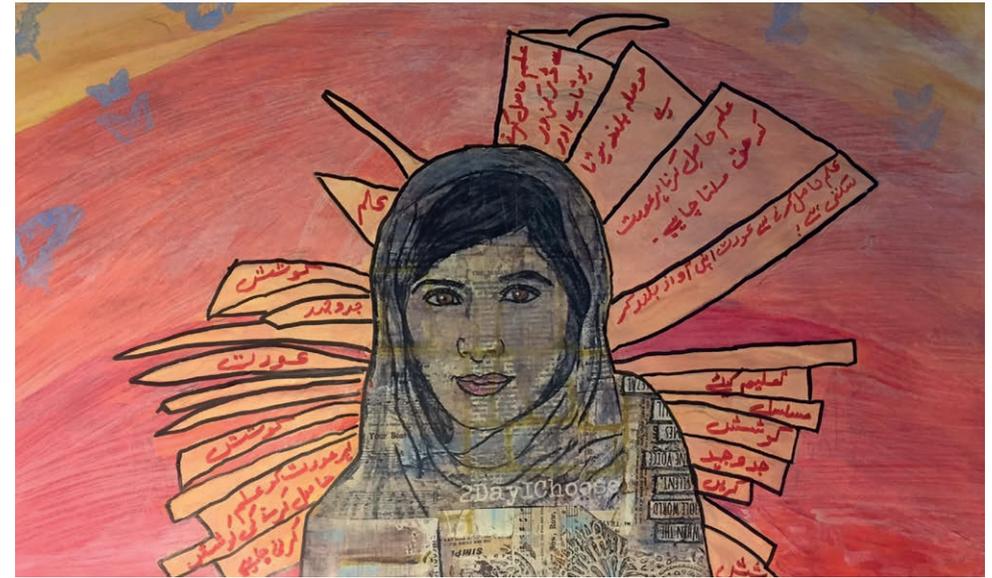
We're delighted that GWL is the first pop-up venue for Artemisia Gentileschi's **Self Portrait as Saint Catherine of Alexandria**, an oil painting from about 1615–17, as it makes its way on a 'grand tour' from the National Gallery, London.

See our website for associated events taking place while this rare work by **Artemisia Gentileschi**, the most celebrated female artist of the Italian Baroque, is on display at GWL.

Artemisia visits... is organised by

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The Klesch Collection is proud to sponsor and support women artists



### Textiles and Activism

Saturday 13th April to Saturday 1st June, visit during GWL opening hours

Working with textile artist **Paria Goodarzi**, women from Sakina Group in Glasgow have designed their own creative prints for scarves. This exhibition showcases their work which uses symbols, images and empowering statements to explore and celebrate women's activism. This exhibition has no audio content.

### Textiles and Activism: Celebration Event

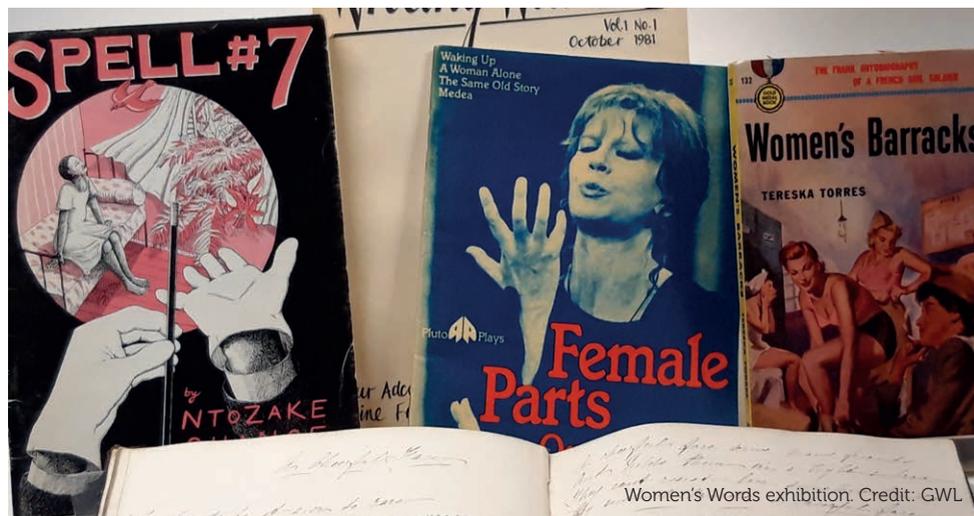
Tuesday 16th April, 11am to 2pm, 16+, Women only

Hear from women involved in the exhibition at this afternoon of spoken word, songs and stories, spoken in Urdu and English. Learn about the women's activism and suffrage movement in Britain that inspired the textile designs at this celebratory event.

Left hand image: Artemisia Gentileschi. Self Portrait as Saint Catherine of Alexandria. Credit: © The National Gallery, London. Bought with the support of the American Friends of the National Gallery, the National Gallery Trust, Art Fund (through the legacy of Sir Denis Mahon), Lord and Lady Sassoon, Lady Getty, Hannah Rothschild CBE and other donors including those who wish to remain anonymous, 2018.

Right hand image: Textiles and Activism Exhibition. Credit: GWL

## ARTIST AND EXHIBITIONS



### Women's Words Exhibition

Saturday 13th April to Saturday 1st June, visit during GWL opening hours

This spring we're opening the door to women's writing in our collections. From song lyrics and scribbles to plays and pulp fiction, our stores are full of women's words. Take a peek at some of these literary treasures, or curl up with a book in our Reading Corner, which will showcase celebrated writers from our **Open the Door Festival**.

### Tiny Territories

Wednesday 17th April to Thursday 30th May, visit during GWL opening hours

Artist and art psychotherapist, **Caroline Christie**, captures 'Tiny Territories' of unnoticed domestic objects and overlooked places. Delicate paper sculptures see familiar items re-made: an iron, a toddler's dress, child's boxing gloves, all recreated in wire, paper and stitches. This exhibition of quiet artefacts captures small scale histories.

Both Women's Words and Tiny Territories have no audio content.

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**



Photograph from the filming of BALTI, 2014, video shot on Ipad, by Jasleen Kaur. Credit: Jasleen Kaur

### BE LIKE TEFLON Jasleen Kaur Book Launch

Saturday 27th April, 1pm to 3pm

Share food and conversation at the launch of **Be Like Teflon**, a new artist book by **Jasleen Kaur**. Inspired by recipe books from our archive and the collected memories of women connected to Kaur's family, this book brings together a series of recipes, conversations and critical writings.

**"WHETHER IT'S AROUND A KITCHEN TABLE OR FROM THE PAGES OF A BOOK, HEARING THE VOICES OF RESILIENT WOMEN IS LIKE HAVING THE COMPANIONSHIP OF A SISTER OR MOTHER – TENDER AND SUSTAINING, LIKE MAHA DI DAHL ON A SODDEN WET DAY IN GLASGOW."**

Jasleen Kaur

# WOMEN AND ENVIRONMENT

Activism in our changing world

**Women in the Landscape**  
Saturday 16th February, 1.30pm to 3.30pm, Women only

From **Vandana Shiva** to **Petra Kelly**, **Carol Adams** to **Caroline Lucas**, the history of environmental action, anti-nuclear activism and peace movements is rooted in women's work. Our Womenvironment Quiz and Timeline will tell you more about the names you know (and those you don't), inspiring you to create your own environmental campaign slogans for change.

**Story Café Special: Waymaking**  
Thursday 21st February, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free, 16+, Women only

Let writers from the recently published **Waymaking** anthology take us on a journey through their work. This collection of poetry, prose and art weaves together ecological feminism, landscape and environment. What does it mean to be women in the wilderness, our senses sharpened and our imaginations invigorated?

**Our Space, Our Place: Creating Ecofeminism**  
Saturday 30th March, 10am to 4pm, 18+, Women only

Global ecological activism is built on the work of women, yet the value of women's environmental campaigning and action often remains invisible.

Through talks, performances and workshops, this gathering of women academics, campaigners, writers, artists and performers explores how ecofeminist theory and practice can imagine and realise optimistic responses to our changing world. Vegan lunch provided.

Funded by the University of Glasgow College of Arts.



Out and About:

**Earthrights: Exploring Women's Landscape Writing**  
Thursday 14th March, 10.30am to 12pm, Menzieshill Community Centre, Dundee, 18+, Women only

Women writers find revelatory and reflective ways of invoking their landscapes and surroundings through their writing. We'll discover poetry and prose about women, space and place by writers including **Kathleen Jamie**, **Esther Woolfson** and **Nan Shepherd**. This taste of both well-known and emerging writing is a chance to discuss women's current and historical relationship to the rural and the urban, the environmental and the ecological.

This session is offered in partnership with Dundee Women's Festival.

**The Secret Garden Writing Workshops: Spring**  
Saturdays 30th March, 13th April, 27th April, 10.30am to 12.30pm, The Palm House, Johnstone Terrace Nature Reserve, Edinburgh, 16+, Women only

Spring is upon us! Come connect to your writing and celebrate the changing seasons with our series of three gentle creative writing sessions. Wrap up warm and bring along a thermos of tea for these workshops in the atmospheric (but chilly) Secret Garden, hidden in the heart of Edinburgh. Organised in partnership with Edinburgh Art Festival. Please note that this venue is not wheelchair accessible.

**Story Café Special: Women in the Landscape**  
Thursday 9th May, 10am to 12pm, Kairos, Johnstone, 18+, Women only

Our mental health and wellbeing benefit when we nourish our connections to landscape, earth and nature. Delve into poetry and fiction by women writers including **Amy Liptrot** and **Helen MacDonald** and discover how creative writing about ecology and environment can empower and nurture. This session is offered in partnership with Renfrewshire Mental Health Arts Festival and Kairos, East Renfrewshire.



**"IN SEARCH OF MY MOTHER'S GARDEN, I FOUND MY OWN."**  
Alice Walker

# PRIDE, PARTIES AND PERFORMANCE

Stride with pride and enjoy a riot of comedy and performance

**Stride with Pride**  
Weekly from Saturday 16th February to 13th April, and Saturday 27th April, 1.30pm to 3.30pm, open to all LGBTQI+ people

This **LGBT History Month** we invite LGBTQI+ people to stride with pride and become history detectives. In these workshops, we'll research and shape a new heritage trail, to be launched in the Summer. We'll look at the people, places and spaces that need to be commemorated as together we explore Glasgow's queer past and write LGBTQI+ people back into history.

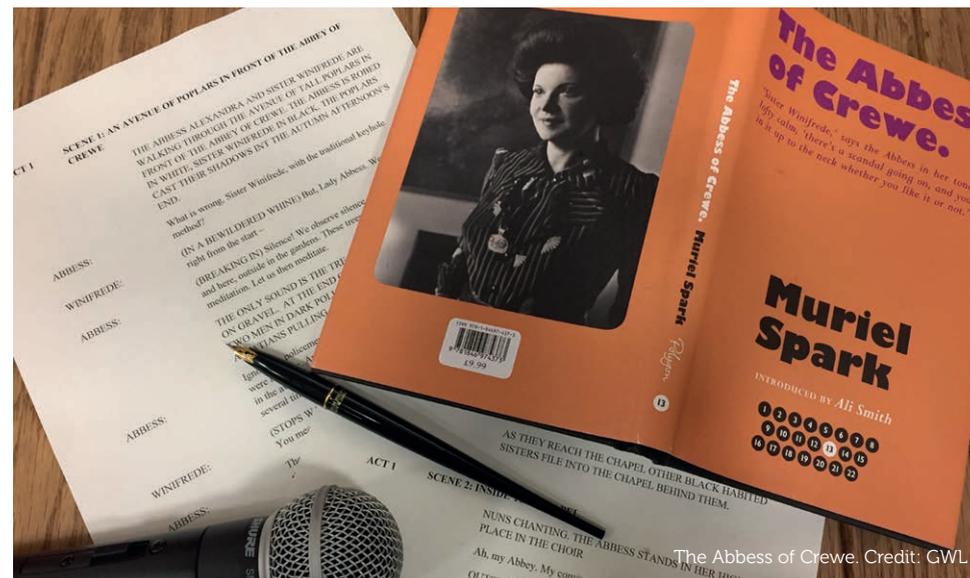
**Women of Colour Comedy Collective**  
Saturday 16th March, 1pm to 3.30pm, £12/£8, 16+, Women only

**Lubna Kerr** – Scottish Pakistani actor, comedian and writer – and her special guests, invite you to a hilarious and unique stand-up comedy session with afternoon tea for all. This cultural creative comedy show will make you laugh and cry, sometimes in despair! A great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

**The Moving Story: Suffrage Games Afternoon**  
Saturday 23rd March, 2pm to 4pm, £2/Free, Women only

Celebrate the launch of our suffrage animations with tea, cake and a choice of thrilling games. **PANKO** is a card game pitting suffragists against anti-suffragists, advertised at the time as “producing intense excitement without the slightest taint of bitterness” (no, we don't believe that either). **SUFFRAGETTO** is a board game in which the goal is to break through police lines and enter the House of Commons without being sent to prison. Fun for all the family!

All animations are subtitled.



**Book Party Giveaway**  
Thursday 25th April, 2pm to 4pm

Back by popular demand, it's the return of our Book Party Giveaway! Grab your free book, tune into our story-themed soundtrack, and try your luck at our fiendishly fun book quiz. Our Book Champions will spotlight their favourite reads, whilst our Book Doctors will prescribe books to soothe and surprise, invigorate and illuminate. All washed down with lashings of tea and cake.

Part of World Book Night 2019.

**Creative Sparks:**  
**The Abbess of Crewe**  
Thursday 25th April, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, £2/Free

GWL's armchair Drama Queens have been experimenting with an adaptation of **Muriel Spark's** witty novel of political intrigue, **The Abbess of Crewe**. Join us for the worldwide premiere of a dramatic reading of the resulting work.



**"I REALLY HOPE YOU ARE DOING THIS AGAIN IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE! PUT ME IN SUCH A GREAT MOOD! THE SURPRISE BOOKS WILL HAVE A GREAT IMPACT ON ME."**  
Book Party Giveaway attendee

# OUT AND ABOUT

Bringing GWL's special ingredients to a place near you

## Connect and Create: Monthly Creative Writing Group

Saturdays 2nd February, 2nd March, 6th April, and 4th May, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Edinburgh Central Library, 16+, Women only

Would you like space to connect with your writing and other writers, in an informal and friendly setting? If so, our monthly Connect and Create workshops in Edinburgh are just for you!

Piloting this Spring, we'll meet on the first Saturday morning of every month to read, discuss, do writing activities together, and share our work.

## Readers of Colour

Wednesdays 27th February, 27th March, 24th April, 29th May, 6pm to 7pm, Lighthouse Bookshop, Edinburgh, 16+, Women only

This reading group for women of colour meets on the last Wednesday of every month to discuss poetry, fiction, graphic novels, essays and narrative non-fiction by women writers of colour, with work by Scotland's own maker **Jackie Kay** as well as writers from around the world including **Fatimah Asghar**.

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)

## Audacious Women Festival, Edinburgh

The Audacious Women Festival breaks down personal, political and institutional barriers and celebrates women from all walks of life.

## Firebrand Women: Generating Change

Monday 4th to Thursday 28th February, Edinburgh Central Library, visit during opening hours

This exhibition tells the stories of 100 years of women challenging the politics of their time. Badges, posters, zines, sashes and postcards illustrate how women have changed the world, from suffragettes to the radical zine-makers of today.

## Story Café: Women, Environment, Adventure

Friday 22nd February, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Edinburgh Central Library

Daring discoveries, tenacious trailblazers, awesome adventures ... women's writing is rich with stories of expeditions and journeys that have inspired others and changed the way we see the world we live in.

Celebrate the women who have shared their explorations of both the natural and the built corners of our world in their writing in this reading and discussion group.

## Song-writing to Inspire Change

Friday 22nd February, 1pm to 3pm, Edinburgh Central Library

Find your inner lyricist and feel the powerful resonance of contemporary protest song at this beginner-friendly workshop with singer-songwriter **Penny Stone**.

Please book for all workshops at [www.audaciouswomen.scot](http://www.audaciouswomen.scot)

## "A REALLY ENGAGING AND INSPIRED APPROACH TO HISTORY, LINKING PAST AND PRESENT..."

Firebrand Women Exhibition visitor

## Poetry in Conversation: Story Café

Friday 8th March, 6.50pm to 7.30pm, The Byre Theatre, St Andrews

We are bringing the GWL Story Café to StAnza Festival. Part of the festival's early evening Poetry in Conversation strand and hosted by **Nadine Aisha Jassat**, this relaxed Story Café centres on women poets of colour in Scotland, including the writing of poet, artist and curator **Maud Sulter**. We'll also hear from St Andrews-based poet **Zein Sa'dedin**, who writes in English and Arabic. Book at [www.stanzapoetry.org](http://www.stanzapoetry.org)

# GET MORE INVOLVED

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

## Collect:if

Thursday 21st February, 5.30pm to 7pm, 16+, Women only

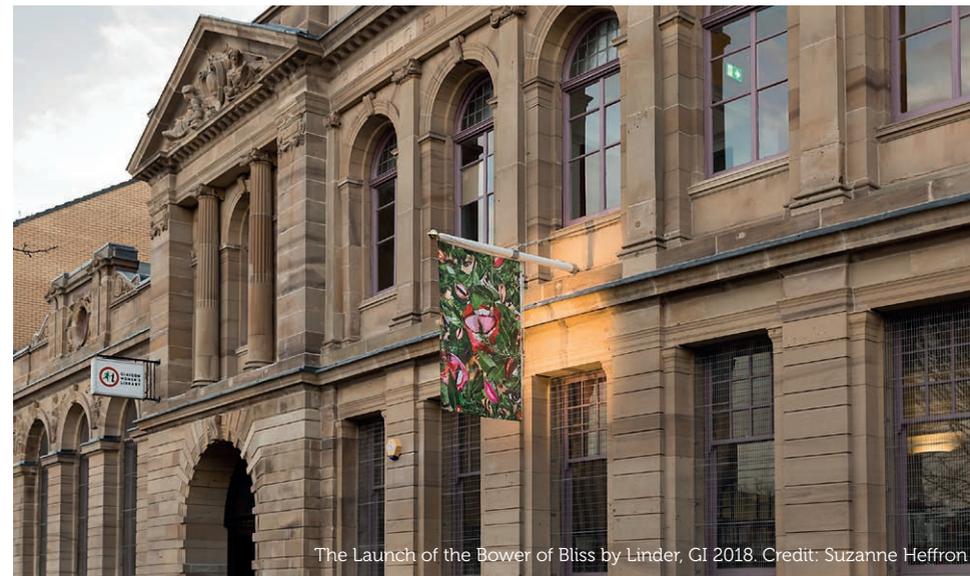
Collect:if is a network run by and for creative women of colour (WoC). Built on mutual support, we highlight the cultural contributions of Black and Ethnic Minority women, and nurture emerging creative voices. Join us at our informal gatherings to learn about upcoming events and opportunities for WoC creatives. At this meeting, we're delighted to welcome **Paria Goodarzi**, a visual and textile artist from Iran and based in Glasgow.

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

## Be 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 like getting out and about by bike, skateboard or on foot, we'd love your help with distributing our programmes to friendly venues in your area.

Please get in touch if you'd like to find out how to help.



The Launch of the Bower of Bliss by Linder, GI 2018. Credit: Suzanne Heffron

## Women Making It

Fortnightly from Friday 15th February to 24th May, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Women only

This Spring, be inspired by our drop-in Women Making It sessions. GWL has bitesize learning and fun on offer including scrapbooking, film screenings, African beadwork, badge making 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.

## This Is Who We Are

Thursday 11th April, 6pm to 7.30pm

A welcoming, informal and open session for anyone who would like to find out more about GWL, our history, values, collections and projects, whether you are new to the organisation or not.

**"I LOVE BEING ON MY BIKE, AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO SATISFY THAT PASSION THAN BY HELPING SPREAD INFORMATION ABOUT GWL?!"**  
Nicole, GWL PaperGrrl

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- Diaries and journals written by women
- Feminist Zines
- Books written in translation and in languages other than English and bilingual poetry books
- Books by Naomi Mitchison, Agnes Owens and Janet Paisley
- Environmental campaign materials

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