

GLASGOW WOMEN'S LIBRARY

JUNE –
AUGUST 2019
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 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?

For most GWL events, there are two ticket options: a £2 ticket and a Free ticket. If a ticket price of £2 is in any way a barrier to you attending this event please choose a Free ticket. If we don't offer Free tickets for an event, this is because the event raises funds for

the Library or a partner organisation, or because the costs associated with this event mean that our prices are slightly higher than our usual events. In these instances, please choose the ticket which you feel most able to pay. We offer our Friends Free tickets or the lower ticket price.

Why is it important to book first?

It is helpful for us to know how many people to expect at events as this affects the spaces we use. If you book, we can also get in touch if there are any last minute changes. Please cancel a place if you can no longer attend as we do often have waiting lists.

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
Glasgow Women's Library, 23 Landressy Street, Bridgeton, Glasgow, G40 1BP
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A WARM WELCOME

"I LONG, AS DOES EVERY HUMAN BEING, TO BE AT HOME WHEREVER I FIND MYSELF"

Maya Angelou

Glasgow Women's Library has always been home to diverse voices with *home* defined as a place that offers security and happiness. This summer we are exploring various notions of home, not least through a long term collaboration with artists **Sogol Mabadi** and **Birthe Jorgensen**, who have been working with different groups of women both in GWL and at Platform to think about what it means to be of more than one place. In considering home we're also thinking about those detained in unhomely asylum systems and are pleased to be welcoming Scots Makar **Jackie Kay** alongside playwright and comedian **Sameena Zehra** as they read from the deeply personal Refugee Tales anthology.

We will be playing host to a variety of visiting writers. From the shores of the

USA and Canada to our own backyard we will have a raft of guest poets and authors. So whether it's collaborative writing, sci-fi or mysteries from history that you're into there will be something for you.

Whilst we do our best to make you at home in GWL we will also be out and about enjoying the lighter warmer days through our famed **Women's Heritage Walks**, **Seeing Things** trips and a writerly glance at **Edinburgh Arts Festival**.

If you'd like to get to know us better there'll be a **warm welcome** for you at GWL everyday but also special drop in sessions on the first Saturday of each month and a more detailed look at this home from home in our **This Is Who We Are** event on the 18th of July. Join us at our **Autumn Programme Launch** on Thursday 22nd August.

Make our home yours this summer at GWL!

After a busy Summer, GWL will be closed to the public from Monday 2nd September to Friday 6th September.

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 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.

WOMEN MAKE HISTORY

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

Women's Heritage Walks

Led by our Women Make History volunteer tour guides, our sell out women's heritage walks 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, do all 6 walks and get a special Women Make History treat! Large print versions of the tour guides' script are available on the day.

To book on to any of our Women's Heritage Walks please visit our website at 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.

"VERY INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE. IT MADE ME WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE WOMEN OF GLASGOW."

Walk participant



Women's Heritage Walk. Credit: Katy Owen

Women of the Merchant City

Saturday 29th June, 2pm to 4pm, £10/£6, Meet on Rottenrow

The walk will take you from the upper edges of the Merchant City at the Montrose Street hill to the Tron clock tower and the medieval-looking Mercat Cross. Expect stories of scandal, vice, radicalism, regeneration and revival on this tour of one of Glasgow's cosmopolitan hubs.

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

Walk participant

Necropolis Women's Heritage Walk

Sunday 7th July, 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

Sunday 18th August, 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 MAKE HISTORY



Sappho Volume 3 No1 April 1974. Credit: GWL Collections

The Open Archive: Queer Collections

Saturday 8th June, 1pm to 3pm

Explore the history of LGBTQ women from the 1920s to the present day. From the rare journal 'Urania' published from 1916 to Pride badges, t-shirts and our growing collection of LGBTQ zines. Meet the archivists and researchers, have a chat and enjoy a tour of the stores. This is the first event in an exciting new project with the Lesbian Archive.

The New Biographical Dictionary of Scottish Women

Thursday 4th July, 6pm to 7.30pm,
£2/Free

Hear from the editors of **The New Biographical Dictionary of Scottish Women** as they discuss the making of the second edition, published in 2018, and talk about the detailed portraits of several of those featured in the book. Nearly 200 women have been added to the dictionary, including **Maud Sulter**, visual artist and prolific writer, and **Tessa Ransford**, founder of the Scottish Poetry Library. Copies of the book will be available for sale.

"THE DICTIONARY CLOTHES THE LIVES OF SCOTTISH WOMEN WITH VIVID DETAIL... A FASCINATING READ"

Lesley Riddoch, columnist, The Scotsman and The National



Women's Heritage Bike Ride

Saturday 24th August, 11am to 1pm,
Meet at La Pasionara, 16+

This gently-paced guided bike ride along cycle paths celebrates some of the pioneers of women's cycling: athletes, Victorian trailblazers and peace campaigners alike.

The ride will follow the National Cycling Route eastwards to Dalmarnock via Glasgow Green, looping back to end at GWL and a post-ride cup of tea.

Voices from Scotland's Textiles Heritage

Saturday 24th August, 1pm to 3pm

Ever walked past the old Templeton Carpet Factory and been curious about the women who worked there? Did you or your Mum, Granny, or Auntie work in Scotland's textile industry?

Come and share stories and hear some of the women's voices through recent oral history recordings. Materials from the archives of Stoddard-Templeton and Paisley's Coats & Clarks will also be visiting for the day.

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WOMEN'S WORDS

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

Story Café

Thursdays 6th June to 27th June, 8th, 15th and 29th August and 12th September, 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!

Story Café Specials:

Alycia Pirmohamed

Thursday 13th June, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free, 16+

It's a huge pleasure to welcome Canadian-born poet **Alycia Pirmohamed** to Story Café. Alycia is studying poetry by second-generation immigrant writers at the University of Edinburgh. Her own writing explores what it means to be the daughter of immigrants, and grapples with language loss, cultural identity and displacement. Alycia will be talking about her work and reading from her forthcoming chapbook, **Faces that Fled the Wind**, winner of the 2018 BOATT Chapbook Prize.

aka Laura Grey,

The Pantomime Girl

Thursday 27th June, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free, Women only

In 1914 the death of a young woman from an overdose of veronal became a brief newspaper sensation. Laura Grey was an actress, a frequenter of nightclubs, unmarried and pregnant. Her real name was Lavender Guthrie, she was a well-brought up young woman from a good family, who had been a militant Suffragette. In this Story Café Special, writer **Donna Moore** will unpick the facts from the newspaper articles and read from her fictional work-in-progress, **aka Laura Grey, The Pantomime Girl**.



Story Café Sci-Fi Special. Credit: Rebecca Jones

Sci-Fi: Women Writing the 'What if?'

Thursday 15th August, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free, 18+, Women only

Women sci-fi writers transport us to utopias and dystopias, inviting us to consider 'what would happen if?' We'll step into some of their otherworlds, seeing through the eyes of authors including **Margaret Cavendish**, **Nalo Hopkinson** and **Tatyana Tolstaya** as they take us through tree worlds, tundra and time travel from the 1660s to the present day.

Marion F. Morrison and Morag Law

Thursday 29th August, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/Free

Hear from **Marion F. Morrison** and **Morag Law** as they read from and discuss their work. Marion F. Morrison is a poet whose debut collection, **Adhbhar ar Sòlais / Cause of Our Joy** explores themes of religion and spirituality, family, daily life in Uist, and the author's upbringing in Glasgow and Barra. Morag Law is currently working on a short story collection and has had stories and articles published in **Cothrom** and **STEALL** magazines. Both writers are recipients of the Scottish Book Trust Gaelic New Writers Award. Readings will be bilingual whilst the discussion will be in English.



"READINGS STIMULATED EXCELLENT DISCUSSION. GREAT FOOD FOR THOUGHT! I LOVE THE WAY YOU MAKE US ALL FEEL SO WELCOME."

Story Café participant

WOMEN'S WORDS



Creative Writing Workshop at GWL. Credit: Katy Owen

Open Waters: Space, Place and Collaborative Writing

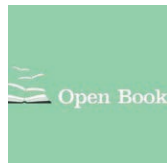
Saturday 1st June, 1.30pm to 3.30pm, £2/Free, 16+

This creative writing workshop will focus on the process and practice of writing together, in partnerships or groups. Hear about how writing duo, **Micaela Maftai** and **Laura Tansley**, craft their blended voice and take part in practical exercises inspired by the GWL collection. With feedback and the opportunity to share your work in a friendly space, this workshop is open to established, emerging and new writers alike.

Open Book

Tuesdays 4th June and 6th August 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 session focuses on a theme such as new beginnings, light or language. Read poems and short stories together as prompts for your own creative writing.



Drama Queens reading their adaptation of Muriel Spark's *Abbess of Crewe*. Credit: GWL

Drama Queens: Play Reading For Pleasure

Thursdays 13th June and 18th July, 2.30pm to 4.30pm, Thursday 15th August, 5.30pm to 7.15pm, £2/Free, Women only

It's time for Lights! Action! Tea! once again in our regular No-Acting-Required Drama Queens sessions. Come to read or come to listen; come to one or come to all. Through the plays in our collection, you could become a witch or a wanderer, a Suffragette or a siren, a maid or a murderer, all from the comfort of your chair.

Drama Queens: In Our Own Words

Thursdays 20th June, 25th July and 22nd August, 2.30pm to 4.30pm, £2/Free, Women only

Following on from the success of the Drama Queens' adaptation of **Muriel Spark's** hilarious ***The Abbess of Crewe***, we've decided it was so much fun that we want to write another play together. Experiment along with us as we pick a story and adapt it as a group. As with all our Drama Queens sessions, no experience necessary.

"REALLY GOOD FUN TO READ SUCH A WIDE VARIETY OF PLAYS. A RELAXED AND FRIENDLY GROUP."

Drama Queens attendee

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The Judge film still. Credit: The Judge Press Kit, UK Asian Film Festival 2019

Reading Group for Muslim Women

Wednesday 19th June, 11am to 1pm,
Venue TBC, Friday 2nd August,
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 Wednesday 19th June we'll have a film screening and discussion of **The Judge**, a portrait of a remarkable woman who overcame a male-dominated tradition to change minds. The film screening is in collaboration with AMINA Muslim Women's Resource Centre and UK Asian Film Festival 2019.

To find out more please contact
syma.ahmed@womenslibrary.org.uk

Creative Writing For Fearties: Wish You Were Here

Saturday 20th July, 1pm to 3pm,
£2/Free, Women only

The humble postcard is a disappearing pleasure. GWL has a bountiful collection of these pre-text-message delights: intriguing one-liners, brief snippets from long-ago holidays, messages dashed-off in a minute. Read – and write – between the lines of our collection in this creative writing session using exercises as short, sweet and simple as the postcards themselves.



Dr. Ebony Elizabeth Thomas.
Credit: Stuart Goldenberg

Into The Dark Fantastic

Saturday 10th August, 1pm to 3pm

This transatlantic conversation between **Dr. Ebony Elizabeth Thomas** and **Dr. Melanie Ramdarshan Bold**, two women academics of colour, highlights the need for more diverse and inclusive representation in the field of children's literature.

Dr. Thomas, Associate Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, discusses her new book **The Dark Fantastic: Race and the Imagination from Harry Potter to the Hunger Games** with Dr. Bold, Senior Lecturer at University College London.

Q&A and book signing will follow the conversation.



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ARTISTS AND EXHIBITIONS

Ground breaking work on show and pioneering creatives to discover

Home Where Home Is Not

Monday 24th June to Saturday 3rd August, visit during GWL opening hours

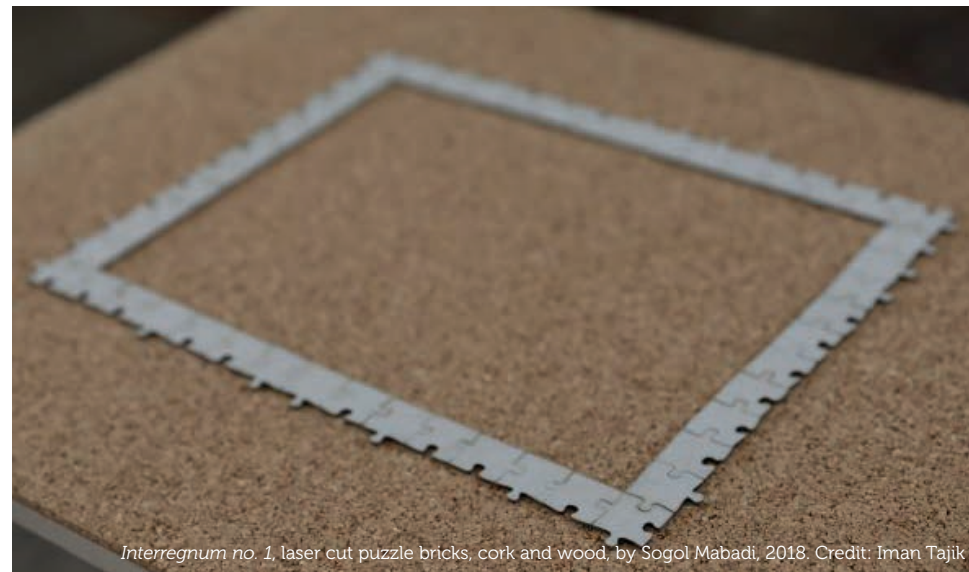


Home Where Home Is Not is an ambitious exhibition by Glasgow-based artists **Sogol Mabadi** and **Birthe Jorgensen** reimagining fixed notions of home, and what it means to be of more than one place. After research and group work with women connected to Platform and Glasgow Women's Library, this exhibition of new works includes installations, wood-carved sculptures and sound works, and will stretch across both sites in Glasgow's East End.

In partnership with Platform. There will be transcripts of all audio content in this exhibition available.

"I HAVE NEVER GOTTEN OVER THE CULTURE SHOCK OF MOVING 'HOME'"

Platform workshop participant



Interregnum no. 1, laser cut puzzle bricks, cork and wood, by Sogol Mabadi, 2018. Credit: Iman Tajik

Home Where Home Is Not: Exhibition Launch

Saturday 22nd June, 2pm to 4pm

Celebrate with us as we launch **Home Where Home Is Not** at GWL. This exhibition by **Sogol Mabadi** and **Birthe Jorgensen** takes place across both GWL and Platform this summer. Please check our website for further events to be announced as part of this exciting project.

Home Where Home Is Not: Exhibition Launch at Platform

Thursday 27th June, 6pm to 8pm, Platform, Easterhouse

This event marks the opening of **Home Where Home Is Not** at Platform. **Visit the exhibition at Platform between Friday 28th June and Saturday 3rd August, Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm.** This exhibition takes place across both GWL and Platform so please do take the time to visit both sites.

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Seeing Things

Women only, 16+

Seeing Things trips offer a way to see work by women creatives with other curious women. Together, we go to performances, film screenings, exhibitions, talks and more, either at GWL or out and about. We refund travel costs (up to £5) and chat over tea and coffee (on us!) about what we've seen.

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

Email Emily on emily.ilett@womenslibrary.org.uk or call us to book a space on any of the Seeing Things trips in this programme or if you would like to join the Seeing Things mailing list.



"SOMETHING DIFFERENT! IT WAS REALLY GREAT TO SEE A NEW PLACE IN A PART OF GLASGOW I'VE NEVER BEEN AND MEET NEW PEOPLE"

Seeing Things member



"ROSE FRAIN HAS A FASCINATING OEUVRE THAT COVERS SEVERAL DECADES. THE PROJECT IS EXTREMELY RELEVANT IN THE CONTEXT OF SIGNIFICANT WOMEN ARTISTS AND APT TOO SINCE THE THEMES OF HER WORK ARE SO ACUTELY RELEVANT TODAY."

Adele Patrick, GWL

Rose Frain Survey Works

Saturday 7th September to
Saturday 5th October, visit during
GWL opening hours

Rose Frain will be installing 'intimations and interventions' from her oeuvre and new works throughout the library. From **Sissy Graffiti** to **This Time in History**, **What Escapes**, Frain's work cites critical moments and social equity.

This exhibition has no audio content.

**Rose Frain Survey Works:
Book Launch and Preview
Saturday 7th September, 2pm to 4pm**

The book **Rose Frain Survey Works** features 18-20 of the artist's major projects, citing stylistic and conceptual developments; with critical essays, full chronology and bibliography. It is edited by Jane Warrillow, designed by James Brook, and published by Sissy Graffiti.

Supported by the National Lottery through Creative Scotland.

Rose Frain Survey Works. *This Time in History*; *What Escapes/Afghanistan*, 2017 (detail: Burka). Photo: Severin Carrell. ©Rose Frain

LAUNCHES, LEGACIES AND FESTIVALS

Be there for vital conversations and celebrate a feast of festivals and launches

Refugee Tales: Readings with Jackie Kay and Sameena Zehra
Thursday 27th June, 2.30pm to 4pm, £5/£3



Through heartfelt and harrowing short stories, the book **Refugee Tales** relates the experiences of refugees stuck indefinitely in the UK asylum process. Scots Makar **Jackie Kay** and actor and storyteller **Sameena Zehra** take to the stage to share the stories of people whose voices need to be heard.

In partnership with Comma Press and Refugee Tales. Part of Refugee Festival Scotland.

"A COURAGEOUS BOOK, IT OFFERS THE READER GREAT SOLACE. IT GIVES FACES TO THE FACELESS, AND VOICES TO THE VOICELESS, HUMANIZING THE PEOPLE THAT OUR SOCIETY DEMONIZES."

Jackie Kay in The Scottish Review of Books, 2016



Celebrating Belonging Hopscotch. Credit: Paria Goodarzi

Stories of Belonging

Saturday 29th June, 1pm to 3pm

Join us to celebrate Refugee Festival Scotland with an afternoon of spoken word and performances by local refugee groups on the theme of Belonging. Play a version of the childhood game Hopscotch, inspired by local Iranian Artist **Paria Goodarzi**, and get the chance to create your own tote bag design in our screen printing workshop. An afternoon of celebration with tasty refreshments throughout!

Sensible Footwear Book Launch

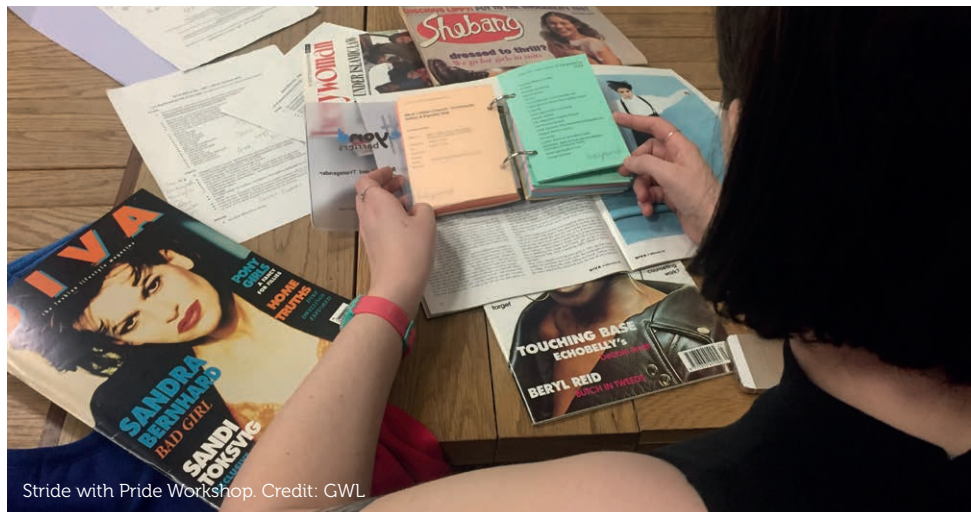
Saturday 27th July, 1pm to 3pm

Celebrate a milestone in lesbian history at the launch of **Sensible Footwear**, by acclaimed cartoonist **Kate Charlesworth** – a stunning personal and political graphic memoir that delivers a gloriously rich pageant of LGBT history over the past 50 years.

"SENSIBLE FOOTWEAR WILL BE A CRUCIAL CORNERSTONE IN BUILDING OUR FUTURE BY MAKING SURE WE REMEMBER OUR PAST"

Val McDermid

LAUNCHES, LEGACIES AND FESTIVALS



Memory is a Weapon

Thursday 15th August, 5.45pm to 7.15pm, £2/Free, 12+

This theatre piece will use music, installation and spoken word to draw on real memoirs of female activists and resistance movements in South Africa and beyond. Inspired by the powerful legacy of **Winnie Madikizela-Mandela**, it will weave together a collection of personal anecdotes, modern stories and legacies of apartheid, drawing on their connections through time. Two generations will speak to each other, uncovering forgotten narratives of strength, reminding us of the vital role women played in shaping the nation.

In partnership with Africa in Motion.

Stride with Pride Heritage Trail Launch

Saturday 17th August, 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Hear from our History Detective volunteers as they talk about how they used the collections to research and create our new LGBTQI+ Heritage Trail map.

We'll start by exploring the archives at the library and then we'll take you on a guided walk that celebrates Glasgow's Queer past and writes LGBTQI+ people back into history.



Legacies of the First World War

Friday 30th August, 11am to 5pm, and Saturday 31st August, 10am to 4pm

These two days form the Women & War Festival which will reflect on history and heritage with a focus on the experiences of women in World War One. Share in some of the exciting projects that have taken place since 2014 and consider how community organisations and academics can continue working together to explore aspects of the past and increase women's visibility.



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OUT AND ABOUT

Bringing GWL's special ingredients to a place near you

Create and Connect: Monthly Creative Writing Group

Saturdays 8th June, 13th July, 10th August and 14th September, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Edinburgh Central Library, 16+, Women only

Would you like a space to connect to your writing and with other writers, in an informal and friendly setting? If so, our monthly connect and create workshops in Edinburgh may be just for you! We meet on the second Saturday morning of every month to read, discuss, do writing activities together and share our work. We'd love for you to come to all four sessions if you can. To find out more, please contact nadine.jassat@womenslibrary.org.uk.

"THE BEST BIT WAS JUST MEETING AND HEARING FROM OTHERS..."

Create and Connect participant



GWL Story Café at 2018 Harpies, Fechtters and Quines festival. Credit: GWL

Picking Up The Pieces: Women in Post-War Britain

Wednesday 12th June, 7pm to 8pm,
Scottish Poetry Library, Edinburgh, 16+

A Create and Connect Showcase!

We think of war as a man's world, but women have always played active roles in times of violence and been left to pick up the pieces in societies decimated by war.

Stephanie McCurry, Women's War

GWL's Create and Connect Writing Group have responded to the theme of this year's Harpies, Fechtters, and Quines festival, 'Picking Up The Pieces'. Join them and the GWL team at the Scottish Poetry Library for an evening of powerful readings.

In partnership with Scottish Poetry Library, Edinburgh Libraries and Harpies, Fechtters and Quines festival.

Story Café: Picking Up The Pieces

Thursday 13th June, 1pm to 3pm,
Edinburgh Central Library, 16+,
Women only

From learning to live with the loss of loved ones to finding new roles in society and working life, WW1 impacted women's lives profoundly. In its aftermath, many women writers bore witness to the struggles and triumphs of those women. Rediscover the joy of being read to as we hear from some of the most compelling voices of the time. Relax, listen and enjoy some tea and cake!

Part of Harpies, Fechtters & Quines Festival

OUT AND ABOUT



Seeing Things Visit to St Mungo's Museum

Friday 21st June, 11am to 1pm,
St Mungo's Museum, 18+, Women only

Take a guided tour of the current exhibition about Anne Frank's life and times, and see the displays at St Mungo's Museum of Religious Life and Art. Donna from GWL will then lead some relaxed creative writing exercises inspired by diaries, artworks and objects from the Museum's collection.



Readers of Colour

Wednesdays 26th June, 31st July, 28th August and 25th September, 6pm to 7pm, Lighthouse Bookshop, Edinburgh, 16+, Women only

We meet at Lighthouse Bookshop, Edinburgh, 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 Makar **Jackie Kay** as well as writers such as **Audre Lorde**.

This reading group is a great opportunity to meet new people, exchange and share conversations and ideas, and share passion for writing by women of colour.

"GENUINELY A FANTASTIC SPACE AND EXPERIENCE"

Readers of Colour attendee



Respond and Write: Edinburgh Art Festival for Writers

Tuesday 6th August, 1pm to 3pm, Meet in Edinburgh, 16+, Women only

Get inspired and meet other writing women! Respond creatively to some of the surprising, challenging and fun exhibitions at the Edinburgh Art Festival. With support and encouragement from writer **Donna Moore**, discover new women artists and try out writing exercises in a stimulating environment. Open to beginners and seasoned writers alike, get in touch for assistance with travel from Glasgow.

The Edinburgh Art Festival Experience

Saturday 10th August, 10.30am to 3.30pm, Meet in Edinburgh, 16+, Women only

Dip a toe into Edinburgh Art Festival this summer with this beginner-friendly day tour of some of the fabulous international women artists featured, including **Sriwhana Spong** and **Corin Sworn**. From sound installation to performance and sculpture with lots in between, we guarantee you'll discover something new and exciting with the Art Festival and GWL staff as your guides. We can help with travel from central Glasgow, just bring along a packed lunch.

"I LEFT FEELING PROUD OF WOMEN AND INSPIRED MYSELF"
Edinburgh Art Festival for Fearties participant

GET MORE INVOLVED

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

Women Making It

Fortnightly from Friday 14th June to 23rd August, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Women only

This Summer, be inspired by our drop-in Women Making It sessions. GWL has bitesize learning and fun on offer including scrapbooking, badge-making, film screenings and much more. These sessions are open to all women, so if you live around the corner or on the other side of town, pop by to connect with others, learn and make new friends.

"LOVED TODAY'S ZINE MAKING WORKSHOP. LOVELY MEETING OTHERS AND SHARING CREATIVE IDEAS!"

Women Making It participant

This Is Who We Are

Thursday 18th July, 6pm to 7.30pm

An informal session for anyone who would like to find out more about GWL, our history, values, collections and projects.

This session is hosted by Laura and Katie, Production Coordinators, who will talk about the routes for events, exhibitions and projects proposed by partners to become part of our programme. Feel free to bring your questions and ideas along!

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Women Making It scrapbooking workshop. Credit: GWL

Collect:if

Thursday 8th August, 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 gathering to learn about upcoming events and opportunities for WoC creatives.

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

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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, 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.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

EXHIBITIONS/ONGOING

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Thurs 6th	Story Café	8
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	Create and Connect: Writing Group (Edinburgh)	22
Wed 12th	Picking Up The Pieces: Women in Post-War Britain (Edinburgh)	23
Thurs 13th	Story Café Special: Alycia Pirmohamed	8
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	Drama Queens: Play Reading For Pleasure	11
Fri 14th	Women Making It	26
Wed 19th	Reading Group for Muslim Women	12
Thurs 20th	Story Café	8
	Drama Queens: In Our Own Words	11
Fri 21st	Seeing Things Visit to St Mungo's Museum	24
Sat 22nd	Home Where Home is Not: Exhibition Launch	15
Wed 26th	Readers of Colour (Edinburgh)	24
Thurs 27th	Story Café Special: aka Laura Grey, The Pantomime Girl	8
	Refugee Tales: Readings with Jackie Kay and Sameena Zehra	18
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	This Is Who We Are	26
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Thurs 25th	Drama Queens: In Our Own Words	11
Fri 26th	Women Making It	26

Sat 27th	Sensible Footwear Book Launch	19
Wed 31st	Readers of Colour (Edinburgh)	24

AUGUST

Fri 2nd	Reading Group for Muslim Women	12
Sat 3rd	Warm Welcome	3
Tues 6th	Open Book	10
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- Feminist zines
- Books written in translation and in languages other than English, and bilingual poetry books
- Environmental campaign materials
- Graphic novels
- Feminist friendly children's books
- Materials on women and gardening

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