



International Women's Day 2017

What's on in Newcastle and Gateshead
#BeBoldForChange



Women all over the world celebrate the International Women's Day to mark various achievements of women, but also to draw attention to the plight of many women all over the world and to challenge the status quo. This year the theme is around change using the hashtag **#BeBoldForChange**. Many voluntary and community groups hold events and activities to celebrate International Women's Day. These groups arrange events and activities all year round. Please check out their website or phone them for details of their work. Newcastle CVS thought it would be helpful to pull together the activities we know about, but there will also be other activities happening which aren't listed here, and around the region, and the WASPI march nationally. A number of events are taking place over the next month. Please engage, enjoy and **Be Bold for Change**.

Screening Women

Sunday 19 February to Wednesday 8 March, Tyneside Cinema, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne



In the lead up to International Women's Day on Wednesday 8 March, Tyneside Cinema and the Gender and Society Research Hub at Northumbria University brings you a series of films examining how women have been portrayed on the big screen. What do these femmes fatales and female protagonists tell us about gender and representation? Each screening includes an introduction by academics from Leeds and Northumbria Universities. Find out more about these films and the ticket offers at www.tynesidecinema.co.uk/screening-women

Darling (15), Sunday 19 February, 1.00pm
Introduced by Dr Melanie Bell (Leeds University)

Harold and Maude (15), Tuesday 21 February, 6:00pm
Introduced by Dr Melanie Waters (Northumbria University)

Bagdad Café (12), Sunday 26 February, 1:00pm
Introduced by Dr Rosie White (Northumbria University)

The Last Seduction (18), Tuesday 28 February, 6:10pm
Introduced by Dr Rosie White (Northumbria University)

Fish Tank (15), Sunday 5 March, 1:00pm
Introduced by Dr Victoria Bazin (Northumbria University)

Winter's Bone (15), Wednesday 8 March, 6:15pm
Introduced by Dr Jackie Collins (Northumbria University)

International Women's Day Networking Lunch hosted by the Women's Fund at the Community Foundation

Friday 3 March 11.45am to 2.30pm, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Newcastle

The lunch is a networking and fundraising event on behalf of the Women's Fund at the Community Foundation which aims to ensure that all women in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland have the opportunity to learn, grow and achieve. This year the keynote speakers are Irene Dorner and a representative from the Northern Learning Trust.

The lunch is an opportunity for women to support the Women's Fund at the Community Foundation, and raises a substantial amount year on year. The Women's Fund was created by women, to inspire and support other local women in our community to make a change.

If you would like to purchase tickets at £45 per ticket, please email events@communityfoundation.org.uk or ring the Community Foundation at 0191 222 0945.

Sharing Supper

Friday 3 March, 7.30pm onwards, Clara Vale Village Hall, South View, Ryton, Gateshead

There is a 'sharing supper' in Clara Vale Village Hall on Friday 3 March to mark International Women's Day (a few days early) at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5. Bring a dish with an international flavour to share. All money raised will go to Womankind (www.womankind.org.uk) towards their work in partnership with women's organisations in Africa, Asia and Latin America to transform women's lives and communities. All welcome.

Contact Rose Davies rosedavies@phonecoop.coop for more details.

Celebration for #lasses

Monday 6 March, 6:00pm to 9:00pm, St. Mary's Heritage Centre, Oakwellgate, Gateshead

There will be inspirational speakers, thought provoking discussion, networking (code word for drinking some lovely drinks and chatting), a sound track of divas (bit of Beyonce/ Britney/Lana). The Crafthood will be providing some evening crafting and there will be a bar. Speakers include Laura Gledhill and Louisa Rogers. This is a charged-for event.

To find out more go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/support-your-local-girl-gang-international-lasses-day-tickets-31758142459>

Sugar - An Open Clasp production

Monday 6 March to Friday 17 March 2017, different venues – please check website

The award-winning Open Clasp Theatre Company are previewing their new show SUGAR in the North for International Women's Day. SUGAR was devised with women in HMP Low Newton, Women's Direct Access Homelessness Service and women on probation attending a Women's Hub through Changing Lives at West End Women & Girls Centre.

These stories are three and at the same time one. Sugar exposes the routes into prison, life behind bars and the revolving door that catapults women back. *Tracy doesn't like the unpredictable coz it can unsettle but her eye is bleeding and she's behind with the hostel's rent. Tomorrow Julie leaves the prison. She will have to walk past the pub, smell the laughter and taste the songs as they spill out of the doors and windows. She'll want to drink, do drugs but she won't; this is her last time. Annie is late, her sandal is broken, the strap flapping loose and no-one is stopping to ask her why.*

All written by Catrina McHugh, and directed by Laura Lindow

To find out more go to http://www.openclasp.org.uk/our_work/detail/Sugar/83#

International Women's Day 2017 Launch Event

Tuesday 7 March, 1.30pm to 3.00pm, King's Hall, Armstrong Building, Newcastle University, Newcastle

Professor Helen Berry will be taking about the Inspirational Women of the North East Project.

To find out more go to <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/about/athena-swan/events/eventitems/eventiwldlaunchevent.html>

Girls Aloud

Tuesday 7 March, 6.00pm to 9.00pm, Robert Stewart Memorial Church Hall, Wingrove Road, Newcastle upon Tyne

This is an early evening social for women and men aged 50 and over to celebrate the world's best female bands and singers.

Tickets £2 available from Search, 74 Adelaide Terrace, Benwell, Mon to Fri 10.00am to 1.00pm.

To find out more, phone Search on 0191 273 7443

In the Steps of Kathleen Brown: International Women's Day Walk

Wednesday 8 March, 10.30am at the Royal Station Hotel, Neville Street, Newcastle upon Tyne



Newcastle City Guides invite you to join them for a walk looking at Kathleen Brown, a Newcastle Suffragette, where she celebrated, demonstrated and was imprisoned. Join the City Guides to commemorate her actions and then see the unveiling of a Blue Plaque in her memory. No need to book just turn up.

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Wednesday 8 March 11.30am to 2.30pm, Riverside Community Health, Atkinson Road, Benwell, Newcastle upon Tyne

Arts, speakers, information, sugarcraft, singing, chocolate-makings, henna painting, samosas, and much more.

Free entry, but please book crèche places by emailing Christine.wood@riversidechp.co.uk

NOT Acting Our Age: Older Women Challenging Gender Stereotypes and Celebrating Life – Invitation for Event Participants

Wednesday 8 March, 12.00pm to 1.00pm, in a city centre venue

This is a public event which aims to challenge the (often gendered and ageist) images of older women. It is exciting, participatory and will use different types of media to get this message across.

There will be a rehearsal/talk-through on 1 March, 5.30pm to 7.00pm, at the City Library (Bewick Hall), and it would be great if you are interested in taking part in the event to attend the rehearsal.



To find out more, please contact Karen Ross: karen.ross@ncl.ac.uk

There will be a number of other activities in Newcastle City Centre on 8 March – so prepare to be challenged.

NOT Acting Our Age: Older Women Challenging Stereotypes and Celebrating Life

Thursday 9 to 23 March, City Library, New Bridge Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne

The photographic portraits of 15 women demonstrate the vitality and fabulousness of women and are part of a larger project which is challenging stereotypes of older women in culture and society. The photographer is Donna-Lisa Healy and the Project Director is Karen Ross. The project is funded by the ESRC Impact Accelerator Fund which is managed locally by Newcastle University.

To find out more, please contact Karen Ross: karen.ross@ncl.ac.uk

Be Bold for Change

Wednesday 8 March 12.45pm to 2.30pm, the Courtyard Dining Room, Research Beehive, Newcastle University

This event aims to recognise and celebrate the work that staff and students, men and women, do around Newcastle University to promote and advance gender parity. It aims to recognise ways in which individuals have made a difference within their sphere of influence. All nominees have been invited to be part of the Be Bold for Change campaign, where their achievements will be celebrated on the University's media screens and social media.

This Girl Can / Active Newcastle

Wednesday 8 March, 6.00pm to 7.30pm, (registration from 5.15pm)

You can choose to walk or run this 5K route. The start is by the Café, at the Exhibition Park, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, where the 5K loop will begin. This event is open to women and girls of all ages provided you feel comfortable with the 5K distance. Participants are encouraged to dress in bright colours, lights etc. Face painting and glow sticks will be provided. The café will be open until 8.00pm.

To find out more information and to sign up, please go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/edit?eid=31875402186>

Land of Oak & Iron Rapper Dancing Drovers

Wednesday 8 March from 7.30pm from The Sun Inn, Swalwell

The High Spen Pink Diamonds Rapper Sword Dancing Team will be doing a traditional pub crawl. It's a female dance team, doing a traditionally male activity in what can often be a male dominated environment (the local pub). It's the first in a programme of activities promoting rapper dancing. They will be progressing up the valley and you may see them in The Bisley and Black Bull at Blaydon or the Queen's Head at Winlaton along the way.

For more information please contact Kath Marshall-Ivens, Community Engagement Officer for Land of Oak & Iron on 0120 752 4883 or by emailing kath.marshall-ivens@groundwork.org.uk; or visit the website www.landof oakandiron.org.uk

Team Kenya : Educating Girls, Empowering Women, Transforming Communities

Thursday 9 March, 6.30pm to 7.45pm, followed by drinks and networking. Ellison Building Block A, Room EBA 001 (ground floor), Northumbria University

How can we affect change where it is most needed? How can we empower women and girls and their communities? Come to a talk by Mrs Val Wilson, founder and CEO of UK international development charity, Team Kenya (<https://www.teamkenya.org.uk>) followed by a panel discussion with academics from Northumbria and Newcastle Universities.

The event is free and open to all but please register at <https://iwd2017teamkenyanorthumbria.eventbrite.com>

Women and Wildlife

Saturday 11 March, 11.00am to 2.00pm, Scotswood Natural Community Garden, John Marley Centre, Wickham View, Newcastle upon Tyne

- Including a visit from Hazel, 'The Lord Mayor'
- Pond Dipping, Quizzes, Face Painting, Make Badges, Keyrings, Birdboxes
- Learn about Some Inspirational Female Naturalists, Tombola, and lots more...
- Outdoor Oven, Cake Stall, Garden Produce sales

Everyone Welcome!! Free Admission.

BPW Northern AGM and International Womens Day Luncheon

Saturday 11 March, 10.00am for a 10.30am start, Royal Station Hotel, Neville Street, Newcastle upon Tyne

Members are invited to attend BPW Northern (Business and Professional Women)AGM. This will be followed by an International Womens Day Luncheon, with guest speaker BPW Scotland member Jennifer Barrett. There will be a cost of £13. Friends and visitors are welcome to attend the luncheon.

To find out more, please contact BPW Northern, Julie Buyers on 07761 680 208

So why do this?

In 1857, 1907 and 1908 American garment workers, all women, marched and demonstrated demanding better pay. In 1910 their example was the inspiration for Clara Zetkin to declare an International Day for Women, at the Socialist Women's Conference in Copenhagen that year.

The day chosen in 1913 was March 8, and has been so ever since. The early 'Days' focused on pay and voting rights for women. More recently women's liberation has been prominent, but the Day has always been concerned with the broader struggles of women in the world.

All around the world on March 8, women choose different ways to mark our Day. The emphasis may be on liberation struggles, on women's working conditions, on freedom from hunger or violence, or a celebration of the strength, vitality and potential of women.

Many of the original ideals have been achieved but many more are still to be won. So please spread the word about these events, try to attend yourself and encourage others to get involved. There is still a lot to be done (especially for women in other countries), so help make our voices heard.

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