



Women's History Month

in East London

1-31 March 2023

Celebrating women artists, activists,
writers and performers

www.alternativearts.org.uk

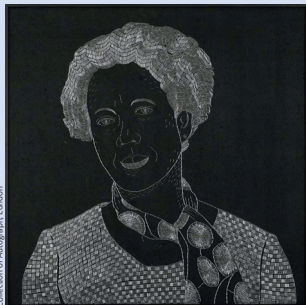
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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH in East London 2023

Contemporary women artists, activists, writers and performers present a diverse programme of events and exhibitions celebrating women in galleries, venues, libraries and institutions across East London. Please make sure you can access them by checking with the projects directly. These programme listings and updates may also be found online at www.alternativearts.org.uk.

Events taking place during International Women's Week 4-12 March are included in this programme.



Autograph - Sasha Huber - 'No Fry from the same Fry Box', 2021. Photographed by Autograph, London

AUTOGRAPH

Rivington Place EC2A 3BA Shoreditch High St overground
<https://autograph.org.uk/> 020 7749 1240

Wed-Fri 11am-6pm, Thurs 11am-9pm, Sat 12noon-6pm

SASHA HUBER : You Name It

until 25 March FREE

Sasha Huber explores how colonial histories are imprinted into the landscape through naming and acts of remembrance – asking what actions it might take to repair the inherited traumas of history.

BARBICAN CENTRE

Silk Street EC2Y 8DS Barbican/Moorgate tube
www.barbican.org.uk 020 7870 2500

Sat-Wed 10am-6pm, Thurs & Fri 10am-8pm

ALICE NEEL : Hot Off the Griddle

Until 21 May

Tkts £18, Concs from £9, Young Barbican £5, under 14s FREE

Gallery Exhibition of vibrant portraits by American artist Alice Neel capture characters from New York's underground culture across the turbulence of the 20th Century.

THEN OR NOW by Ballet Black

Wed 8-Sat 12 March 7.45pm, Sun 12 March 3pm

Tkts £16-£35, £10 for Young Barbican members. Concs available.

Box office 020 7870 2500

Cassa Pancho's latest production is a double bill celebrating the life and legacy of two female icons. *Then or Now* blends classical ballet, music and the poetry of Adrienne Rich, while *Nina: By Whatever Means* is a love letter to musician, performer and activist, Nina Simone, that combines ballet, jazz and the blues.

IN HER WORDS Madison Cunningham, Tawiah + more

Wed 8 March 7.30pm £27.50-£29.50

Join us on International Women's Day for this show celebrating the music of these amazing female singer-songwriters.

LISA O'NEILL

Thurs 23 March 7.70pm £17.50

Irish singer-songwriter Lisa O'Neill has received international recognition as one of the finest contemporary talents in the folk world today.

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Thurs 2 March 7pm £18-£65

Soprano & Conductor Barbara Hannigan conducts the LSO weaving musical threads from Bach to Berg into something revelatory.

Sun 12 March 7pm £12-£42

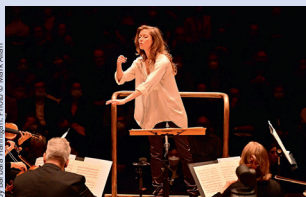
Barbara Hannigan sings, conducts and dreams her way through to glory in a concert charged with wonder.



Barbican - Alice Neel - Self Portrait, 1980



Barbican - Ballet Black, Then or Now



Barbican - London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Barbara Hannigan

BISHOPSGATE INSTITUTE

230 Bishopsgate EC2M 4QH Liverpool St tube/rail
www.bishopsgate.org 020 7392 9200

FILM STUDIES – Great Films Directed by Women II

Wednesdays from 1 March-5 April 6.30pm-8.30pm £132/£99 concs
To mark Women's History Month, this course celebrates five more of the greatest films directed by women, as voted for in a BBC Culture poll of worldwide film experts. Tutor Hilary Smith

MORE THAN DECORATIVE! Women in the Workplace (1880s-1970s)

Sat 4 March 12noon-4pm £32

Fur pullers, teachers, Soho sex workers, concert artistes, jobbing lecturers. Join us to explore the lives of female workers through original historical sources from our special collections such as diaries, scrapbooks, pamphlets, photographs and journals. Tutor Dr Michelle Johansen

ARCHIVE TOUR : Feminist and Women's History

Wed 8 March 6.30pm-8.30pm £5

Join our guide Colleen Goldspink, Library and Digital Archives Manager, on International Women's Day, to hear about feminist activists and organisations, on a tour of our Women's & Feminist History Collections.

FEMINISM INTERRUPTED

Sat 11 March 11am-1pm £10

Using archival ephemera from Bishopsgate Institute and other archives based in Britain, this course explores theoretical and material contributions of black feminists and feminists of colour in Britain.

Tutor Lola Olufemi

WALKING TOUR : Wonderful Women of Whitechapel

Tues 21 March 6pm-8pm £22/£17

Do not miss this tour visiting sites associated with women who have defined Whitechapel and Spitalfields. Guide Rachel Kolsky

BLOW THE FUSE presents

ARQ – the Alison Rayner Quintet

Piano Smithfield, 14 Long Lane, Barbican EC1A 9PN Barbican tube
Fri 17 March. Doors 7pm/Bar. Tkts www.blowthefuse.com

Bassist & composer Alison Rayner's award winning quintet play 'songs without words' and are noted for their vibrant, communicative performances.

SARAH JANE MORRIS and the Solis String Quartet

St Matthias Church, Wordsworth Road N16 8DD Dalston Kingsland ovg
Fri 24 March. Doors 7pm/Bar/Music 8pm Tkts www.blowthefuse.com

Magical arrangements of Lennon & McCartney's great songs have always been a gift to singer Sarah Jane Morris. Fashioned with absolute respect, this collaboration enhances the classical status of the Beatles art and provides the public with a sense of treasures rediscovered.

BRADY ARTS CENTRE

192-196 Hanbury Street E1 5HU Whitechapel/Aldgate East tube
www.towerhamletsarts.org.uk 020 7364 7000

WOMEN & SPORT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

2-30 March Mon-Fri 9am-7pm Sat 10am-4pm FREE

Alternative Arts presents an exhibition celebrating women's sport with contemporary images by women photographers and archive material from Tower Hamlets Sports Development and Local History Library & Archives, Brady Arts Centre and the Bishopsgate Institute.



Bishopsgate Institute: Film Studies – Great Film Directed by Women: Image: Misses of Vera (c.1960), 1966



Bishopsgate Institute: More Than Decorative Women: Image: Misses of Vera (c.1960), 1966



Bishopsgate Institute: Archive Tour: Feminist and Women's History Collections: Image: Misses of Vera (c.1960), 1966



Blow the Fuse: ARQ – The Alison Rayner Quintet: Image: Alison Rayner Quintet



Blow the Fuse: Sarah Jane Morris and the Solis String Quartet: Image: Sarah Jane Morris and the Solis String Quartet



Brady Arts Centre: Women & Sport Photography Exhibition: Image: Sarah Jane Morris and the Solis String Quartet

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Brady Arts Centre - Women & Sport Photography



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Brady Arts Centre - Mohila Ongon Association



Chats Palace - Poster for Nothing on Earth by Anna Reynolds



Chats Palace - The Female Gaze - Women in Theatre. Image © Sheila Burnett

Brady Arts Centre cont'd

In the year of the Women's Football World Cup we look at the diversity of women's sport with current photographs of boxing, weightlifting, pole dancing, running, rowing, football, netball, cycling, badminton, exercising, fans and fashion. Photographers include: Sarah Ainslie, Alethea Baker, Julie Cook, Jacqui Ennis-Cole, Paola Gomez, Taishan Henry, Marketa Luskacova, Keren McConnell, Abigail Lynn O'Neill, Holly Taylor and Numbi Arts.

This exhibition may also be seen online at www.alternativearts.org.uk

A TEAM ARTS EDUCATION

Mothers, Daughters and Sons Workshop

Sat 11 March 11am-4pm FREE

Mothers, Daughters & Sons are invited to explore the theme of 'Heritage' and what we value and gain from our mothers. Families come together to create small fabric artworks that reflect the important role mothers and aunts perform, such as language, culture, nurturing skills, wisdom and creative skills. Participants are invited to bring along photographs or objects they might like to share or work from. The workshop entails textile printing, embroidery and collage work. Aunts, Sisters, and other female friends are welcome to attend and bring siblings, nieces and nephews. ateamartseducation@gmail.com 07956 377537

MOHILA ONGON ASSOCIATION

Celebrating International Women's Day

Sun 12 March 1pm-6pm FREE Women Only

Event for women and children to celebrate the achievements of women. As mental health is a major issue in the community and it is stigmatised, we are planning to have more informative activities focusing on mental health and confidence building. There will be a drama performed by local women, an open mic, a raffle, live music, henna and head & shoulder massage, games and facepainting. Also stalls, food to buy, and arts activities for children from 1pm-3pm run in partnership with A Team Arts Education.

CHATS PALACE

42-44 Brooksby's Walk, Homerton E9 6DF Homerton overground
www.chatspalace.com 020 8533 0227

NOTHING ON EARTH

Thurs 30 March - Sat 1 April 7.30pm. Tks £10 in advance/£12 door
Play by Anna Reynolds celebrating the lives of three real life heroines - an Edwardian hot air balloonist, a suffragette, and an explorer. It's a high-flying show which explores female history, memory, and loyalty.

THE FEMALE GAZE Women in Theatre

Exhibition of photography by Sheila Burnett

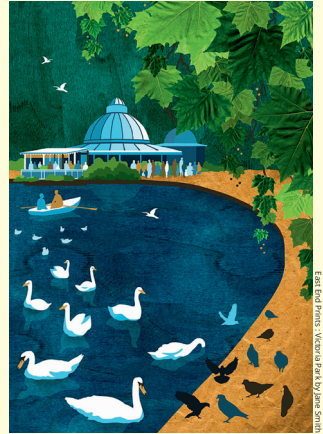
Until 22 April Tues 10am-2pm Fri 12-5pm and by appointment.
Call Chats on 020 8533 0227

These photographs are dedicated to women in theatre starting in 1987 with the infamous, irresistible Drill Hall Panto. Women's Theatre Companies were seizing the moment making the 80s an exciting time for the performing arts. Sheila worked with many of these companies, who created a much needed counter culture, with gutsy names such as Monstrous Regiment, Cunning Stunts, Beryl & the Perils, Spare Tyre, Split Breeches, Hairy Maries, Clean Break, Sensible Footwear, Scarlet Theatre, Hesitate & Demonstrate, and Women's Theatre Group - later Sphinxin.

EAST END PRINTS Shop & Gallery

234 Brick Lane E2 7EB Shoreditch High Street Overground
www.eastendprints.co.uk 020 7241 1118
1-31 March open Tues-Sun 10am-6pm

Featuring empowering quotes, inspiring feminist icons and gorgeous typography our new WHM collection is all about celebrating our growing collection of female artists and their contributions to East End Prints. Bring some female fire to your home with new work by Arty Ghara, The Violet Eclectic, Gisella Stephenson, Karin Akesson and Freya Macphail.



East End Prints: Victoria Park by Jane Smith

EAST END WOMEN'S MUSEUM

www.eastendwomensmuseum.org

A public history project recording, sharing and celebrating women's stories and voices from East London history and the present day. They are working towards opening in a permanent home in Barking but in the meantime they are a 'kitchen table' museum who also put on events, exhibitions and make resources available for women's groups, schools and colleges to use.

EXILED WRITERS

Zeheha Cafe, 102 Kingsland Road E2 8DP Hoxton overground
www.exiledwriters.co.uk 020 8548 1910

ON THE FRONTLINE with Muslim, Jewish & Black women writers
Mon 6 March 7pm £5/£3 for Exiled Writers Ink members. Free for asylum seekers.

This event will feature Muslim, Jewish and Black women poets including Aviva Dautch, Shazea Quraishi and Yvonne Green. As well as performing their poetry, each poet will explain the significance of a box of items representing aspects of their identity and experience. What would audience members put in their box of identity? We aim to form a collective of Jewish, Black and Muslim writers to perform and engage with communities. Become part of the collective.



Exiled Writers: Shazea Quraishi, image © D. Taylor

FEMINIST LIBRARY

Sojourner Truth Centre, 161 Sumner Road SE15 6JL
Peckham Rye/Queens Road overground.
www.feministlibrary.co.uk 020 7261 0879

Open Wed 11am-5pm, Fri 11am-5pm Sat 1pm-4pm (Bookshop)

The Feminist Library is a large archive collection of feminist literature, particularly Women's Liberation Movement materials from the late 1960s to the 1990s. We support research, activist and community projects. The library is run by volunteers and does not require registration or membership. Search our online catalogue, explore our collection and find out more about our activities and events.



Feminist Library: Louise Louise Bunkle

GENESIS CINEMA

93-95 Mile End Road E1 4UJ Stepney Green & Whitechapel tube
www.genescinema.co.uk

I'M FINE (Thanks for Asking) + Q&A presented by Bird's Eye View
Sat 4 March 6.15pm. Adult £14/Student/NHS £11.50/ Snr Citizen £9

A special screening of the exhilarating, poignant debut feature by filmmaker/lead actress Kelley Kali followed by a Q&A with the filmmaker. Presented in partnership with and hosted by Reclaim the Frame.



Genesis Cinema: still from the new film by Kelley Kali

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GROW HACKNEY

98C Wallis Road, Main Yard E9 5LN Hackney Wick stn
[@growhackney](http://www.growhackney.co.uk)

GIRLZ B LIKE All female vinyl night

Sat 11 March 7pm-2am £5 from 9pm £7 from 10pm

Girlz B Like celebrate their first anniversary at Grow where it all started. Run by Marcia Carr, a bonafide club legend with more than 3 decades of experience DJing, whose mixes have graced BBC Radio One and Rinse FM. To make the occasion Lil Minx (Eve's Drop Collective), DJ Aquila, Roberta Cutola (Worldwide) + more join resident Marcia Da Vinyl MC.

HACKNEY MUSEUM

1 Reading Lane, Mare Street E8 1GQ Hackney Central overground

<https://hackneyhistories.hackney.gov.uk>

WALKING TOUR: Ayahs and Amahs, remembering the Indian and Chinese nannies of East London (1820s-1940s)

Thurs 30 March 10am-1pm

Hundreds of women from Asia travelled to Britain as ayahs and amahs, taking care of young British children on the long journey by sea. Join this walking tour around East London to find out more about why they came, the places they lived, and the experience they had. Please book as places are limited. <https://hackney-museum.hackney.gov.uk/whats-on/events>

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Wed 8 March 2023

Theme: #Embrace Equity – create an inclusive world

Celebrate the social, economic, cultural & political achievements of women. This year also marks a call for accelerating gender parity. Worldwide groups are coming together to celebrate and rally for women's equality. www.internationalwomensday.com

LONDON METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

School of Art, Architecture and Photography

Goulston Street E1 7AJ Aldgate East tube

WICKED MOONS Photography Exhibition

8-30 March FREE Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm by appointment via

www.ldnmetarts.photography

International photography students present work following the themes of Women's History Month. Curated by Ania Dabrowska

MARY ON THE GREEN

Newington Green N16 9PR Canonbury overground

www.maryonthegreen.org

The controversial statue of Mary Wollstonecraft (the mother of feminism) stands in the middle of the green attracting many visitors.

WOLLSTONECRAFT WALKS APP www.wollstonecraftwalks.netlify.app

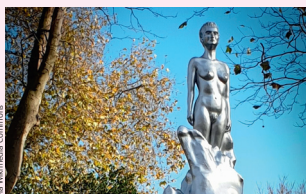
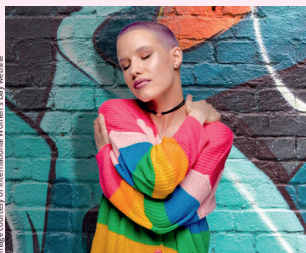
Follow in the footsteps of Mary Wollstonecraft (1759-1797) champion of girls education, with this App presented by Fragments & Monuments Performance & Film Company and Scary Little Girls Performance Hub.

MUSEUM OF THE HOME

136 Kingsland Road E2 8EA Haggerston overground

www.museumofthehome.org.uk

Open Tues-Sun 10am-5pm FREE



The Museum of the Home, originally known as the Geffrye Museum, is housed in almshouses built in 1714. In 1911 the London County Council bought the buildings and it became a museum of furniture. In the 1930s Molly Harrison developed the museum learning services. Marjorie Quennell, the Museum's curator, created a chronological run of living room displays that were a unique source of learning about the history of domestic life and everyday things. In 2021 the Museum of the Home opened with new galleries and learning spaces, a new cafe, entrance hub and a collections study room.

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

Disability and the Home – Toys & Games. Until 26 March

A display of toys that represent disability from the collection of Dr Paul Darke/Digital Disability.

Home Grown Until 24 April

What significance does tending a home garden have for London's Vietnamese community? Watch this community film and see this pop-up exhibition in our Chapel exploring the roots of Vietnamese life.



Museum of the Home. Disability and the Home – Toys and Games. Image courtesy of the Museum of the Home. Photo by Victoria



Museum of the Home. Home Grown. Image courtesy of the Museum of the Home. Photo by Victoria

MUSEUM OF LONDON-DOCKLANDS

1 West India Quay, Hertsmere Road E14 4AL
www.museumoflondondocklands.org.uk 020 7001 9844

WOMEN: WITCHES and WENCHES?

Wed 8 March 6.30pm-8pm Book tickets in advance.

In 1542, the first Witchcraft Act in England was enacted, establishing it as a capital offence. From depictions in the 17th Century literature to protective witch bottles, Londoners' belief in the occult was visible for centuries even after multiple laws were repealed. This International Women's Day join special guest speakers as they explore stories of accused women, marginalised 'magic' and subsequent experiences of public punishment in the Capital through history. Book Now.



Museum of London-Docklands. Women: Witches and Wench? Image courtesy of the Museum of London-Docklands. Photo by Victoria

GILLIAN MUIR

Artist Gillian Muir is exhibiting her work in accessible places around E7, E11 & E15. 07762 178941

WE ARE WINDRUSH WOMEN Photos & postcards of works on canvas depicting the Women of Windrush

Rosetta Arts, Hamilton Road, West Ham E15 West Ham tube

1-8 March 10am-5pm FREE

Front Window, 123 Vansittart Road E7 0AA Wanstead/ Leyton tube

1-31 March Daylight hours. FREE

Rookwood Village, 314 Cann Hill Road E113NW Wanstead/ Leyton tube

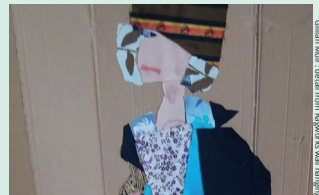
Wed 8 March 12noon-11pm FREE

RAGWORKS

Stratford Unitarian Gallery, West Ham Lane E15 4PH Stratford tube
07956 381995 During April on Fridays 2pm-4pm & Sunday mornings
An exhibition of **Ragworks** using recycled textiles to create wall hangings entitled 'Coronated' with depictions of Royal Queens.



Gillian Muir. We Are Windrush Women. Image courtesy of the Museum of London-Docklands. Photo by Victoria



Gillian Muir. Detail from 'We Are Windrush Women'. Image courtesy of the Museum of London-Docklands. Photo by Victoria

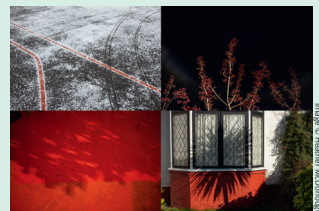
NEWINGTON GREEN MEETING HOUSE

39A Newington Green, Stoke Newington N16 9PR Canonbury overground
Buses 21, 73, 141, 236, 341, 476

www.new-unity.org/find-us 07899 870984 @urbanlens3

THE DIALOGUE, DISINTEGRATION & THE DISCONNECT

Night Walks : A site specific installation of photographic works.



Newington Green Meeting House. The Dialogue - The Disintegration & The Disconnect. Image courtesy of the Museum of London-Docklands. Photo by Victoria

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Newington Green Meeting House - Urbanlens3 - The Dialogue, Disintegration & the Document
Image courtesy of the artist

Newington Green Meeting House cont'd

3 March-2 April Thurs-Fri 12noon-6pm. Weekends phone for appointment

Maria Bodis-Wollner, Sacha Lehrfreund & Heather McDonough are photographers and artists living in Hackney. The relationship to each other's work and the local neighbourhood started as a playful conversation and led to an artistic collaboration. Not knowing one another they began to follow each other's work on Instagram and eventually recognised how they might have been in the same place only moments apart. The three of them became aware of connections in the photographs and encouraged each other to discover lesser known areas of the neighbourhood. That original conversation formed the group Urbanlens3.

Wed 8 March 6pm-8.30pm Exhibition launch, all welcome.

Fri 10 March 6pm-9pm Night Walk with the Artists. Bring your camera/ smart phone and explore the nocturnal environment.

Meet in the Café 6pm. Walk starts 6.30pm.

Thurs 23 March 6.30pm-8.30pm In Conversation with Christiane

Monarchi, Fiona Yaron-Field & the Artists. Includes tour of exhibition and discussion exploring themes and process.

NUNNERY GALLERY

181 Bow Road E3 2SJ Bromley by Bow tube

<https://bowarts.org> 020 8980 7774

MARIA AMIDU: LIVING IN FEAR OF QUICKSAND

3 March-21 May 10am-4pm

An exhibition exploring a fragile relationship to home.

In partnership with Tower Hamlets Local history Library & Archives the Nunnery gallery presents an exhibition across both venues of new work and existing archive material. This is Maria's first UK solo show and explores the fragmentary memory in relationship to a fragile experience of home. The Gallery will be showing five new works:, a limited edition print work - 25 years in the making (and the genesis of living), a film piece, a sound work, a text-based installation and a bespoke paint colour.

A memoir of sorts, the print work traces the artists early life living on the Lincoln Estate within walking distance of the Nunnery, a childhood in state care in Bexhill on Sea and consequential experiences in her adult life.

A short bus ride away in Mile End at the Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives you will find an archival display of material that has been integral to the development of the artworks.

OITIJ-JO

Tati Craft Hub, Lighterman House, Piazza Unit 3, Clove Crescent E14 2BE Blackwall/East India DLR

LAUNCH OF OITIJ-JO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Wed 8 March 6pm-8pm FREE

For more information email info@oitijjo.org

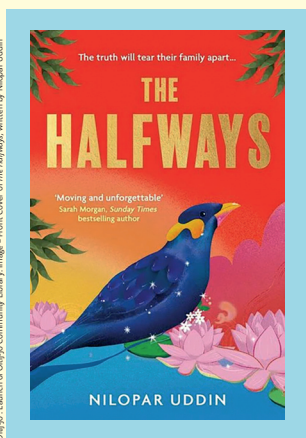
Women Writing & Publishing - Discussion with Nilopar Uddin & Reneesha Khan.

Nilopar Uddin is the author of *The Halfways*, an epic family drama that spans over four decades, moving between London, Wales, New York and Bangladesh. It is a story of mothers and daughters, fathers and daughters, of sisterhood, exploring belonging, family and what makes forgiveness and redemption possible.

Reneesha Khan is a PhD Candidate at the Department of Theology and



Nunnery Gallery - Maria Amidu: Living in Fear of Quicksand
Image courtesy of the artist



Oitijjo - Launch of Oitijjo Community Library Image - Front Cover of The Halfways, written by Nilopar Uddin



Oitijjo - Launch of Oitijjo Community Library Image - Reneesha Khan, Oitijjo Community Library

Religious Studies at Kings College London. Her research focuses on the ways social media is redefining what it means to be a British Muslim woman in the UK today. As a documentary producer Reneesha has made films for the BBC and National Geographic channel and is now co-producing films with her research participants.

Film Screening – Preview of *Banglatown* by **Fariyah Chowdhury** – a short documentary exploring the desecration of a South Asian London Landmark. Fariyah is in her final year at Middlesex University.

OITIJ-JO KITCHEN

St Hilda's East Community Centre, 18 Club Row E2 7EY

Now open Tues-Thurs 9.30am-3.30pm

OXFORD HOUSE

Derbyshire Street E2 6HG Bethnal Green tube

www.oxfordhouse.org.uk 020 7739 9001

WOMEN OF BETHNAL GREEN AT WORK

Until Fri 31 March Mon-Fri 10am-5pm FREE

An exhibition by photographer **Sarah Ainslie**.

From tradeswomen to community organisers, faith leaders, artists, to shopkeepers, this exhibition showcases and celebrates the many women who contribute to life in Bethnal Green.

POPLAR UNION

2 Cotall Street, Poplar E14 6TL West Ferry DLR

www.poplarunion.com 020 3039 3333

SISTER SWAP : Clothes Swapping Party – Fashion, Fun & Music

Wed 8 March 7pm-9pm Entry fee £5. Age 18 & over

Presented by **Hawa Power** and **DJ Princess Lea**

An evening of fun and fashion – bring something to swap, find something you like, get some styling tips, enjoy some good music and fashion trivia. Bring items to swap eg coats, clothes, shoes, handbags, hats (all in good condition please). There will be a viewing time to note items of interest, items with lots of interest will be auctioned off to the best "why I should have this..." speech. Changing rooms for trying on are available. No money will be exchanged, just great fashion and ideas. Swap, wrap and roll.

BODY BOUNCE : Movement Session

Sun 12 March 12noon-2pm Entry fee £3. Age 16 & over. Women Only

With **Hawa Power** and **DJ Princess Lea**

Let loose and have a good shake, dancing is good for you. Bounce provides a safe place for free movement that isn't a class. With a light meditation warm up and cool down by wellness coach **Hawa Power**, you will feel energised, connected and fit at the end of the session. Women of all ages and fitness welcome. Come and let your hair down.

WOMEN UNITED : Ladies Only Night

Fri 17 March 6pm-9pm FREE Age 18 & over

An evening of entertainment celebrating womanhood in the neighbourhood, with a live performance from the amazing singer/songwriter **Grace Fleary** singing her powerful new release *Reminiscing*. Plus DJs, poets, singers and an open mic.

PURPLE MOON : I am Womxn

Thurs 30 March 7pm Age 12 & over Pay what you feel

Purple Moon Drama presents an evening of spoken word, art installations and live music to champion and celebrate womxn's voices.



Only 20: Bethnal Green East Community Centre



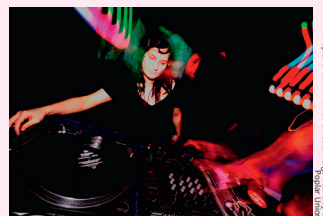
Oxford House: Women of Bethnal Green at Work



Poplar Union: Sister Swap: Image courtesy of Poplar Union



Poplar Union: Body Bounce: Image courtesy of Poplar Union

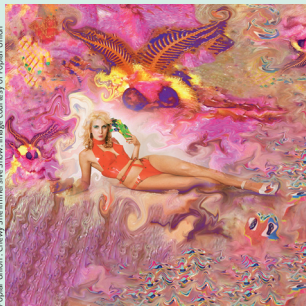


Poplar Union: Women United: Image courtesy of Poplar Union



Poplar Union: I am Womxn poster

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Poplar Union cont'd

CHEWY SHE : Immersive Show

Fri 31 March 8pm £12/£10 concs Age 18+

Mixing dance, music, physical theatre, fashion, art, and alternative comedy, this explosive live show brings you into the immersive universe of the wonky carnival that is CHEWY SHE!

PURPLE MOON DRAMA

Royal Court Theatre, 50-51 Sloane Square SW1 8AS Sloane Sq tube
www.purplemoondrama.co.uk 07527 390368

I AM WOMXN

Wed 15 March 7pm Tkts £5

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/i-am-womxn-tickets-491671351247

In honour of Women's History Month, East London based **Purple Moon Drama** presents an evening of spoken word, art installation and live music to champion women's voices. Includes the official book launch of *If Tits Could Talk* by Holly McCornish.

RAVEN ROW

56 Artillery Lane E1 7LS Liverpool St tube/rail
www.ravenrow.org 020 7377 4300

PEOPLE MAKE TELEVISION

Until 26 March Wed-Sun 11am-6pm

This exhibition features over 100 programmes made by campaigners and community groups between 1973 and 1983 including *East End Channel One* by the Basement Project Film Group, *Wages for Housework*, *Black Teachers*, *Chiswick Women's Aid*. This raw, often inventive television emerged from a fringe department of the BBC – the Community Programme Unit (CPU) and was a serious opportunity for ordinary people to make television. Comprising a vivid social history, it charts the concerns and struggles of a tumultuous decade. The exhibition also includes rare footage from short-lived local cable networks that emerged during the 1970s, produced with skeleton crews, community activists, volunteers and artists.

Curated by Lori E Allen, William Fowler, Mathew Harker, Alex Sainsbury
Events at Bishopsgate Institute 230 Bishopsgate EC2M 4QH

Sat 11 March 2pm-6pm £5

An afternoon of discussion exploring the history and legacy of Community Cable TV in the UK.

Sat 25 March 2pm-6pm £5

An afternoon of discussion and screenings exploring the Community Programme Unit's role in bringing public access television to the UK and the legacy and tentacles of its achievement.

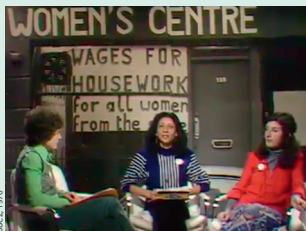
RICH MIX

35-47 Bethnal Green Road, Shoreditch E1 6LA
Shoreditch High St tube
www.richmix.org.uk 020 7846 7045

ARAB WOMEN ARTISTS NOW FESTIVAL

1 March-1 April Tkts www.richmix.org.uk/events/awan:festival-2023/
Arts Canteen present the **AWAN Festival** showcasing art, music, performance, spoken word, film and talks by Arab Women Artists from across the globe.

FLOWERS NEED TIME TO BLOOM Exhibition by Mays Al Moosawi
1 March-1 April in the Gallery FREE



Poplar Union : Chewy the Immersive Show. Image courtesy of Poplar Union

Raven Row : People Make Television. Image - The Basement Project Film Group - East End Channel 1, Open Door, 1973

Raven Row : People Make Television. Image - The Wages for Housework Campaign - All Work and No Pay, Open Door, 1973

Raven Row : People Make Television. Image - Queens Action Group, Open Door, 1973

Rich Mix : Arab Women Artists Now Festival. Image - 1st January by Mays Al Moosawi

SAMAH MUSTAFA & JANA SALEH – The Stage

Fri 3 March Doors 8pm/Start 8.30pm Tkts £10/£8 concs

HABIBITI NATION X SOUQ SOUNDS – The Stage

Sat 4 March Doors 8pm/Start 8.30pm Tkts £10/£8 concs

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUR BELONGINGS – The Studio

Sat 4 March Doors 5.30pm/Start 6pm Tkts £10/£8 concs

AERIAL EMOTIONS – The Studio

Sat 4 March Doors 8pm/Start 8.30pm Tkts £10/£8 concs

SARD – Mini Concert & short multimedia film – The Mix

Sat 4 March Doors 3.30pm/Start 4pm Tkts £5

AWAN 2023 TALKS PROGRAMME – The Stage

Sat 11 March Tkts £5 per talk

12noon for 12.30pm **Palestinian Literature Now** Talk & Panel Discussion

1.30pm for 2pm **Queering and Curating**

3pm for 3.30pm **Arab Curators and Contemporary Art Scene**

Talk & Panel Discussion

HIYA LIVE SESSIONS X AWAN (DJ Night) – The Stage

Sat 11 March Doors 9pm/Start 9.30pm Tkts £10/£8conc

AWAN FILM Our River Our Sky + Panel discussion + Q&A – The Studio

Sat 11 March Doors 5pm/ Start 5.30pm Tkts £5

AWAN Cockney Stacking Doll WIP – The Studio

Fri 17 March Doors 7pm/Start 7.30pm Tkts £10/£8 concs

AWAN FILM Nezouh + Panel discussion + Q&A – The Studio

Sat 18 March Doors 8pm/Start 8.30pm Tkts £5

AWAN Iraq in Focus – The Mix

Sat 18 March Doors 11am/Start 11.30am Tkts £3

ROYAL MUSEUMS GREENWICH

Cutty Sark, National Maritime Museum, Royal Observatory,

The Queen's House SE10 9HT Cutty Sark DLR

www.rmg.co.uk 020 8858 4422

Throughout March, Royal Museums Greenwich (RMG) will celebrate Women's History Month with a season of special events, workshops and talks.

THE QUEEN'S HOUSE SE10 9HT

LOVE UNBOUNDED : Lovers, Wives and Families in the 19th Century Navy

Tues 14 March Talk 1.30pm-2pm Tour 2.15pm-2.45pm FREE

Explore the histories of the families and loved ones who remained behind on shore. Focusing on familial portraits and forget-me-not objects, this talk will provide insights into the pressures and partnerships of naval marriages, the experience of parenting, and how loved ones responded to separation and loss. Followed by a special tour on women's histories contained in the Queen's House.

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM SE10 9NF

NO DIRECTION HOME : All Female Comedy Night hosted by Ola Labib

Fri 24 March 7pm-8.30pm FREE

Celebrate Women's History Month with some of the freshest female voices in UK comedy.

PIONEERING WOMEN ON THE WORLD STAGE

Sat 25 March 2pm-3pm FREE

We explore the impacts made by four phenomenal Black women, whose voices are still felt today. Discover how their journeys interlink and their actions have impact so many years later.



Rita M. Arab Women Artists Now Festival, 2023, courtesy of the artist



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Royal Museums Greenwich, The Queen's House, Love Unbounded: Lovers, Wives and Families in the 19th Century Navy, 2023, courtesy of the artist



Royal Museums Greenwich, National Maritime Museum, No Direction Home, 2023, courtesy of the artist

Women's History Month



Royal Museums Greenwich cont'd

MORE THAN A UNIFORM The Material Culture of Women's Naval Uniform 1917-1956

Fri 31 March 2pm-2.40pm FREE

Join us as we celebrate Women's History Month for a talk on the material culture of women's uniform led by Dr Jo Horton FRSA. She examines the WRNS (Wrens) uniform collection in the context of changing society and experiences, during and after wartime.

CROSSED DRESSED TO KILL

Fri 31 March 3pm-3.40pm FREE

There were hundreds of known women cross-dressers in Britain, Europe and the Americas, yet they have been erased from both social and military history. Some are hailed as the first female sailors and soldiers like Deborah Sampson and Lucy Brewer.

Hear fascinating stories on what society thought of them, and what happened to them after they were discovered.

DISCOVER SUNDAYS

Sundays during term-time 11am-1.30pm & 2pm-4pm

Suitable for all ages. FREE

Each week different artists will take families on a journey into the Museum's Collection. During March each Sunday will be themed around Women's History Month www.rmg.co.uk/whatson/

FREEDOM FIGHTERS: Black Revolutionary Women

Daily 10am-5pm FREE

Explore the lives and impact of Black Revolutionary Women through trails and activity packs inspired by items on display and in the Museum's collection. www.rmg.co.uk/freedomfighters-black-revolutionary-women

SHOREDITCH TOWN HALL

380 Old Street EC1V 9LT Old St tube/Shoreditch High St overground
www.shoreditchtownhall.com 020 7739 6176

FLIES by Boundless Theatre

Until 11 March 7.30pm £18/£15 concs

Flies is about girls being looked at by boys. It's about hitting puberty and being smacked by the male gaze. The power and the shame, the pleasure and the fear that flies around your body when you are constantly being looked at. #whatareyoulookingat

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

27 Aberfeldy Street E14 0NU East India/All Saints DLR
www.thepeoplespeak.org.uk

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH SPECIAL – ABERFELDY LIVE! TALKAOKE

30 March 6pm-8pm FREE

The People Speak is a group of international artists, cultural producers, science communicators, and activists in East London. We are experts in helping people understand each other and process the complexity of the world through our unique form of collective conversation – the Talkaoke.

TOWER HAMLETS IDEA STORES & LIBRARIES

All the Idea Stores and Libraries will display books themed around Women's History Month. There will also be the following special events:

TOWER HAMLETS LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

277 Bancroft Road E1 4DQ Stepney Green tube
www.ideastore.co.uk/localhistory 020 7364 5978/1290

Tues & Wed 10.30am-4pm, Thurs 10.30am-7pm, 1st & 3rd Sat of the month 10am-5pm

LIVING IN FEAR OF QUICKSAND Solo show by artist Maria Amidu
Exhibition Launch Sat 4 March 2pm-4pm FREE

Celebrate the opening of this show by Maria Amidu exploring the history of the Lincoln Estate, with a short documentary film screening at 2.30pm. This show is exhibited across two venues- the Nunnery Gallery, and here at the Local History Library & Archives where the focus is on the architectural and social history of the Lincoln Estate and the artist's brief place within it. From among the extensive collections held in our archives Maria has unearthed Council correspondence, plans, drawings and newspaper cuttings about the Estate- material that has played an integral role in the development of her resulting artworks. A selection of these historic records will be displayed alongside items from Maria's personal archive and accompanied by a timeline documenting the development of the Estate. The exhibition continues a bus ride away at the Nunnery Gallery in Bow with 5 new artworks – also listed in this programme.

WORKSHOP – WOMEN IN PRINT: Graphic arts and self-publishing
Sat 18 March 11am-4pm FREE Please book in advance.

Come and browse collections which document print materials created and published by East End women as a means of radical protest. There will be a Talk around creative writing as dissent and a zinemaking workshop.

Visit www.ideastore.co.uk/localhistory to book your free place.

IDEA STORE CHRISP STREET

1 Vesey Path, Poplar E14 6BT All Saints DLR
www.ideastore.co.uk 020 7364 1502

I SEWED, I SEWED AND I SEWED

1 March-30 April Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm, Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm,
Sun 10am-4pm FREE

Exhibition by the Heritage Project Stepney

Seminars Wed 8 March 6.30pm-8.30pm & Sat 25 March 2pm-4pm FREE
www.heritageprojectstepney.org.uk 07306 100529

IDEA STORE WHITECHAPEL

321 Whitechapel Road E1 1BU Whitechapel tube/overground
www.ideastore.co.uk 020 7364 4492

GIRL POWER

6-31 March Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm, Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm,
Sun 11am-3pm FREE

Artists from the Idea Store Learning Printmaking and Art Classes run by Virginia Hawke exhibit portraits of women that look at the positive power of the feminine and who have used their power for the good of others and inspired a new generation.

TRAPPED IN ZONE ONE

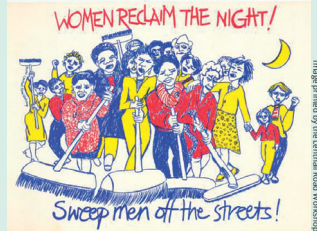
Bow Community Hub, Jefferson Plaza E3 3QE Bromley by Bow tube
www.trappedinzoneone.com 07870 590402

MOVE AND STRETCH Event for International Women's Day
Wed 8 March 12noon-2pm FREE Please register online

This event is open to women aged 18 years and over from diverse ethnic backgrounds living, working or studying in Tower Hamlets. The activity is to help improve fitness and activity levels with group exercise led by qualified instructor Laura Williams.



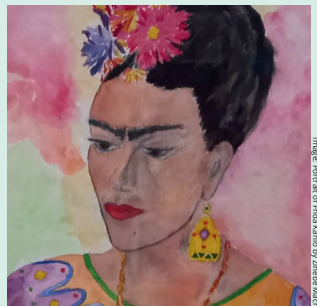
Tower Hamlets Idea Store & Libraries, Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives, Living in Fear of Quicksand by Maria Amidu. Image courtesy of the artist.



Tower Hamlets Idea Store & Libraries, Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives, Women in Print, Image courtesy of the artist.



Tower Hamlets Idea Store & Libraries, Idea Store & Chrisp Street, Sewing Machine, Image courtesy of the artist.

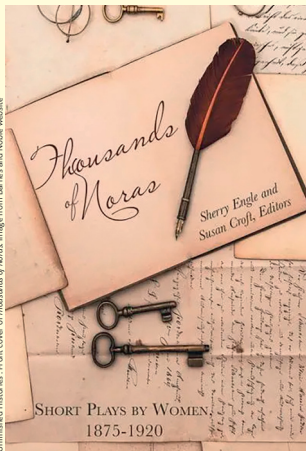


Tower Hamlets Idea Store & Libraries, Idea Store Whitechapel, Girl Power, Image courtesy of the artist.



Trapped in Zone One - Move and Stretch, Image courtesy of Trapped in Zone One.

Women's History Month



UNFINISHED HISTORIES Zoom Playreading Group

Thurs 16 March 7.30pm-10.30pm

THE EXECUTION by Melissa Murray

Eight performers enact the story behind the assassination of Tsar Alexander II Holy father of Russia. A 1982 play examining the moral and political questions around revolutionary violence as a challenge to a patriarchal state. Come along and read or just listen. For further details email contact@unfinishedhistories.com.

Unfinished Histories records the History of the Alternative Theatre Movement. *Thousands of Noras: Short Plays by Women 1875-1920* by Sherry Engle and Susan Croft is now available at a special offer price. Contact susan@unfinishedhistories.com

WHITECHAPEL GALLERY

77-82 Whitechapel High Street E1 7QX Aldgate East tube

www.whitechapelgallery.org 020 7522 7888

ACTION, GESTURE, PAINT Women Artists & Global Abstraction 1940-70

Until 7 May Tues-Sun 11am-6pm £16.50/£9.60 conchs/Idea Store

Cardholders £1, Student Tkts – Thursday Lates (after 6pm) £5

Bringing together 150 paintings by 80 artists from across the globe, this ambitious exhibition celebrates the women artists of mid 20th Century gestural abstraction. The exhibition reveals how these international artists were redefining abstract painting as an area for action, process and politics in the aftermath of the Second World War, endowing gestural abstraction with their own specific cultural contexts – from the rise of fascism in parts of South America and East Asia to the influence of Communism in Eastern Europe and China.

WOMEN'S LIBRARY @ LSE

10 Portugal Street, WC2A 2HD Holborn/Temple tube

www.lse.ac.uk/library/events

WOMEN'S ACTIVISM IN 20th CENTURY BRITAIN Lecture

Thurs 23 March 6pm FREE in person and online

Dr Paula Bartley gives a lecture based on her latest book *Women's Activism in 20th Century Britain*. Dr Bartley will introduce the class, racial and political range of women's activism. So many of the women activists were very ordinary, not rich, not famous, not influential, yet they effected significant social change. In her talk she will look at the political and racial diversity of women activists, arguing that not all fought for progressive causes, and feminist campaigners who did not always agree on their analysis of injustice. For those that attend in person there will be an opportunity to look at some archives that complement this talk.

WOMEN'S VOICES NOW FILM FESTIVAL 2023

www.womensvoicesnow.org

1-31 March

A women's rights documentary film festival for emerging film makers.

Films have been submitted from 33 Countries and the best selected for exhibition will be shown in the following categories:

Best Documentary Feature, Best Documentary Short, Best Human Rights Documentary, Best First Time Filmmaker, Best Youth Documentary Short.

For more information visit our website where you can join the jury and view their collection.



Unfinished Histories: Front cover of Thousands of Noras. Image from Barnes and Noble website

Whitechapel Gallery: Action Gestures Paint. Image: Nicky Young. Courtesy of Whitechapel Gallery

Women's Library of LSE: Women's Activism in 20th Century Britain. Image courtesy of LSE and Dr Paula Bartley

Women's Voices Now: Film Festival 2023. Image courtesy of Women's Voices Now

TOWER HAMLETS SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

6-12 March International Women's Week Events

SPORTS & PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES FOR WOMEN

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/sports 020 7364 2433 / 07956 456743

In celebration of International Women's Week we present a special programme of sports and physical activities for women and girls across Tower Hamlets. You can book in advance or just turn up.

BOW COMMUNITY HUB

Jefferson Plaza E3 3QE Bromley by Bow tube

Wed 8 March

6.30pm-7.30pm Women 18+ Self Defence/
Boxercise FREE

MILE END PARK LEISURE CENTRE

190 Burdett Road E3 4HL Mile End tube

Tues 7 March

12.30pm-3.30pm Short Tennis Tournament
50+ £3

6pm-8pm Swimming for Women £3

MILE END STADIUM

Rhodwell Road E14 7TW Mile End tube

Sat 11 March

8.30am-12.30pm Tower Hamlets Cycling Club –
Family Ride for Mums and Daughters. FREE

POPLAR BATHS

East India Dock Road E1 0ED All Saints DLR

Mon 6 March

12noon-3pm 50+ Walking Netball
Tournament £3

Thurs 9 March

6pm-9pm Badminton Tournament 16yrs+ £3

THE MARYAM CENTRE

45 Fieldgate Street E1 1ES Whitechapel tube

Wed 8 March

Women 18+ Self Defence/Boxercise FREE

URBAN ADVENTURE BASE

150 Burdett Road, E3 4JT Mile End tube

Mon 6 March

12.30pm-2.30pm Canoeing & Cycling for Girls
11+ FREE

Tues 7 March

11am-2.30pm Women 18+ Climbing, Canoeing
and Caving FREE

4pm-6pm Girls 11+ Climbing and Caving FREE

STEPNEY GREEN ASTROTURF

Stepney Green E1 3NG Stepney Green tube

Sun 12 March

10am-3pm Limehouse Laces F.C. Junior &
Veterans Football Tournament FREE

WHITECHAPEL LEISURE CENTRE

5 Durward St, Whitechapel E1 5BA

Whitechapel tube

Wed 8 March

5.30pm-9.30pm Basketball Tournament 14yrs+
£35 per team



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Celebrating women artists, activists,
writers and performers

www.alternativearts.org.uk

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