International Women’s Day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, and marks efforts to accelerate global action to achieve gender equality. This year’s theme is ‘Be Bold for Change’, a call to action for everyone to drive gender equality and achieve gender equality.

In Newcastle City Centre, which includes the International Women’s Day celebrations, gender inequality is evident in various forms. There are also widespread perceptions of inequality, which continue to influence how women view their own abilities and the value they place on themselves. In addition, women are often seen as less assertive and confident than men, which affects their ability to achieve gender equality.

International Women’s Day is celebrated around the world, but in Newcastle City Centre, the celebrations are particularly vibrant and diverse. Women from all backgrounds and cultures come together to celebrate their achievements and to demand greater equality. The celebrations feature a range of events, including conferences, workshops, and performances, which aim to raise awareness of gender inequality and to inspire women to take action.

For more information about International Women’s Day, please visit: internationalwomensday.com

If any of the discussion content triggers or affects you, there is a quiet space available throughout the day in Venue 3 (Level -2). There are also specialist support agencies available in Newcastle City Centre, which include:

- Tyneside Rape Crisis
- REACH Centre
- NIDAS (Newcastle Integrated Domestic Abuse Service)
- Changing Lives
- MESMAC North East
- ARCH
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WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Young Women and Work – What are you worth?
Women only. 11am – 12 noon. MLK, Level 1

Women only. 2.30pm - 3.30pm. MLK, Level 1

It's 2017, 47 years since the Equal Pay Act – yet women still earn on average 14% less than men. Recent research estimates it will take another 60 years to close the gender pay gap, can we really wait that long? Why does it hit young women the hardest? And more importantly, what can we do about it? In this interactive session you'll learn tools and techniques to help you with the reality of the workplace, we'll explore the reasons behind the inequality, and talk to action to fight for change.

Karen Gray - Public Speaking and Leadership
All genders, 11am – 12 noon. History Room, Level 1

Karen is a Newcastle University graduate who started her early career in the engineering and manufacturing sectors – in industries which were predominantly male with an average of 55% men and 15% women within a company. Following seven years working in communications and management consultancy with international firms including Deloitte, Karen founded her own Public Relations company in 1996. She acts for a wide range of clients from both public and private sectors ranging from Merrill Lynch International Bank and and savers to start ups and charities. A trustee for various institutions, Karen also delivers work-related training to students including skills such as public speaking and leadership.

In this session, you can learn tools and techniques to develop public speaking skills which may help you in leadership roles and when creating change of your own.

Acorn - Grass Roots Campaigning
All genders, 11am – 12 noon. Kate Adie, Level 1

All genders, 2.30pm - 3.30pm. Kate Adie, Level 1

ACORN (the Association of Community Organisations for Reform Now) has been building the power of communities to win social change for 45 years. Come join their workshop on winning campaigns, ideas and tactics for community organizing, direct action, and building community power.

Zines for Change.
All genders. 11am – 12 noon. Lounge, Level 1

All genders. 2.30pm - 3.30pm. Venue 3 (Quiet Space)

Saffron Kershaw-Mee, Marginalised Genders Officer, will be running a workshop making zines (mini magazines) associated with activism.

Quiet Space Women Only
Venue 3

Lucy Morgan - Mental Health in Student Activism
2.30pm – 3.30pm. History Room, Level 1

For women and non-binary activists, mental health is something both strained and disregarded by those around us. Join Lucy for a collaborative discussion about how we, as activists, can forge a new path where our mental health isn’t forgotten about.

Zoe Cooper - Telling Female Stories/Failing The Bechdel Test
2.30pm – 4.00pm. Lounge, Level 1

The Bechdel Test asks whether a work of fiction features at least two named women or girls who talk to each other about something other than a man or boy. In this discussion and workshop we will explore if it is possible for a work of fiction to fail the Bechdel Test but still create interesting or important stories with women at their centre. We will be focusing on monologues by young female playwrights and writing our own.

Zoe Cooper trained as a playwright on the Royal Court Young Writer’s Programme, and has since had work developed or produced with Shakespeare’s Globe, New Writing North, Durham Book Festival, The Sage, Live Theatre, Soho Theatre, Nabolov, Tristan Bates Theatre, the National Theatre Studio, the Royal Shakespeare Company Studio, Theatre503, the Orange Tree Theatre, Farnham Maltings, House and the Old Vic Theatre. Her latest play, Jess and Joe Forever opened at the Orange Tree Theatre in London in autumn 2016 before touring nationally. She is a Lecturer at Newcastle University, where she is also finishing her PhD.

SPEAKERS

Introduction: Professor Kathryn Hollingsworth
Chair of NU Women, Newcastle University Law Professor
10.00am – 10.15am, Venue 2, Level -2

Keynote speaker: Tina Simbo
10.15am - 11.00am, Venue, Level -2

Tina Simbo is a qualified practitioner with an MA in Youth and Community work from Durham University. She is one of the region’s key female youth workers of Black African-origin that was raised within the local context - this triple consciousness has informed her practice. Over the past 18 years Tina has gained valuable experience in community development, health improvement and youth work. She has worked with people from very diverse backgrounds, in terms of ethnicity, immigration status, and socio-economic position and has developed issue based girls work and informal anti-racism education.

Keynote Speaker: Alison Boydell - Jill Saward: Her story, her voice, her legacy.
12 noon - 12.45pm, Venue 2, Level -2

Jill Saward was the survivor of a violent robbery and rape in 1988, a crime for which the perpetrators’ lenient sentences led directly to changes in the law. Jill was the first rape survivor in Britain to waive her right to anonymity in the fight for justice. Sadly, Jill passed away in January and Alison Boydell is here to tell Jill’s story.

Alison Boydell is a lifelong feminist and activist. She co-founded End Online Misogyny, a campaign to highlight the prevalence of online violence against women, which also offers emotional support and guidance to women and experience online violence and abuse. Alison also co-founded JURIES with Jill Saward. JURIES stands for Jurors Understanding Rape is Essential Standard which is a campaign to introduce the mandatory briefings of juror in rape and other sexual offences trials about myths and fallacies about sexual violence. Alison works for a Rape Crisis centre as an Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA). This entails supporting survivors of rape and other forms of sexual violence, in reporting to the police.

Open Discussion: Bridget Hamilton and Dr David Jones - Can Men Be Feminists?
1.30pm - 2.30pm, Venue 2, Level -2

Bridget Hamilton founded Verbal Remedy in 2013, a feminist social enterprise tackling taboo issues through a variety of multimedia projects. She has previously produced content for the Independent, Huffington Post and the BBC.

Dr David Jones works in the Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Office and as a Teaching Assistant in the School of English at Newcastle University. He was awarded a PhD in English Literature and American Studies from the University of Manchester in 2015, where he taught on modules including American Literature and Social Criticism.

ALL DAY SESSIONS

11am – 2pm, Venue 1, Level -2

Hatton Gallery
Creative Collage, Postcards and Tags Workshop: Create a mini collage and add your own message.

We Are Women
We Are Women is a Student Life initiative, which aims to empower women on campus to creatively explore, express and celebrate who they are.

Top ten ‘Change Makers’ books

Free Henna

‘Market Place’
Have you been inspired to become or continue to be a ‘Change Maker’? Chat to one of our stall-holders to find out how!

Live Music from Grace Alexander