



In 1910, women's activist Clara Zetkin proposed the idea of an International Women's Day (IWD) to celebrate the achievements of women and raise awareness of women's issues. Her idea was taken up by a range of women's groups, including trade unions, socialist societies and working women's clubs, resulting in the first International Women's Day in 1911.

The Women's Day movement has gone from strength to strength, spreading globally. Manchester has celebrated International Women's Day for over 25 years and each year the International Women's Day Steering Group, chaired by Councillor Suzanne Richards and made up of organisations, individuals and partners (who support financially) from across the city, set a theme for Manchester's celebrations.

This year's theme is  
**Women as Peacemakers.**



From international conflict to local community cohesion, women are the peacemakers. Coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War, International Women's Day 2014 is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the role women have played and continue to play in conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

As community leaders, politicians, mothers, doctors, police officers, teachers, lawyers and myriad other roles that women hold in Manchester, women have led by example. 2014 is our chance to shine a light on the work of these women, who create safe and stable communities in Manchester and beyond.

This diary includes events funded through Manchester City Council's fund for local not-for-profit organisations. Part of the criteria for this year's grants was to create events linked to the Peacemaker theme. The events listed in this booklet also include events from partners and other organisations.

As part of the IWD celebrations, Manchester City Council will be hosting the second Manchester International Women's Day Awards on Friday 7 March 2014 at Manchester Town Hall, to recognise unsung women who make an important contribution to the city.

**For more information, contact Mary Meehan on 0161 234 1822 or visit [www.manchester.gov.uk/IWD](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/IWD)**

**24 FEBRUARY – 9 MARCH**

Ground Floor, Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square

FREE

**Statue Exhibition**

In 2013, high-profile feminist campaigns like 'No More Page Three' and 'Women on Banknotes' inspired us to think about how women are represented in society. We were shocked to learn that of 640 listed statues in the UK, only 15% are of women, and most of those are statues of monarchs or mythological characters.

We noticed that barring Queen Victoria's status through accident of birth, Manchester's municipal statues still only celebrate the achievement of historical men.

We've chosen eight women from Greater Manchester with diverse backgrounds and achievements, all of whom deserve recognition:

Sunny Lowry – the channel swimmer who scoffed 40 eggs a week; Sylvia Pankhurst – the suffragette who became an honorary Ethiopian; Esther Roper – the protector of barmaids' jobs; Dr Kathleen Drew-Baker – the saviour of Japan's sushi seaweed industry; Elizabeth Gaskell – the novelist whose books were burnt by mill owners; Louise Da-Cocodia – the race relations and community enterprise champ; Kathleen Ollerenshaw – the maths boffin and politician; and Annie Horniman – the flamboyant arts patron.

We've timed our exhibition so our celebration of Esther Roper can put some 'L' into February's LGBT history month. On 8 March, International Women's Day, we'll be speaking about our project at the People's History Museum's Suffragette Legacy Conference.

Come and check our crocheted masks on the ground floor of Manchester Town Hall, and learn about some amazing local women.

For more information, visit  
[www.wearewarpandweft.wordpress.com](http://www.wearewarpandweft.wordpress.com) or  
Twitter: @warp\_weft

**THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY, 7PM**

Owens Park, Wilmslow Road, Fallowfield

FREE

**Reclaim the Night Manchester**

Light up the city, fill it with noise and reclaim the night! A recent survey by 'More' found that 95% of women don't feel safe on the streets at night, but we shouldn't have to live in fear.

Reclaim the Night will be a creative, friendly event open to the whole community, and full of colour, light and sound – so don't forget to bring your glow sticks, body paint and torches! The march will be led by a women-only block, open to all self-defining women, and followed by a mixed march open to all genders.

The march starts at Owens Park, Wilmslow Road, Fallowfield at 7pm and afterwards there'll be a Reclaim the Night After Party at the Students' Union, with live comedy and music, arts and crafts, fun activities, community stalls and awesome DJs till late.

For more information, call Tabz O'Brien-Butcher on 07743 232316 or visit [manchestersstudentsunion.com/reclaimthenight](http://manchestersstudentsunion.com/reclaimthenight)

**1–31 MARCH, 3.30PM DAILY**

IWM North, Trafford Wharf Road, Trafford Park, M17 1TZ

FREE

**A Closer Look: International Women's Day**

Discover the personal stories of inspirational women in a 20-minute walk and talk around IWM North. Explore the roles of women during times of conflict and peacekeeping, from the Women's International League in the First World War, to peaceful protesters at Greenham Common. Learn more about the work of aid agencies and relief workers, including the documentary photography of Syrian Arab Red Crescent volunteers.

Tour transcript available on request. IWM North is accessible to all visitors, regardless of disability.

Recommended age range: 14 years+.

For more information, call 0161 836 4000 or visit [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)



**EVERY SUNDAY IN MARCH, 1PM**

IWM North, Trafford Wharf Road, Trafford Park, M17 1TZ

FREE

**Nancy's Land Army Adventure**

Meet Nancy and hear her tales of life in the Land Army in the Second World War. Learn about her experiences away from home and making new friends. In this interactive family-friendly session, visitors can choose what happens, and so each storytelling session will be different.

Transcript available on request. IWM North is accessible to all visitors, regardless of disability.

For ages 4–10. For more information, call 0161 836 4000 or visit [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

**SATURDAY 1 MARCH, 1–5PM**

Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, M2 5NS

FREE

**Women Up North 2014**

A celebration of International Women's Day for all women, featuring a variety of discussions and workshops. Includes: Women and Religion, Dance Workshop, the Treatment of Lesbian and Bisexual Women in the Asylum System, Feminist, and Craftivism. Open to all women.

Disabled access and hearing loop at the venue.

If women contact us beforehand, we can provide large-print literature.

For more information, contact [manchesterfeministnetwork@riseup.net](mailto:manchesterfeministnetwork@riseup.net) or check out our [Facebook page](#).

**MONDAY 3 MARCH, 12.30–1.30PM**

People's History Museum, Left Bank, Spinningfields, M3 3ER

**Snapshot on Women**

The museum holds an archive of over 80,000 photographs. Go behind the scenes of our unique collections, the Labour Party photograph collection and the Communist Party of Great Britain photograph collection. This is a great chance to uncover history through the lens.

Fully accessible. Suitable for adults and young people.

For more information, call 0161 838 9190, email [info@phm.org.uk](mailto:info@phm.org.uk) or visit [www.phm.org.uk](http://www.phm.org.uk) Or pop in and speak to staff on museum reception to book a space.

In order to keep our events programme affordable for everyone, please make a donation.

**WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH, 11AM–7PM**

Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, M2 5NS

FREE

**Feminism in the 21st Century: Privilege, Bias and Feminist Practice**

Timed to lead up to International Women's Day, this one-day public forum will consider contemporary gender issues and persistent sexism. What does it mean to be a feminist in the 21st century and what are the new challenges facing women in an era marked by ongoing global conflict and economic crisis? A panel of internationally renowned feminist thinkers will discuss contemporary feminists and those in the future, alongside a day of networking opportunities and activities.

**The day will be accompanied by an activists' fair, including:**

- » Stalls featuring women's groups and feminist activities
- » Women's choir
- » Feminist artwork and film screenings.

Wheelchair access and hearing loop.

For more information, call Helen Malarky on 0161 247 6710 or visit [www.hssr.mmu.ac.uk/hip/21st-century-feminism](http://www.hssr.mmu.ac.uk/hip/21st-century-feminism)

**WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH**

The Pankhurst Centre, 60–62 Nelson Street, M13 9WP

FREE

**Women and Peace Through Song**

The Pankhurst Centre's resident choir, The Pankettes, will be singing peace songs to raise awareness of how singing has been a symbol of peace throughout history. Local schools will be involved in the event, raising students' awareness of the role of women as peacemakers and the way that women's singing has been used as a symbol of peace in a variety of ways.

This event is open only to secondary school students, women who attend the Pankhurst Centre's weekly drop-in group, and those who use Manchester Women's Aid's services.

Wheelchair access. Information packs can be made available in any format necessary on request.

For more information, call Rachel Lappin on 0161 820 8414 or 07432 719764. Email [rachel.lappin@thepankhurstcentre.org.uk](mailto:rachel.lappin@thepankhurstcentre.org.uk) or visit [www.thepankhurstcentre.org.uk](http://www.thepankhurstcentre.org.uk)

**WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH, 1-3PM**

University Place, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, M13 9PL

FREE

**Celebrating Success in the Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences**

A workshop focused around successful women within medical and human sciences. Involving five schools and six institutes within the Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences, we will have workshop 'stations' where staff, students and the public can meet a female researcher and female member of academic staff from the various schools/institutes across the Faculty.

Working in collaboration with the Museum of Medicine and Health within The University of Manchester we will have artefacts and exhibits on display throughout the event. There will be items from the Museum's collection specifically related to women and women's health, showing how medical and human sciences have progressed.

Hands-on activities include rummaging through doctors' bags, handling instruments (eg. forceps) and weighing 'babies' on traditional scales. We will also be celebrating the life of Mancunian paediatrician Catherine Chisholm, whose work helped to create a safe and stable community in the Manchester we live in today.

Wheelchair access. Accessible toilets.

For more information, call Dr Helen Dutton on 0161 306 5879 or email [helen.dutton@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:helen.dutton@manchester.ac.uk)

**WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH, 11AM-2PM**

Whalley Range Methodist Church, 51 Withington Road, M16 7EX

**FRIDAY 7 MARCH, 11AM-2PM**

Crumpsall Methodist Church, Lansdowne Road, M8 5SF

FREE

**Peace Festival**

An event where everyone can share music performances, language tables, dancing sessions and food to promote the integration of migrant women and local communities. Guests will be able to contribute real stories from their own societies, and we'll also encourage discussion of peaceful contributions to changes in society.

This event will encourage all guests to learn from each other; volunteers will teach key phrases in different languages, teach dancing steps and exchange their favourite cake recipes.

Wheelchair access. Accessible toilets. Translation and interpreting will be available if needed. Suitable for all ages.

For more information, contact Sandra Penaloza Rice on 07847 480421 or email [info@migrantsupport.org.uk](mailto:info@migrantsupport.org.uk)

**FRIDAY 7 MARCH, 1-3.30PM**

People's History Museum, Left Bank, Spinningfields, M3 3ER

**Women Who Made Manchester walking tour**

Join us on this walking tour. Hear the stories of Manchester women whose influence past and present has made the city great.

Wheelchair access. Ages 10 years and upwards.

For more information, call Suzanne Hindle on 07853 181299 or visit [www.manchesterguidedtours.com](http://www.manchesterguidedtours.com)

Cost: £7/£6 concessions.

**FRIDAY 7 MARCH, 9.30PM****SUNDAY 9 MARCH, 7.30PM**

Eden Bar, 3 Brazil Street

**The Vagina Monologues**

Produced by volunteers from the Lesbian & Gay Federation, this event will raise awareness and money to support the LGF and the '1 Billion Uprising' campaign, which is based on the statistic that one in three women on the planet will be beaten or raped during her lifetime.

The Vagina Monologues began as vagina interviews with over 200 girls and women. Some of the monologues are based on one woman's story, others on several women's stories surrounding the same theme. Everything is covered: as a female viewer it will leave you feeling empowered; as a male viewer you'll be in awe!

Over-18s only.

For more information, call 0845 330 3030 or visit [info@lgf.org.uk](mailto:info@lgf.org.uk)

£8/£6 concessions.

**FRIDAY 7 MARCH****SATURDAY 8 MARCH**

Venue to be confirmed

**Principesse**

The disenchanting women, brave enough to dream again, are revealed through fragments of fairytale, memories and missed opportunities. Femininity is portrayed through an evocative live dance performance on a staircase, which renews and results in a 'sunny tribute'. Choreographed by Aline Nari of UBIdanza, Italy. Associated live performance by local female choreographers.

For more information, call Dance Manchester on 0161 232 7179.

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH**

Hulme Centre, Claremont Resource Centre, Hulme, M15 5FS

FREE

**Sudanese Women's Movement – Focus on Peacemakers**

Seminar on the Sudanese Women's Movement to raise awareness of International Women's Day, highlighting the role of Sudanese women during peace and war, politically, socially and economically. Introduce the Sudanese community to their grass-roots and help them to learn more about Sudan and how women played a vital role in the settlement of their country.

Wheelchair accessible. A flyer and information about the seminar is available in English and Arabic.

For more information, call Omahani Ahmed on 07838 975965 or contact [mrs\\_sumaya30@outlook.com](mailto:mrs_sumaya30@outlook.com)

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH, 11AM-12.30PM and 2-3.30PM**

**SUNDAY 9 MARCH, 11AM-12.30PM and 2-3.30PM**

IWM North, Trafford Wharf Road, Trafford Park, M17 1TZ

FREE

**Open Studio: International Women's Day**

Meet Nancy and hear her tales of life in the Land Army in the Second World War. Learn about her experiences away from home and making new friends, especially with a quiet and timid horse called Rufus. Enjoy this interactive family-friendly session, then make your own Nancy or Rufus character.

Transcript available on request.

IWM North is accessible to all visitors, regardless of their disability. Suitable for the whole family. For more information, call 0161 836 4000 or visit [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH 2014, 11.30AM**

Meet at the Manchester Visitor Information Centre.

**Girl Power – Manchester Style**

Manchester women have not always conformed to society's ideal. Hear some of the stories about the women across the years who have lived and died in Manchester.

Booking required. For more information, call Manchester Guided Tours on 07505 685942, visit [www.manchesterguidedtours.com](http://www.manchesterguidedtours.com) or email [info@manchesterguidedtours.com](mailto:info@manchesterguidedtours.com) £7

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH, 12 NOON-3PM**

1a Forber Crescent, Gorton, M18 7PU

FREE

**Women – the Peacemakers**

Our event will be organised in conjunction with Gorton girls' group, Girls Don't Crime. The event will hear from local women who have contributed to improving our community and country through their ability to keep the peace, ranging from police to politicians.

Wheelchair accessible.

For more information, call Nick Buckley on 07825 854101 or email [nick.buckley@mancurianway.org.uk](mailto:nick.buckley@mancurianway.org.uk)

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH, 1-4PM**

Moss Side Powerhouse Library, Raby Street, Moss Side

FREE

**Unveiling of community artwork and celebratory family-fun event**

This will include a large peace symbol made up of lots of photos of women and children, created by the community in artist-led workshops running up to the event.

Wheelchair access. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call 0161 227 3758 or email [mandycleveland@gmail.com](mailto:mandycleveland@gmail.com)

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH, 1-5PM**

**SUNDAY 9 MARCH, 12 NOON-5PM**

Amani Centre, Quinney Crescent, Moss Side, M16 7DG

FREE

**Women and Peacebuilding – arts exhibition and events**

A community arts exhibition inviting submissions on the theme of conflict resolution and peacebuilding from any Mancunian women who would like to enter. These could be drawings, paintings, poems, performance sketches or music. Sunday will also feature a speaker panel on the role of women in working for peace in the inner city and beyond.

A signer can be arranged upon request.

For more information, call Deirdre McConnell on 07774 622418 or email [amanipeacewomen@hotmail.com](mailto:amanipeacewomen@hotmail.com)



**SATURDAY 8 MARCH, 1.15-2PM**

People's History Museum, Left Bank, Spinningfields, M3 3ER

FREE

**Living History: The Hard Way Up - a Suffragette's Story**

Our Living History character is based on the life of suffragette Hannah Mitchell, who spoke out for women and the poor and became a peace campaigner after World War I. This event has been supported with a grant from Manchester City Council.

The museum is fully accessible. Suitable for over-7s to adults. Booking required.

Please book here: [www.thehardwayup.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.thehardwayup.eventbrite.co.uk)

For more information, call 0161 838 9190, email [info@phm.org.uk](mailto:info@phm.org.uk) or visit [www.phm.org.uk](http://www.phm.org.uk)

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH, 1.30PM**

Venture Arts, 43 Old Birley Street, Hulme, M15 5RF

FREE

**Venture Arts Celebrates 'Women as Peacebuilders'**

A visual art workshop for women with learning disabilities exploring this year's theme. Participants will work together on a piece of art that will display their shared messages of peace and cohesion. The creative results will be displayed at Venture Arts as a positive example to participants and visitors.

Wheelchair access. Suitable for over-18s.

For more information, call Katherine Long on 0161 232 1223, visit [www.venturearts.org](http://www.venturearts.org) or email [katherine@venturearts.org](mailto:katherine@venturearts.org)

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH**

(Please see website for timed talks and activities)

Manchester Museum, Oxford Road, M13 9PL

FREE

**Connecting Communities and Coral**

Meet artists Lucy Burscough, Rachael Elwell and Nicky Colclough as they discuss their artistic practice, female influences past and present, and their current work at Manchester Museum, which is part of the Coral: Something Rich and Strange exhibition.

Art installations by Mark Dion and textile artist Karen Casper will sit alongside community art project, the Crochet Coral Reef. Paintings, prints and objects on loan from Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester Art Gallery and the VandA will also be on display. Supported by Arts Council England and The Granada Foundation.

Suitable for over-18s. Places are limited, so arrive early.

For more information, call 0161 275 2648, email [museum@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:museum@manchester.ac.uk) or visit [manchester.ac.uk/museum](http://manchester.ac.uk/museum)

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH, 4PM-LATE**

The Penthouse, 5th floor, Hilton House, 26-28 Hilton Street Northern Quarter, M1 1EH

**(Re)Making Peace**

There are many things that destroy women's peace on a daily basis: from bare breasts on page 3 to fear on the streets after dark. Take part in (Re)Making Peace through a series of workshops and drop-ins. Look at what destroys your peace and then, using words, images, sound and the senses, you can reimagine, redefine and rebuild it!

Curator and No More Page 3 campaigner Anne Louise Kershaw will explore the female image with a mass-collage, For Book's Sake, inviting you to rewrite your own story, while conceptual artist Debbie Sharp will host a talk, a walk and a workshop. Events will conclude with a performance by artist Rosanne Robertson.

Fully accessible.

For more information, call Anne Louise Kershaw on 07732 402968, email [anne.kershaw@icloud.com](mailto:anne.kershaw@icloud.com) or go to Twitter: @Anne\_L\_Kershaw

Donations welcome.

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH, 6-9PM**

Manchester Craft and Design Centre, 7 Oak Street, Northern Quarter, M4 5JD

FREE

**Tessellate**

At this social evening we'll unveil an art installation created from a mass of origami units made by the public in local community workshops all over Manchester. Its mass of units illustrates the strength in community collaboration, and is presented by Manchester-based art group Art Anon, who curate anonymous exhibitions aiming to strip art of discrimination and bias. The event will be a social evening to encourage networking among community groups, with music entertainment and accompanying refreshments. For your chance to take part in one of the workshops, please get in touch.

Wheelchair access. No age restrictions.

For more information, call Joy Morris on 07531919752, email [artanonmanchester@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:artanonmanchester@hotmail.co.uk) or visit [www.artanonmanchester.wordpress.com](http://www.artanonmanchester.wordpress.com)

Sign up for a free ticket to the event at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tessellate-tickets-9922897654](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tessellate-tickets-9922897654)



**SATURDAY 8 MARCH**

Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square, M60 2LA

FREE

**Results of Manchester Women's Design Group's 'Women in Construction' Questionnaire**

An online questionnaire has been launched, aimed at women in construction (architects, landscape architects, planners, tradeswomen, etc) to establish whether women's experiences of the industry differ from those of their male colleagues. The results of the questionnaire will be announced at the event, and used to inform girls and women who are considering a career in the construction industry.

Wheelchair access. Information can be made available in alternative formats if required.

For more information, call Joan Rutherford on 01457 856364 or tweet @McrWDG

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH, 7.30PM**

Cross Street Chapel, Cross Street, M2 1NL

FREE

**One Day After Peace - film screening and Q and A session**

This is Manchester's first-ever screening of the multi-award-winning documentary One Day After Peace, and it will be followed by a discussion with the film's lead, Robi Damelin.

After her son is killed by a Palestinian sniper at a checkpoint in the West Bank, Israeli peace activist Robi is faced with a deep personal challenge: how to continue to choose the path of understanding, and even forgiveness, rather than giving in to the cycle of revenge and violence.

Searching for answers, she travels to South Africa to explore how people and communities came together in a post-apartheid world, to see if there are lessons that could apply, not just to her own life, but to Israel and Palestine more broadly.

Packed with personal stories told against the backdrop of the world's biggest challenges, Robi's thought-provoking journey is educational and inspiring. Trying at times, it leads from a place of deep personal pain to a belief that a better future is possible.

Wheelchair access. This event is organised by women and predominantly for women.

For more information, call Kim Willis on 07812 920724 or visit [www.onedayafterpeace.com](http://www.onedayafterpeace.com)

Tickets are free. Some tickets will be available on the door. Advanced tickets are available at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/one-day-after-peace-film-screening-and-discussion-tickets-748973199](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/one-day-after-peace-film-screening-and-discussion-tickets-748973199)

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH, 12 NOON - 6PM**

**SUNDAY 9 MARCH, 11AM - 4PM**

The Lesbian & Gay Foundation, Number 5, Richmond Street, M1 3HF

FREE

**Sugar and Spice - Make Love Not War**

Manchester's annual celebration of International Women's Day for lesbian and bisexual women, this is a free event that encourages women who love women to get together, meet new friends, learn new skills and have fun!

Featuring workshops, a cafe space, free food, free massages, a panel discussion, film screenings, jewellery making, entertainment and much more, Sugar and Spice is the event not to miss!

Wheelchair access. Some activities will be sign language interpreted. Please contact us if you have access requirements.

Age 16+ (young children welcome with their parents for some activities). Open to anyone who self-identifies as a lesbian or bisexual woman.

For more information, call Siân Lambert on 0845 3303030, email [women@lgf.org.uk](mailto:women@lgf.org.uk) or visit [www.lgf.org.uk/women](http://www.lgf.org.uk/women)

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH**

Whalley Range Methodist Church Hall, 51 Withington Road, M16 7EX

FREE

**Gender and Peace**

This will be a participatory seminar examining gender and peace, and the launch of the African Women's Union Group. We will look at some of the origins of conflict resolution as told by the foremother Elise Boulding, and address reasons why gender matters, before examining the elements of a gender perspective and the stages that engender conflict resolution.

Wheelchair access. Suitable for over-13s.

For more information, call Dr Erinma Bell on 07903 390882/0161 376 5693, visit [www.carisma.me.uk](http://www.carisma.me.uk) or email [info@carisma.me.uk](mailto:info@carisma.me.uk)

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH**

People's History Museum, Left Bank, Spinningfields, M13 3ER

**Suffragette Legacy: how does the history of feminism inspire current thinking in Manchester?**

We will showcase a film young women have made that compares their needs in 1914 with their needs in 2014. It is part of a wider event - see our website for event details.

Wheelchair accessible. For more information and to book tickets, contact [AliRonan61@gmail.com](mailto:AliRonan61@gmail.com) or visit [www.phm.org.uk](http://www.phm.org.uk)



**SATURDAY 8 MARCH**

St Margaret's Social Centre, Brantingham Road, M21 0TT

FREE

**A Range of Women: Celebrating our Diversity and Similarities**

An event to bring women of all ages and cultures together to celebrate our lives and strengths, to share our thoughts, skills and information, to socialise and have fun – and to celebrate the rich diversity of Whalley Range and the surrounding areas.

This event will promote respect between all, celebrating the contribution older women make in our society by looking at the skills we have to offer. It will also ask how we can make our communities safer and more age-friendly places, and demonstrate how we can all live peacefully together, no matter how different our lifestyles are or how diverse our cultures may be.

Wheelchair access. Activities are available for women with reduced mobility. Women of all ages welcome.

For more information, call Chris Ricard on 07751 666150 or email [info@whalleyrange.org](mailto:info@whalleyrange.org)

**SATURDAY 8 MARCH**

LGBT Centre, 49–51 Sidney Street, M1 7HB

**A Peace of Drama**

Any young lesbian/bisexual women are welcome to come to this event. We will work with Enjoy Arts to create some drama about famous women in the peace movements over time.

Wheelchair accessible. Open to 14 to 25-year-old lesbian/bisexual/questioning women.

For more information, contact [claire.holmes@lgbtynw.org.uk](mailto:claire.holmes@lgbtynw.org.uk) or visit [www.likt.org.uk](http://www.likt.org.uk)

**SUNDAY 9 MARCH, 11.30AM**

Meet at the Cornerhouse, Oxford Road.

**Mujeres en Manchester!**

A circular walk featuring Spanish/Latin women who have made their mark on society. It finishes with a Spanish language film. Intermediate level of Spanish required (part of the 'Viva!' event at the Cornerhouse).

Booking required.

For more information, call 07505 685942, email [info@manchesterguidedtours.com](mailto:info@manchesterguidedtours.com) or visit [www.manchesterguidedtours.com](http://www.manchesterguidedtours.com)  
Twitter: @MCRGuidedTours  
£7

**SUNDAY 9 MARCH, 2-3.30PM**

Start at People's History Museum, Left Bank, Spinningfields, M3 3ER

FREE

**Women as Peacemakers City Centre Trail**

Celebrate International Women's Day by taking part in our Women as Peacemakers City Centre Trail. Explore the role of women as peacemakers in this walking tour of Manchester with a qualified guide.

The museum is fully accessible. Suitable for over-7s to adults. Booking required. Please book through EVENTBRITE.

For more information, call 0161 838 9190, email [info@phm.org.uk](mailto:info@phm.org.uk) or visit [www.phm.org.uk](http://www.phm.org.uk)

**MONDAY 10 MARCH, 1PM**

Meet at Manchester Visitor Information Centre.

**Annie Horniman's Manchester**

Walk through Manchester in the time of theatre pioneer Annie Horniman and hear about her fight for the theatre and who she encountered along the way.

Booking required.

For more information, call Manchester Guided Tours on 07505 685942, email [info@manchesterguidedtours.com](mailto:info@manchesterguidedtours.com) or visit [www.manchesterguidedtours.com](http://www.manchesterguidedtours.com)  
Twitter: @MCRGuidedTours  
£7

**MONDAY 10 MARCH, 5.30-7.30PM**

St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, M12 6FZ

FREE

**Women Inspiring Women – Journeys and Aspirations**

Want to have a career that makes a real difference to your community? Seen something you really want to change? Got a great idea you want to get off the ground?

This event will provide an opportunity for women aged 13–25 to listen to inspirational speeches showcasing the achievements of women within Manchester and beyond. The event will focus on highlighting volunteering and entrepreneurship as a career route for women, and include workshops on a variety of topics, including enterprise, building confidence, developing business ideas and sharing good practice.

An information pack will be available with case studies and more information about enterprise and volunteering.

Wheelchair access. Suitable for ages 13–25. Booking required.

For more information, call Beth Plant on 0161 834 9823, email [beth@macc.org.uk](mailto:beth@macc.org.uk) or visit [www.manchestercommunitycentral.org](http://www.manchestercommunitycentral.org)



**TUESDAY 11 MARCH**

Sharp Futures, The Sharp Project, Thorp Road, M40 5BJ

FREE

**Inspiring Change - Digital Teapot celebrates creative women in the digital age**

The Sharp Project will be hosting #DigitalTeapot14 in celebration of International Women's Day. Presented by Sharp Futures, #DigitalTeapot14 is a day of workshops, panels and networking aimed at women interested in careers in the Creative Digital sector. We ask what career opportunities there are for women. What are the challenges we face in the digital world? We will look at the digital toolkit we need to provide for young women so they can thrive in the modern working world.

The morning sessions will bring together a series of workshops and skill sessions to start gathering the digital toolkit to inspire creative success. In the afternoon, we will examine the career opportunities in creative digital, from creating screen content to delivering social media; we will look at what the change-makers are across digital platforms, and how we harness them for greater growth. We will hear from inspiring women who have used their digital skills to challenge the views of their world, and we will share how to create and innovate ideas.

The day will feature an inspiring session from Endor Productions, producers of the exciting new musical drama, Tubby and Enid. From Script to Screen explores the creative process and shows how to sell and deliver ideas across any digital platform. Victoria Wood, Bafta-winning screen-writer, will be joined by television producers Hilary Bevan Jones (The Boat that Rocked, Red Dwarf, The Escape Artist) and Paul Frift (Room at the Top, The Escape Artist, Restless) in the discussion.

The event will conclude with an informal debate open to all, and with successful career women from the creative digital sector further exploring a theme from the day.

For more information, call 0161 282 8380, contact [team@sharpfutures.org.uk](mailto:team@sharpfutures.org.uk) or visit [www.sharpfutures.org.uk](http://www.sharpfutures.org.uk)

To sign up to this free event, visit [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/digitalteapot14-tickets-10371149387](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/digitalteapot14-tickets-10371149387)

**WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH, 7-9PM**

Tea Hive, 53 Manchester Road, Chorlton, M21 9PW

**Speak Up With Confidence**

A taster workshop for women wishing to improve their confidence and communication skills, delivered by Ruth Rosselson, a trainer, facilitator and coach specialising in confidence-building and stress management.

We'll look at how to tackle nerves and anxiety when speaking in front of others, what holds us back from putting ourselves forward, and the basics of better communication.

Groups are kept small (maximum 15 people) to ensure a comfortable and friendly atmosphere.

Wheelchair access. Booking required. To book a place, contact Ruth Rosselson on 07944 674291. Or visit <http://ruthrosselson.net> or email [ruth.rosselson@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.rosselson@gmail.com)  
A small donation will be sought to cover costs.

**THURSDAY 13 MARCH, 2.30PM**

Meet at People's History Museum.

**The Women Who Made Manchester**

An illustrated talk on some of the many women who have helped to build Manchester over the years. Some are well known, others less so, but all these women have added to the significance of our city.

Booking essential. For more information, call Anne Beswick on 07505 691105 or email [mabeswick@hotmail.com](mailto:mabeswick@hotmail.com) £7

**TUESDAY 18 MARCH, 10AM-5.30PM**

Starts at Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square

**Manchester Guided Tours: Elizabeth Gaskell Walking and Rail Tour**

Elizabeth Gaskell (1810-1865) lived in Manchester during a fascinating historical snapshot in time, as town turned into city and King Cotton spawned millionaires. By day, in her husband's Cross Street Chapel congregation, she sat next to mill-owners and politicians. At night she visited the starving, diseased and uneducated poor, and was uniquely placed to observe Manchester's industrial, political and cultural life. This tour visits buildings still very much connected to her.

After a walking tour around Manchester, we then travel by train to visit places associated with her in Knutsford. After lunch and a walking tour we finish by visiting Brook Street Unitarian Chapel, and return to Manchester Piccadilly Rail Station by 5.30pm.

Booking essential. Call Kate Dibble on 07905 110197.

£32 - includes coffee, lunch, train travel and donations to the venues we visit.



**FRIDAY 21 MARCH, 7.30-9PM**

Inner Space, 14 Byrom Street, Spinningfields, M3 4PP

FREE

**Informative Talk: Courage, the Power to Move Forward**

Women know how to serve and how to give. However, this quality of giving to others must also be balanced with qualities of courage, determination and clear thinking. There needs to be a change in consciousness and the development of self-respect, inner knowledge and experience of the eternal self, which is beyond social, cultural or physical identity. When women touch this inner, eternal core, they gain the courage to play the part they were destined to play in this life.

At the International Women's Day 2014 event at Inner Space, Manchester, we can learn much about the power of feminine leadership and how to develop our inner power rather than outer power. Feminine leadership is transformational leadership; it requires us to establish a culture of trust that will nourish the seeds of inner success and help us unify our aims for the greater benefit of all. It encourages us to be magnanimous, courageous and noble in mind and heart. This can be challenging at times, but it's worth it because it enhances our inner dignity – something that is sadly lacking in too many people today.

Please note: this is a listed building and there is no wheelchair access. Age 18+.

For more information, call Ruth Liddle on 0161 834 8016 or 07581 619543, email [manchester@uk.brahmakumaris.org](mailto:manchester@uk.brahmakumaris.org) or visit [www.brahmakumaris.org/uk/manchester](http://www.brahmakumaris.org/uk/manchester)

**FRIDAY 21 MARCH**

Tree of Life Centre, Wythenshawe, Greenbrow Road, Newall Green M23 2UE

FREE

**Anger Management courses for women**

Learn how to manage your anger, how to improve your relationships, how to make your own life more peaceful, and about the damage that uncontrolled anger can do.

Wheelchair access. Ages 18-25 (will consider others).

For more information, call Janet Tysoe on 0161 489 7018 or email [janet@treeoflifecentre.org.uk](mailto:janet@treeoflifecentre.org.uk)

**SATURDAY 22 MARCH, 9.45AM-4.30PM**

Inner Space, 14 Byrom Street, Spinningfields, M3 4PP

FREE

**Four Faces Workshop**

The Four Faces Workshop has been lovingly designed to help women grow spiritually by rediscovering true worth, value and potential, and by reconnecting with the inner self in a nurturing, constructive and peaceful environment. We will explore the symbolism of the four 'faces' that have typically characterised women and their role in society through the ages; these identities are stored in the subconscious mind and influence every woman's sense of self.

In the atmosphere of trust and affirmation that builds, there will be the opportunity to learn from and value the experience of fellow women participants. Self-value and self-confidence will be restored and skills will be acquired to help rebuild inner strength in day-to-day life.

**What are the four faces of woman?**

These faces are ones that all women know. They live within us and through us. They give us beauty and strength, love and compassion, freedom and the promise of freedom, security and the illusion of security.

**The Eternal Face** whispers to us of our original self and the seed of who we are – authentic power, innocence, pure love, peace and joy.

**The Traditional Face** convinces us that safety and success come from defining ourselves through the eyes and beliefs of others.

**The Modern Face** finds the courage to reject the imposition of others, seeking to return to the truth of who we are, but often finds itself lost in struggle.

**The Shakti Face** is the face of spiritual wisdom and power – the key to return to our true self without the struggle and cost of the Modern Face.

A free vegetarian lunch and stationery materials will be included. Registration required. Doors close at 10.15am.

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### SATURDAY 29 MARCH, 12 NOON-7PM

Muslim Youth Foundation, Clydesdale House, 27 Turner Street, M4 1DY

#### Muslim Youth Foundation Open Day

The theme of this open day is Women in Islam, and it will include small exhibitions prepared by the MYF. There will be mosque tours, a henna artist, face-painting for the children, and demonstrations of Arabic calligraphy – see what your name looks like in Arabic! Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

Wheelchair access. Refreshments available.

For more information, call Mehmood Mughal on 0161 832 5352, visit [www.myf.org.uk](http://www.myf.org.uk) or email [office@myf.org.uk](mailto:office@myf.org.uk)

### SATURDAY 29 MARCH, 1-2PM

People's History Museum, Left Bank, Spinningfields, M3 3ER

#### Woman's Outlook: a surprisingly modern magazine?

Between 1919 and 1967 the women of the Co-operative movement had their own magazine, Woman's Outlook. Providing an enticing mix of the personal and the political, it was surprisingly similar to women's magazines today. Join Natalie Bradbury, writer, researcher and information co-ordinator, at the Co-operative College for this fascinating talk.

Wheelchair access. Suitable for adults and young people.

Booking is advised. For more information, call 0161 838 9190, email [info@phm.org.uk](mailto:info@phm.org.uk) or visit [www.phm.org.uk](http://www.phm.org.uk)

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