

## Bristol Women's Voice (BWV)

Further details and location maps for each of the venues listed in this programme can be found on the Bristol Women's Voice website at [www.Bristolwomensvoice.org.uk](http://www.Bristolwomensvoice.org.uk)

Bristol Women's Voice (BWV) is a powerful voice for women aiming to make women's equality in Bristol a reality. BWV will make sure that when key decisions are taken women's voices have been listened to and their ideas and concerns acted on. We will bring together women to share ideas, exchange experiences, support campaigns and events and celebrate success so that together we can make Bristol a showcase for women's involvement, empowerment and equality.

BWV has been set up with support from Bristol City Council but is independent of the council.



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# International Womens Day 2013 in Bristol



Around the world, International Women's Day marks a celebration of the economic, social, cultural and political achievements of women.

The growing international women's movement has helped make International Women's Day a special day for promoting women's rights and participation in political and economic processes. It is a time to reflect on the progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of women's rights. More information can be found at [www.internationalwomensday.com](http://www.internationalwomensday.com)

The celebrations in this programme are being held by voluntary and community groups across Bristol and offer a variety of events and activities for women to participate in.

This programme has been produced by the Equalities and Community Cohesion Team, Bristol City Council.

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## Event Listings

### W.O.W! Women of the World – Flag up your Identity

Sat 2nd Mar | 3pm – 5pm | [Hamilton House, Stokes Croft, BSI 3QY](#)

WOW has been created by a group of Bristol women to provide an intercultural space, where women can meet, make, share stories, dance and to provide a truly international feel to International Women's Day in Bristol.

Come and join our café style gathering and flag up your identity, by making a flag that says something about us as women and individuals from a variety of backgrounds.

Flags will be used as part of the procession and celebrations on International Women's Day on March 8th.

**Cost:** Free but donations welcome to pay for the room

**Contact:** 07809 619580 **Facebook:** The Bristol WOW factor (Women of the World)

**Access:** Limited wheelchair access please phone Hamilton House to check 0117 9249599

### Deki Tenner Tournament Award Ceremony

Weds 6th Mar | 6pm – 8pm | [The Square Club, 15 Berkeley Square, Clifton, BS8 1HB](#)

The Award Ceremony is the finale to the Deki Tenner Tournament, a month long competition where participants were challenged to make as much money out of £10 as they could with all proceeds going directly to entrepreneurs in Africa and Nepal.

Deki is a Bristol-based microfinance charity founded by Vashti Seth who was shortlisted as Red magazine's Business Woman of the year 2010. Although Deki is a gender-neutral charity, roughly 75% of our loans and donations go to women who invest their business profits in ways that have longer-lasting impacts on their families and communities. The ability to generate and control income empowers poor women and women have become fundamental to the success of the microfinance model as a poverty alleviation tool.

To find out more about how Deki works and the Tournament please visit [http://www.deki.org.uk/support\\_us/UWE](http://www.deki.org.uk/support_us/UWE)

**Access:** Contact Square Club on 0117 9210455

## Celebrating International Women's Day with Bristol Drugs Project

Weds 6th Mar | 11am – 2pm | Unitarian Church, Brunswick Square, BS2 8PE

Celebration for International Women's Day at Bristol Drugs Project Women's Morning including:

- Red Cross Therapeutic Care will be providing arm & hand massage, neck & shoulder massage and hand & nail care sessions
- Creating mini Batiks to take home
- Making affirmation cards
- Healthy relationship workshops
- Lunch from 1pm

**Access:** Fully accessible, disabled parking may be available in the Brunswick Court carpark next door with prior notice 0117 9166489

## Big fun fundraising feminist quiz of the year!

Thurs 7th Mar | 7pm | Café on the Square, Grove Ave, Queens Square, BS1 4QY

Do you know your Germaine Greer from your Gloria Steinem? Your Le Tigre from your Lana Del Ray? Your Jane Campion from your Jennifer Love-Hewitt? The Bristol Women's Literature Festival is running a fabulously fun and feminist pub quiz to raise money for the festival itself. Don't worry, you don't need a degree in gender studies to take part, just a love of quizzes! There will be music, movies and many more marvellous rounds. Plus prizes and a raffle. And cake! And wine! What's not to love?

Teams to be between 2-6 people. Suggested donation of £2 per player to take part. Raffle tickets and drinks on sale.

**Access:** Small step to enter café and upstairs toilets 0117 9250435

## International Women's Day on BCfm Radio 93.2 fm

Fri 8th Mar | Coverage all day |

BCfm Radio 93.2 fm is proud to be celebrating International Women's Day on Friday March 8th by devoting the whole day to female led shows and features. In the spirit of togetherness the day will also include a link up with our sister station Ujima during the One Love Breakfast show with the renowned Kizzy Morrel coming over to the BCFM studio to join our core team of female presenters.

We'll also be doing live link ups with some of the many events happening in the city to mark IWD. Back at the studio we'll be looking forward to welcoming a selection of guests from across the city. They'll be talking about some of the many other events marking IWD and the issues that matter from a female perspective. And as its International Women's Day we'll also be celebrating Bristol's rich diversity and looking forward to hearing how it's celebrated in other countries.

**For more information contact:** Shivani Fox 07817 557570

<http://shivanifox.wordpress.com> [www.bcfm.org.uk](http://www.bcfm.org.uk)

## Passion Radio International Women's Day coverage

Fri 8th Mar | 10am – 2am | Hamilton House, Stokes Croft, BS1 3QY

Passion Radio is a well established multi music online station and will open its doors to an all women crew who will be spinning the tunes and directing the chat throughout the day and evening. As well as the Passion Radio female presenters/DJ's old hands, some will be having a go for the first time. So for the best in reggae, old skool, funky house, DnB and more, tune in to [passonradiobristol.com](http://passonradiobristol.com). If you are on the move download a Passion app, from the website (click on 'Launch iPod player'). Open to all (No experience required). For those who want to take part deadline is Midday 28th February 2013

**Contact:** 07973 654249

[Passionrb@gmail.com](mailto:Passionrb@gmail.com) **Facebook:** Passionradio Bristoltwo

**Cost:** Free

**Access:** Limited wheelchair access please phone Hamilton House to check 0117 9249599

## Bristol 100 breakfast

Fri 8th Mar | 9am – 11am | The Avon Gorge Hotel, Sion Place, Clifton, BS8 4LD

Women Outside The Box are organising their second Bristol 100 meet-up to celebrate International Women's Day in Bristol as part of the global 'Join Me On The Bridge' campaign. We will be collecting for Women for Women International for female entrepreneurs in war-torn zones.

Come along and meet 100 other Bristol business women who care.

9am Breakfast. (Please bring £3.50 in cash). Networking in Avon Gorge Hotel main functions room

10am Photocall on the terrace overlooking Clifton Suspension Bridge.

Last year we got 100 business women. Let's get 150 this year. If you represent a company, a network, a charity or a group why not bring a banner or t-shirts? We encourage you to wear something pink, but this is not compulsory!

## Confronting Women's Poverty: Turning Things Around

Fri 8th Mar | 9.30am – 3pm | City Hall  
(formerly the Council House) – College Green, BS1 5TR

This free event will welcome national speakers to Bristol, alongside representatives from organisations in the South West that are committed to addressing the impact of government policies on poverty.

These government policies have led to unprecedented levels of poverty among women (and men) in terms of welfare cuts, increased debt, loss of housing benefit, rising fuel and food bills, and more.

Bristol's Confronting Women's Poverty event will highlight the everyday reality of women's poverty, as well as work towards finding positive solutions to turn things around.

### For further information:

**Email:** [confrontingpoverty@gmail.com](mailto:confrontingpoverty@gmail.com) **Twitter:** @ConfrontPoverty

**Blog:** <http://confrontingwomenspoverty.blogspot.co.uk>

**Web:** [www.bristolfawcett.org.uk](http://www.bristolfawcett.org.uk)

**Access:** Accessible Building. For further information please see <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/city-hall-formerly-council-house-venue-hire>



## W.O.W! Women of the World – Lets celebrate women's contribution to the world

Fri 8th Mar | 10am – 3pm | Malcolm X Centre, 141 City Rd, St. Pauls, BS2 8YH

All women of the world are invited and welcomed to the Malcolm X Centre to celebrate women's achievements through workshops, talks, music, stalls, food and entertainment.

Free crèche provided.

Open to all women and children.

**Cost:** Free but donations welcomed

**Info:** Francesca Cella ([bristolibd2013@gmail.com](mailto:bristolibd2013@gmail.com))

**Stalls:** Donna Pinnock ([donnapinnock@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:donnapinnock@yahoo.co.uk)) or 07 447 405 367

**Creche:** Abeje Prehay ([abeje@spanuk.org.uk](mailto:abeje@spanuk.org.uk))

**Transport:** Ann-Marie Lewis ([info@fullcircleproject.org.uk](mailto:info@fullcircleproject.org.uk))

**Access:** Most of Malcolm X is fully accessible. Access works are underway in one hall – please call for details 955 4497



## UWE International Women's Day celebrations

Fri 8th Mar | 10.30am onwards | UWE, Coldharbour Lane, BS16 1QY

A series of lively talks given by lifetime campaigners for women's rights, and UWE alumni. Our women DJ's will be taking over and storming our student Hub Radio station. A full programme of events is available on our website:

<http://info.uwe.ac.uk/events/eventcategories.aspx>

10.30am | **The Octagon, Frenchay campus**

### Steph Champion

Steph Champion worked in the community with women offenders and ex-offenders in Manchester. Come and explore some of the personal and social issues that women offenders face.

11.30am | **The Octagon, Frenchay campus**

### Elaine Hutton and UWE Socialist Workers' Student Society

Elaine Hutton has been a feminist activist for nearly forty years instigating and setting up Bristol Rape Crisis and is now involved with Bristol Older People's Forum. Come and join a lively debate about the effects of the cuts on women, older and younger, and where we are going next.

12.30pm | **2S704, Frenchay Campus**

### Vashti Seth – Founder of Deki and UWE Alumni.

Microloans, what they are, and how Deki UK is helping people to generate sustainable incomes and become self-sufficient. Vashti won an award for the Best Social Enterprise by the University of the West of England, is Social Enterprise Ambassador for the region and was shortlisted for Woman of the Year award by Red Magazine

13.15pm | **2S704, Frenchay Campus**

### Estella Tincknell – Associate Professor in Film and Culture at UWE

Reclaiming Feminism. Are we really in a post-feminist era? What does that look like and what does it mean? Come and see for yourself.

14.30pm | **The Octagon, Frenchay campus**

### Craftivism

Come and sew beautiful, political, powerful miniature banners to place around campus. Challenge your viewers, speak out!!

All our events are free, open to men and women, students and staff.

For more information contact [steph.champion@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:steph.champion@uwe.ac.uk).

**Cost:** Free

**Access:** All venues accessible

## Birth As We Know It

Fri 8th Mar | 12.30pm – 2pm | **E-Aware, Colston Yard, BSI 5BD**

Fri 8th Mar | 5.15pm – 6.45pm | **Freedom Room, Hamilton House, BSI 3QY**

Join us on International Women's Day to celebrate the awesome power of birth and the role all women have to play in being a channel for this incredible power, whether we physically have children or not.

Birth As We Know It is a life-changing documentary made by Elena Vladimirova, a visionary in the field of natural birth. The film showcases eleven natural births and explores Elena's radical conscious birthing programme Birth Into Being, which helps expectant parents to clear their own birth trauma before giving birth.

There will be chance to talk with a participant of Birth Into Being groups at the end of the film screening and guidance on where to go for further information about the practices.

**Cost:** Suggested donation £3. Drop in or book by email at: [info.malika@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:info.malika@yahoo.co.uk). Bring lunch or dinner. Tea and coffee provided.

**Access: Hamilton House** – Limited wheelchair access please phone to check 0117 9249599

**E-Aware** – Please phone to check 0117 9290166

## International Women's Day Cycle Ride for the over 55s

Fri 8th Mar | 2pm | **meet outside Easton Community Centre on the railway path**

Gentle, flat, 5-6 mile cycle ride for women aged 55 and over, from the Bristol Bath Railway Path to St Werburghs City Farm for tea and cake. Open to women aged 55 and over

**Cost:** Suggested donation of £3 to cover costs

**Contact:** Lifecycle on 0117 353 4580 or [www.lifecycleuk.org.uk](http://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk)

**Access:** Participants will need to be able to ride a bike. Those who don't have a bike may be able to borrow one from Lifecycle. Please contact Heather at Lifecycle in advance.

## An exciting declaration from the Mayor, George Ferguson

Fri 8th Mar | 4pm | City Hall (formerly the Council House) – College Green, BS1 5TR

An announcement soon from the mayor's office.

## Women, Honey and Chocolate!

Fri 8th Mar | 6pm – 9pm | M Shed, Princes Wharf, Wapping Road, BS1 4RN

Bristol Link with Nicaragua, MShed and Bristol Fairtrade Network offer a celebration of International Women's Day. Keynote speaker Agueda Ordenana from Nicaragua is a women's development worker for her large Tierra Nueva co-operative in the tough cattle ranching zones of central Nicaragua. She works to empower women through building their confidence, skills base and opportunities for income generation. She is also one of few women beekeepers and is part of a small women's Fairtrade honey collective.



Local singer and BLINC supporter Shanta and brother Kama will perform a set of folk influenced songs celebrating women and equality. Divine Fairtrade Chocolate will talk about their work with women in rural co-operatives in Africa and they will offer a chocolate tasting session. To close the evening Jama will play an unplugged set with a female vocalist celebrating women's contributions globally.

**Cost:** £8/£6 conc.

**Booking:** Essential, please call the M Shed shop on 0117 3526914.

**Access:** Accessible venue. For further details please see: [www.mshed.org/visiting/access](http://www.mshed.org/visiting/access)

## Celebrate Women from all over the world

Fri 8th Mar | 7pm – 10.30pm | The Stag and Hounds, Old Market, BS2 0EJ

Maplesyrup presents a night to Celebrate Women from all over the world through Live Music and DJs.

This night will have everything from Blues, Rock, Soul, Jazz, Beatbox and Alternative. We will be featuring International Bands and Performers.

**Poppy Perez:** Latino Electro pop

**Meet your Feet:** Jazz, funk and Soul

**Bucurasu:** New Orleans style Jazz with Beat Box

**Bashema:** Jazz, Soul solo artist

**Scarlett Shocks:** Gothic Folk Rock

This is a fundraiser for Womankind, Bristol Women's Therapy Centre was founded in 1986 as a registered charity and has a proven track record of over twenty five years of providing specialist and effective services to women in Bristol and the surrounding area.

Womankind aims to help women improve their mental health and well-being and therefore their quality of life.

**Cost:** £5 on the door

**Access:** No information available



## Bristol Solidarity Federation present “All our lives (De Toda La Vida)” a film about Mujeres Libres

Fri 8th Mar | 7pm – 9pm | Bristol YHA , 4 Narrow Quay, Bristol, BSI 4QA

This 1986 documentary, directed by Lisa Berger and Carol Mazer, tells the story of Mujeres Libres, the first independent women’s organisation in Spain.

The Mujeres Libres, a distinctly anarchist women’s organisation was founded in May 1936 with the aim of engaging women in the revolutionary struggle. Spanish women at this time found themselves bound by the “triple enslavement of women to ignorance, to capital and to men”. Women were effectively subordinated to men and this even extended to the revolutionary movement itself. The work of the Mujeres Libres was not to solely focus on empowering women to participate in the social struggle but to also be a constant challenge to the male dominance of the movement.

The documentary is 60 minutes long and will be followed by a discussion of the film and its relevance to the position of women in Britain today.

**Cost:** Free entry but donations welcomed

**Access:** 2nd floor accessible by lift, card obtained from reception. 0117 9221659



## Things We Don't Talk About

Fri 8th Mar | 8pm | Bristol City Yoga, 16 Backfields Lane, BS2 8QW

*Things We Don't Talk About* – Women’s stories from the Red Tent by Isadora Gabriella Leidenfrost is a ground-breaking 72 minute documentary film. Spontaneous and organic, a Red Tent is a red textile space where women gather to rest, renew, and often share deep and powerful stories about their lives. The Red Tent movement is changing the way that women interact and support each other by providing a place that honours and celebrates women, and by enabling open conversations about the things that women don’t want to talk about in other venues.

Please book tickets, as spaces are limited, by getting in contact with Clare Warren on **07596 409354** or email [clare@clarityvibration.com](mailto:clare@clarityvibration.com)

**Cost:** Suggested donation £8

**Access:** The front door is up two steps, and the studio is upstairs.

## Women's Rights – Women Wronged

Sat 9th Mar | 9.30am – 4pm | Broadmead Baptist Church, BSI 3HY

Young women from Integrate Bristol are attending and speaking at the 3rd Annual Women’s Rights Conference organised by African Initiatives. The speeches and workshops of the day cover FGM (Integrate Bristol), Fair Trade in Kenya, Women’s rights in the workplace, How to lobby your MP, Honour based killings and their impact, Girls’ education and women’s empowerment in Tanzania, Women’s economic development in Ghana and Women in Afghanistan. Lunch and refreshments provided.

**Booking:** Essential [info@african-initiatives.org.uk](mailto:info@african-initiatives.org.uk) or telephone **0117 9150001**

**Cost:** Free

**Access:** Fully accessible building.

## Breathing Fire Playback Workshop

Sat 9th Mar | 10.30am – 1pm, 2pm – 4.30pm | [Horfield Quaker Meeting, 300 Gloucester Road, Horfield, BS7 8PD](#)

Breathing Fire will be celebrating International Women's Day by offering two Playback drama workshops for all women and their children.



Breathing Fire Playback workshops provide a space for fun and creativity and the opportunity to share stories, try out drama games and get a feel for playback theatre. Workshop attendees have found participation to be an empowering and enriching experience. No experience of drama or creative work is needed.

### The workshops:

**For women and their children (7 years and older):** 10.30am – 1pm

**Cost:** £7/£5 (these are set costs for women and any number of their children attending on the day)

**For Women only:** 2pm – 4.30pm

**Cost:** £5/£3 concessions

Workshops are open to all women. Please contact: [breathingfire@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:breathingfire@hotmail.co.uk) to book or call **07449 196673 / 01278 421385**.

**Booking:** Places for both workshops will be limited so please book early.

**Access:** Fully accessible building.



## Wonderful Women Guided Tour

Sat 9th Mar | 10.30am – 12pm, 1.30pm – 3pm | [Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bath Road, BS4 3EW](#)

Celebrate some of Bristol's many wonderful women and the contributions they made to the city from Victorian times through to the mid 20th Century.

This special guided tour marks the International Women's Day and builds on last year's sell-out event.

**Cost:** £5/£3 conc. (OAPs, Guardian Angel Members, Children under 12 years)

**Booking:** Tickets are available from our Gift Shop, website or Booking Office on **0117 9719117 extn 214**.

Tours take place at 10.30am – 12 noon and 1:30pm- 3:00pm

**Access:** This tour takes in grassy paths, steep slopes and may include some steps. Please wear sensible footwear and warm clothing. Please check our website for advice on visiting safely.



## Active Women's Day

Sat 9th Mar | 12pm – 4.30pm | St Pauls Academy, Newfoundland Road, St Pauls BS2

**Free** event for women and children as part of celebrations for **International Women's Day**. Take part in female only activities, sports and receive health and wellbeing information on a variety of female services around the city.

**Free** taster sessions in different sports and activities including dance, football, netball, boxing etc with links to local teams, clubs, women's groups and organisations

**Free** guest activity pass to everyone who signs up for an Everyone Active card

**Free** health checks

Come and celebrate International Women's Day with females in your community, find out what is available to women in the area and try some new activities in a safe, fun and supportive environment.

For more information please contact:

**Julia Williams** - Football Development Officer for central and east Bristol  
williamsj@cityacademy.bristol.sch.uk  
07795 446129 / 0117 9413800 ext 378

**Access:** St. Pauls Academy is an accessible building Call **0117 3773405** for details. Dance and activity sessions may be accessible for Disabled participants – please call Julia Williams (details above) beforehand.



## Ec/centric Experience: Women, the Arts and Globalisation, Lecture

Mon 11th Mar | 5pm – 6pm | Bristol Museum and Art Gallery, Queens Road, BS8 1RL

Join Dr Dorothy Rowe as she considers the practice of women artists in the context of globalisation. The lecture coincides with the publication of Dorothy's book of the same title, as part of the Rethinking Art's Histories series.

**Cost:** £5, free for students/unwaged

**Booking:** call or visit the museum shop on **0117 922 3650**.

**Access:** Accessible

## Womanhood, Wellbeing and Human flourishing: An Evening with Jean Binta Breeze

Fri 15th Mar | 7pm – 8.15pm | Bristol Central Library, BSI 5TL

World-renowned dub poet Jean Binta Breeze was born in Jamaica and studied at the Jamaican School of Drama. She began to write poetry in the 1970s. Breeze has worked as a director and scriptwriter for theatre, television and film and is joint-editor of *Critical Quarterly* in London. Jean's poetry collections include the books *Ryddim Ravings* (1988), *Spring Cleaning* (1992) and *The Arrival of Brighteye and Other Poems* (2000). Her latest book is *Third World Girl: selected poems* (2011). Breeze was awarded an MBE for services to literature in the Queen's Birthday Honours List (2012).

Jean has written about her experiences of living with schizophrenia and has taught creative writing classes with young people coping with mental health issues.

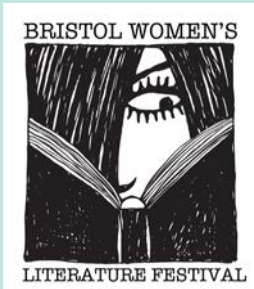
**Cost:** £3 (no conc.)

**Booking:** buy or reserve a ticket at **any branch library** or phone **0117 903 7250** (Bristol Central Library enquiries desk).

## Bristol Women's Literature Festival

Sat 16th and Sun 17th Mar | Various times | [Watershed, Canon's Road, BS1 5TX](#)

Bristol Women's Literature Festival brings together the country's best women writers, academics and feminist commentators including Orange prize winning novelist Helen Dunmore, Stonewall Writer of the Year Stella Duffy, celebrated academic Professor Helen Taylor, screenwriter Emilia di Girolamo, feminist writer Kristin Aune and many, many more to the Watershed for a weekend of thought-provoking discussion, debate and activity.



### The festival has three aims:

1. To celebrate the diversity and creativity of women writers
2. To counter the male dominance of literature and cultural festival line-ups
3. To promote women's writing and literary history

Across the weekend of 16th-17th March, there will be three panel discussions at the Watershed, along with a talk and film screening:

**Feminism on the Small Screen:** Bringing women's issues to a mainstream TV audience - with film

**Women's Writing today:** contemporary women writers discuss their fiction

**Bluestockings and Muses:** a history of women's writing

**Out of the Ivory Tower:** writing feminism for a non-academic audience

For further information visit the website here:

<http://womensliteraturefestival.wordpress.com/>

**Cost:** Individual events are priced at £7 (£6 concession) with a weekend ticket available for £25 (£20 concession. Please note there are a limited number of weekend tickets). Tickets are on sale at the Watershed Box Office and website.

**Contact:** For more information please contact Siân Norris at [sianm.norris@gmail.com](mailto:sianm.norris@gmail.com) or 07723 324240

**Access:** Watershed is fully accessible. For further details please see: [www.watershed.co.uk/visit/access](http://www.watershed.co.uk/visit/access)

## What the Frock! Women's Comedy Night

Fri 22th Mar | Doors 7.30pm, Comedy 8pm – 10pm (approx.) | [The Square Club, Berkeley Square, BS8 1HE](#)

With compere Leanne Stott, rising comedy star Sam Von Romberg, Jayne Edwards and the brilliant stand-up Becky Walsh.

Pre-book tickets at the special early-bird price of just £8, (otherwise £10 on the door, assuming the event is not sold out).

Open to all women and men.

**Booking:** Tickets available from the website at [www.whatthefrockcomedy.co.uk](http://www.whatthefrockcomedy.co.uk)

**Access:** Contact Square Club on 0117 9210455

