

# WOW FESTIVAL DAY PLANNER

## INFORMATION

A day ticket or a weekend ticket gets you into our brilliant and buzzing day programme. Take a look at what's happening each day and plan what to come along to.

## ON ALL WEEKEND

PODIUM, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### MOMENTS OF UNITY

Spontaneous moments throughout the festival – two or three times a day – where Aviva Studios will come to a standstill for a moment of magic! Watch this space.

ROAMING

### HYPEHUNZ

Don't be surprised when **Girl Gang Manchester's HYPEHUNZ** come and gas you up! Providing laughter, glitter, giggles, compliments and confidentiality, they'll hear you out, hype you up, get to the heart of the issue, glitter your face and send you soaring on your way in a series of fleeting impromptu interactions around the building.

THE MARKETPLACE, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### TOTAL BLOCK OUT!

Join Manchester textile non-profit **CDM UK** for a full day of drop-in block printing. Materials provided.

THE MARKETPLACE, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### CLAYLIFE

Get creative with **ClayLife**. Take on free clay modelling or learn how to make a plant pot, guided by a facilitator.

## SATURDAY

11-11.30AM

PODIUM, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### WAST CHOIR - WOMEN ASYLUM SEEKERS TOGETHER

The **WAST choir** open WOW with joy! Bringing together women from different cultures and backgrounds, WAST use their voices to raise awareness about injustices they have experienced while going through the asylum system.

11AM-12.30PM

THE HALL

### HERCIENDA: LIVE

**Eves'Drop Collective** host a family-friendly day rave filled with eclectic selections, good vibes and plenty of nostalgia. Open to all ages and genders. DJs include **Andrea Trout** and **Ruby Swallow**.

11.30AM-12.15PM

CONVERSATION STATION, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### "I WILL NOT BE LECTURED ABOUT MISOGYNY BY THIS MAN" - IN CONVERSATION WITH JULIA GILLARD

Join WOW Founder **Jude Kelly** and former Australian Prime Minister **Julia Gillard** as they open Saturday at WOW Manchester.

11.30AM-12.15PM

WORKSHOP AREA, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### TATREEZ: EMBROIDERY FOR WELLBEING

Learn about **Tatreez** – traditional Palestinian embroidery – its history and conservation, and give it a go with your very own cross stitch. All materials are provided.

1-1.45PM

CONVERSATION STATION, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### HERCIENDA: WOMEN, MUSIC AND MANCHESTER

Join Manchester legend **DJ Paulette**, one of only two women DJs to have had a regular residency at The *Haçienda*, Factory International's Head of Music **Rivca Burns**, and Chief of Programming at Band on the Wall **Santana Guérout**, for a conversation on Manchester's rich musical past, present and future, and women's place in it.

1-2PM

WORKSHOP AREA, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### RECYCLED ME! BY YAMINA PEERZADA

Learn how to repurpose beautiful materials and offcuts from Pakistan to create a rod puppet with **Yamina Peerzada** from WOW Pakistan.

1.15-2PM

THE HALL

### KATUMBA: MUSIC, MOVEMENT & MINDFULNESS

Feel uplifted and empowered through this music and mindfulness workshop inspired by Afro-Brazilian dance and body percussion from **Katumba**.

2.30-3.15PM, 18+

LOWER FOYER

### POLE DANCING AGAINST THE ALGORITHM: WHAT CAN POLE DANCERS TEACH US ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA?

Pole dancing academic, performer, activist and blogger with a PhD in digital criminology, **Dr Carolina Are**, (a.k.a. @bloggeronpole) discusses online censorship and its relationship with the patriarchy. *Please note this session discusses sex work, sexual health and includes images of pole dancing.*

2.30-3.15PM

CONVERSATION STATION, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### WOW BIG IDEAS

Hear from speakers on a range of fascinating topics, including:

- **Dr Loyal Liverpool** on how racism is making us ill
- **Gift Sally Akinyi O** on Everyday Feminism, presented in partnership with Womankind Worldwide
- **Taslima Ahmad** from CDM UK on navigating a late life autism diagnosis as a South Asian woman
- **David Bartlett** on why better boyhoods are good for everyone, presented in partnership with Equimundo
- **Mel Johnson** on solo parenting

2.30-3.15PM

WORKSHOP AREA, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### ALL CISTERNS GO

Learn the basics of plumbing with **Hattie Hasan MBE**, founder of **Stopcocks Women Plumbers**. DIY doesn't need to be a pipe dream!

4-5PM

THE HALL

### WHO CARES? WOMEN ON TV

Award-winning writer, actor and star of *Alma's Not Normal* **Sophie Willan** joins actress and disability activist **Liz Carr**, known for *Silent Witness*, to discuss the challenges and triumphs of being women on TV, and why representation matters.

4-4.45PM, 16+

CONVERSATION STATION, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### THE CHAIN: SISTERHOOD, SEX AND STORYTELLING

What happens when the person you love is not who you thought? Explore toxic relationships with *The Chain* author **Chimene Suleyman**, author and activist **Charlie Craggs** and **Dr Leyla Hussein**. *This talk discusses coercive control.*

4-4.45PM

WORKSHOP AREA, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### ZINE MAKING WITH TAKE UP SPACE MANCHESTER

Join local feminist zine makers **Take Up Space Manchester** for a fun and creative session on storytelling and learn how to express yourself through zine making.

## SUNDAY

11AM-1PM

THE HALL

### SCREAM INTO THE VOID

Do you struggle to find the time to fit your uncontrollable rage into your busy schedule? Join us for **Girl Gang Manchester's Scream into the Void**: a bookable experience where you can let it all out. Sign up on the day for an individual or group screaming into the void experience.

11-11.30AM

PODIUM, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### MAXINE PEAKE IN CONVERSATION

Join actor **Maxine Peake** and WOW Founder **Jude Kelly** as they discuss Manchester, the arts, hopes, dreams and the optimism that keeps them going.

11.30AM-12.15PM

CONVERSATION STATION, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### THE GIRL GENERATION

Hear from **The Girl Generation** – **Support to the Africa-led Movement to End Female Genital Mutilation or Cutting (FGM/C)** alongside their Global Advocacy Director **Dr Leyla Hussein** and young people who are leading the fight against gendered violence in their communities across East Africa. Presented in partnership with The Girl Generation. *Please note this session discusses FGM/C and gender-based violence.*

11.30AM-12.15PM

WORKSHOP AREA, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### DRAWING YOUR INNER SELF

Discover the power of art as a tool for self-discovery and introspection in this drawing workshop with **Promina Srestha** from WOW Nepal.

1-1.45PM

CONVERSATION STATION, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### SISTERS NOT SYSTEMS: ZAWE ASHTON AND GEMMA CAIRNEY ON ART, ABSTRACTION AND AUTHENTIC SELVES

How do identity and creativity intersect? Actor **Zawe Ashton** and broadcaster **Gemma Cairney** join forces for an open discussion touching on race, gender and new motherhood.

1-1.45PM

LOWER FOYER

### BLACK JOY

Through discussions, activities and shared experiences, explore the resilience, strength and beauty inherent in Black joy and make your very own care plans exploring what that looks like for us as individuals. *Please note this session is for Black people only.*

2.30-3.15PM

LOWER FOYER

### SAFE SPACE SISTERHOOD

Award-winning arts practitioner, podcaster and broadcaster **Audrey Hall** facilitates a sharing circle for women creatives over the age of 35 as part of her **Safe Space Sisterhood** community.

2.30-3.15PM

CONVERSATION STATION, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### WOW BIG IDEAS

Hear from a range of fascinating speakers including:

- **Helen Pankhurst** on why she can't give it a rest!
- **Nazir Afzal** on why organisational culture matters
- **Leanne Yau** on radical connections through relationship anarchy
- **Dr Mona El-Farra** on why Gaza is a feminist issue
- **Noor Kanoo** on why representation on screen matters

2.30-3.15PM

WORKSHOP AREA, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### CRASH AND BURN

Learn some practical strategies to take care of your mental wellbeing and address burnout with psychotherapist **Dr Leyla Hussein**.

3-4PM

THE HALL

### ANGST AEROBICS

Let off some physical, mental and emotional steam in a workshop that's somewhere between boogieing in your bedroom, a 3am dancefloor and a drama workshop, but all in an exercise class setting! Brought to you by **Girl Gang Manchester**. *Please bring or wear clothes you can move freely in.*

3.45-4.45PM

WORKSHOP ZONE, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### MENSTRUAL MOOD MAPPING

Menstrual Mood Mapping is a calming, playful and creative workshop exploring the different phases and moods of menstrual cycles using collage techniques. *Please note there is a limited capacity for this workshop. Arrive early to secure a place.*

4-4.45PM

CONVERSATION STATION, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### THE WORLDS WE WEAVE: FASHION, FREEDOM AND CHOICE

Join author and former hostage **Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe**, curator and art historian **Rachel Dedman** and author on sustainable fashion **Aja Barber** to discuss the transformative power of garments, needlework and our clothing choices through hard times, healing and survival.

4.45-5PM

PODIUM, SOUTH WAREHOUSE

### CLOSING SESSION

WOW Founder **Jude Kelly** closes the festival – join for a joyous send off!



### SCAN THE QR CODE

to find out more about events in WOW Manchester and to book free and ticketed events

FAMILY

MUSIC

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## WOW MARKETPLACE



Image: Renata Boruch

The WOW Marketplace is at the heart of every WOW Festival across the globe. Head to the South Warehouse to explore stalls, shop from amazing businesses and social enterprises, and take part in workshops. Here's a taste of what you can expect to find:

### THE BRITISH COUNCIL PAVILION

Meet artists from across the globe in our South Asian Showcase in partnership with the British Council. Share a chai and be WOWed by beautiful textiles, artworks, photography and film from Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan.

### JOIN THE MOVEMENT: CHAMPIONING EQUALITY FOR WOMEN & GIRLS

Did you know that only 1.9% of all donations go to organisations dedicated to women and girls? Global Fund for Women are changing that and invite you to 'Join the Movement' and immerse yourself in an interactive space. Share your stories and priorities and learn more about what 'the Movement' means.

### LUCY & YAK

Get comfy and explore Lucy & Yak's ethically made and size inclusive clothing. Join one of their Re:Yak workshops where you can learn how to upcycle and breathe new life into your favourite clothes, keeping them in circulation for longer.

### WANT BY GILLIAN ANDERSON

To celebrate the launch of Gillian Anderson's new book *Want*, dive into a world of secret fantasies and unspoken desires. *Want* collects the letters of hundreds of women sharing their deepest fantasies and reveals how women feel about sex when they have the freedom to be totally themselves.

### WOMANKIND WORLDWIDE

Pull up a seat and join Womankind Worldwide to celebrate their Everyday Feminism campaign with screenings of their newly released short film *Everyday Feminism Beyond Borders*. The film features five feminists from across the world, exploring what it means to be a feminist and how we can all build a feminist future.



Image: Renata Boruch



Image: Karol Wyszynski

### MY STOMPING GROUND

See brand-new photography from young people from Factory International and Football Beyond Borders' schools partnership programmes. Responding to a brief set by photographer Alina Akbar, *My Stomping Ground* brings together photography from young people from across Greater Manchester in an exhibition in the Marketplace as well as a photobook.

### YOUTH ZONE

Our corner of the WOW Marketplace, where creativity and activism meet. Join a mini drop-in workshop and create something that could change the world. Whether it's art that makes a bold statement or words that could move millions, no matter how you express yourself, your ideas are important and we want to see and hear them!

## ARTIST INSTALLATIONS



Image: Tony Figuera



Image: Thierry Bal

### INA-MARIA SHIKONGO

Namibian artist and activist **Ina-Maria Shikongo** presents a new piece *Womnity* which uses old clothing to tell the journey of a woman through Mountain, Water, Tree and Air. Commissioned by the Commonwealth Foundation.

Join Shikongo in the Marketplace for 45-minute workshops to create a shared art piece at 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm and 4pm.

### TANIA KOVATS

Artist **Tania Kovats** creates *MOONMOTH*, a new commission that explores the legacy of 17th-century woman naturalist Maria Sibylla Merian in relation to the current biodiversity crisis. Curated by Invisible Dust, Kovats is working in collaboration with Diana Arzuza Buelvas, Curator of Entomology at Manchester Museum, Dr Jenna Ashton from the University of Manchester, humanities students, and Jeanne Robinson, Curator of Entomology at the Hunterian Museum, Glasgow.

## THE HOPE BRIGADE



Step outside Aviva Studios and head to Selfridges Exchange Square to check out our very special Manchester edition of *The Hope Brigade*. Originally conceived in 2020, *The Hope Brigade* is a photography series profiling incredible women working at the forefront of their fields in 10 essential areas from conflict to climate justice, from Ake to Athens and Beijing to Brisbane.

Working in partnership with Selfridges, WOW Manchester has added a further 10 portraits to the collection, profiling incredible leaders, activists and experts living and working in the North West.

Image: Kiera Lawlor-Skillen and Aimee Lawlor-Skillen, by Alina Akbar

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SOMETHING  
OUT OF THE  
ORDINARY?