



AUDACIOUS WOMEN FESTIVAL

DO WHAT YOU ALWAYS WISH YOU DARED

2020 PROGRAMME

Workshops Conversations Performances Exhibitions

At venues around Edinburgh



Info and tickets online



Audacious Women Festival 2020

Exhibition



By Moonlight : Escaping the Asylum

Exhibition Opening Women Only

Sat 22 February 2020, 11:45 to 12:15 Free City Art Centre

Midlothian County District Lunatic Asylum's *Register of Escapes, 1875-1896* is the inspiration for Fi Bailey's art installation *By Moonlight*. 'Through an open door' was the most popular escape route for women confined in Rosslynlee at the end of the nineteenth century. The gaps between each woman's date of escape and return are represented by units of soap and found objects. In this conversation, Fi will introduce her work and the 50 women who escaped during that period. She is also offering a creative writing workshop using this as inspiration. **The exhibition will be available to view Friday 21 – Sunday 23 February.**

Thursday 20 February



Witches' Gets

Performance

20:00 to 21:10 £10 / £8 conc Scottish Storytelling Centre

Based on the true events of the 1662-63 Finnmark witch trials in Norway, Aurora Writers present an interpretative ensemble show, blending spoken word, film projection, animation, music and movement. The characters are all real women caught up in one of the most devastating witch hunts in Europe.

Friday 21 February



Visual Theatre with Tragic Carpet Visual Theatre Company

Workshop Women Only

10:30 to 16:30 £40 / £45 supporter / £35 Early bird City Art Centre

No drama, no texts but a lot of fun!

Participants will learn about visual performance by working together, supportively in groups and solo. We will get to know each other through theatre games and exercises, exploring ideas and improvising themes. The emphasis will be on fun, mutual support and curiosity.



Friday 21 February



Silver Jewellery : Jewellery in Action

Workshop Women Only
10:30 to 16:30

£40 /£45 Supporter /£35 Early bird
City Art Centre

Design, make and finish your own item of silver jewellery, while also discovering how jewellery can be used as a positive force for social good. No experience necessary.

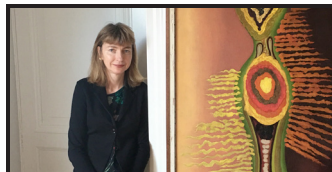


Love To Move

Workshop Women Only
11:00 to 12:00
Free

City Art Centre

A fun, age-friendly and dementia-friendly seated movement programme to music. Love to Move offers physical, emotional and cognitive benefits designed to get you moving more and enjoying yourself.



'Let's Not Have Any of Those Damned Women!'

Conversation
14:00 to 15:00

Free but booking required
City Art Centre

The Rise and Rise of Women Artists. Sacha Llewellyn will highlight the remarkable careers of women artists working in Britain in the early twentieth century, and provide a vivid and meaningful narrative.



Twilight Cycle Ride

Great Outdoors Women Only
17:00 to 20:00

£8 / £5 conc / £12 supporter
Victoria Park

A guided twilight cycle from Newhaven to Cramond and back. Get tips about lighting and safety for enjoying riding at night. Have a ride out in some great company.



Reaching for the Stars: Women in Astronomy

Conversation
19:00 to 21:00

£6.00 / £4.50 conc
Royal Observatory

Tour the Observatory and hear about the 'Lady Computers' and female engineers and astronomers who often did things first and best, but who weren't always given the chance to shine the brightest.



Chrysalis

Performance
19:30 to 21:30

£10 / £8 conc
Scottish Storytelling Centre

A stimulating provocative musical telling of women's lives through songs written by women. Blending soul, folk, blues, jazz, pop, spoken word. A compelling, timely show. 'Daring and successful' - The Scotsman



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Rope Access Taster

Workshop Women Only

10:00 to 13:00

Free but booking required

Span Access Solutions, Kinross

An opportunity to experience a technique widely used in a range of activities from pot holing to construction. Learn some basic manoeuvres and perform a task at height.



The Art of Batik

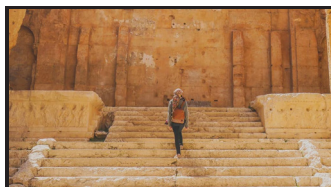
Workshop Women Only

10:15 to 12:15

£14 / £7 conc / £24 supporter

City Art Centre

Batik is believed to have originated in Indonesia where it has been practised for centuries. This workshop will introduce some simple techniques and you will make a beautiful batik panel to take home.



How to Solo Travel Like a Pro

Conversation Women Only

10:30 to 11:15

£5 / £8 supporter

City Art Centre

In How to Solo Travel Like a Pro you will learn the ins and outs of solo travelling, tips on how to meet other people and have a very low cost but rewarding experience.



Through an Open Door : Escaping the Asylum

Workshop Women Only

11:45 to 14:15

£14 / £7 conc / £24 supporter

City Art Centre

A creative writing workshop on the theme of escape, inspired by Fi Bailey's art installation 'By Moonlight'.

Includes entry to the Exhibition Opening.



Make a Movie on Your Mobile

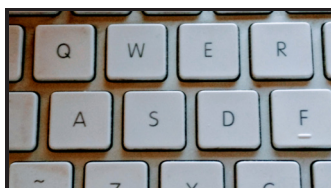
Workshop Women Only

12:30 to 14:30

£14 / £7 conc / £24 supporter

City Art Centre

This workshop will show you how to use your mobile device to edit footage, get the effects you want and share your stories to social media. You will learn how to use Adobe Rush and i-movie.



Coding Demystified

Workshop Women Only

14:00 to 17:00

Free but booking required

CodeBase

Curious about programming and how it works? Join us at this 3-hour interactive workshop to try your hand at coding, build your own programs and discover the creative world of computing.

Do What You Always Wish You Dared



Saturday 22 February



Tennis Taster Session

Great Outdoors Women Only
14:00 to 17:00

Free

Abercorn Sports Club

Abercorn Sports Club would love to see more girls and ladies playing tennis. So bring yourself, your daughters, nieces, neighbours, friends to come and have some fun on court. There will be coaching, play and a free cuppa and cake available.



Speak to Be Heard

Workshop Women Only
14:45 to 16:45

£14 / £7 conc / £24 supporter
City Art Centre

Do you hate speaking in a group? Feel self conscious sharing your ideas or point of view? Join us in a practical workshop to learn how to speak with more power and confidence. No more holding back. It's time to speak up!



Expressive Collage

Workshop Women Only
14:45 to 16:45

£14 / £7 conc / £24 supporter
City Art Centre

Expressive collage can evoke strong feelings and promote powerful messages. Or it can be straightforward fun and relaxation. Learn how to cut, paste, tear and place paper and other materials to express how you feel at the time.



Sirens and Sea Hags

Performance Women Only
15:00 to 15:50

£8 / £5 conc / £12 supporter
City Art Centre

Join sea-faring storyteller Jan Bee Brown for stories of Sirens and Sea Hags, Sami Sea Witches, Seal-mothers and shape-shifting Selkies: the wonderful women that inhabit our coasts and waters.



Night Walk in the Pentlands

Great Outdoors Women Only
17:00 to 20:30

£8 / £5 conc / £12 supporter
Bonaly Country Park

Walking in the hills at night is a special experience, with luck offering views of stunning sunsets, tawny owls, mountain hares, deer, badgers or otters. Suitable for women with average fitness levels.



InVisible Lines

Performance
20:00 to 20:50

£10 / £8 conc
Scottish Storytelling Centre

Through word, movement, song and visual imagery, InVisible Lines investigates what existence feels like when more of life has passed than is likely to lie ahead. It is tender, wild, joyous and ruthlessly honest.

Tickets: www.audaciouswomen.scot



Audacious Women Festival 2020

Sunday 23 February



Wild Women Writing with Magi Gibson

Workshop Women Only
10:15 to 12:15
£14 / £7 conc / £24 supporter
City Art Centre

A creative writing workshop for women - from beginners to experienced - looking to set fresh targets, spark ideas and build confidence. Join Magi and wake up your inner wild woman!



Using Story for Personal Empowerment

Workshop Women Only
10:15 to 12:15
£14 / £7 conc / £24 supporter
City Art Centre

The negative stories we tell ourselves too often stop us doing the things we want. We'll explore how we can transform this way of thinking by looking at the women in a well known myth and a Scottish fairy tale.



When the Blackbird Sings

Conversation Women Only
10:45 to 11:45
£6 / £10 supporter
City Art Centre

A photographic exploration of femininity, fertility and ageing. The photos were all shot at twilight. Jannica Honey will discuss her project, and how the photos were banned by a social media platform.



Scared to Sing?

Workshop Women Only
12:30 to 14:30
£14 / £7 conc / £24 supporter
City Art Centre

Are you one of the many women who have always believed you can't sing, but wish you could? Explore your voice in a friendly, safe space.



Improv Surgery

Workshop Women Only
12:30 to 14:30
£14 / £7 conc / £24 supporter
City Art Centre

Ever felt 'I couldn't do that'? Improv Surgery opens up minds, cuts out nerves and sews together skills. We'll use improvised games to improv(e) spontaneity, creativity and confidence in communication.



No Ladies Please / We Are the Women : 2 Films

Conversation Women Only
12:45 to 13:45
£6 / £10 supporter
City Art Centre

An opportunity to discover two films by Scottish women: a documentary in the making about women in Scotland, and a comical reimagining of the STUC women's invasion of a pub with a 'no ladies' rule.

Do What You Always Wish You Dared



Sunday 23 February



Playback Theatre

Interactive Theatre Women Only
14:45 to 15:45

£8 / £5 conc / £12 Supporter
City Art Centre

Playback is a unique way of telling stories - Yours! Audience members are invited to share an experience, big or small, sad or funny or just puzzling. The players honour and support the teller as they enact the essential elements of the story.



Open Mic

Performance Women Only
14:45 to 16:00

Free
City Art Centre

An opportunity for anyone who's written a poem, sung a song, or penned a story during the Festival to perform it to other Festival participants.

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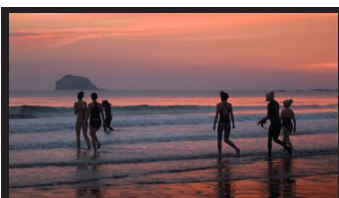
sit on your arse and make your point

Sew Sweary

Workshop Women Only
14:45 to 16:45

£14 / £7 conc / £24 supporter
City Art Centre

What made you angry this week? Sew Sweary lets you swear in stitches. Create and take home NSFW (Not Safe For Work) audacious textile art.



Sunset Sea Swim with WanderWomen

Great Outdoors Women Only
16:00 to 18:00

£25
Portobello Prom

Be audacious at the city beach, swimming in the North Sea, warming up by a bonfire and watching the sun set over Edinburgh.



Radical Voices : Open Mic

Performance
18:30 to 21:30
Free, but come early for a seat
Venue tbc

Share a song, poem or story on the theme of Audacious Women, or just come and listen. Hosted by Penny Stone, this regular Festival open mic is always a lot of fun.



Your Audacious Acts

Being audacious means something different to every woman. We each have our own starting point - something you find easy might be another woman's greatest fear. We'd love to hear about something audacious you have done, or want to do this year.

Email us at:
info@audaciouswomen.scot
and we'll share your story to inspire others.

Tickets: www.audaciouswomen.scot

The Audacious Women Festival invites women to Do What You Always Wish You Dared

This is your chance to break personal, political or institutional barriers, and to celebrate audacious women everywhere.

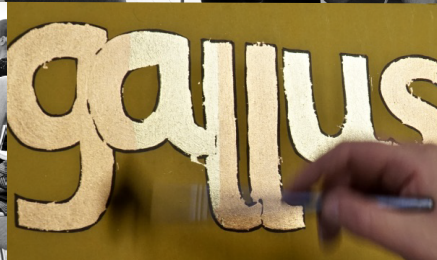
The Audacious Women Festival is unfunded so ticket sales have to cover all our costs including fair fees for our event leaders.

For most of our workshops we have three types of ticket: Standard / Concession (for women on very low incomes) and Supporter (which includes a donation towards the festival).

Please choose which ticket to buy according to your circumstances.
We will not ask for any proof, we only ask that you are honest.



Audacious Women Clothing from : www.inch-embroidery.co.uk/audaciouswomen



Tickets available at:

www.AudaciousWomen.scot

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