#### Saturday 28 February 12pm approx-1pm

**OXFORD INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FESTIVAL** presents a special event to mark the opening of the 26th annual festival. Join us for a mini parade accompanied by live music to celebrate this year's theme, 'Women Crossing Borders'. Bring banners, flags and whistles!



Venue Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3AS. Entrance Free. No need to book, just turn up Wheelchair/other disabled access. Yes All welcome. Organiser Debbie Hollingsworth. Contact 07812 350892 oxfordwomen@gmail.com Website www. oxfordinternationalwomensfestival.co.uk

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#### Sunday 1 March Registration 1pm–1.30pm, end time 4.40pm NO BORDERS FOR BUZZARDS – FUNDRAISING COUNTRY WALK

A gentle 3–4.5-mile walk for families, in memory of Bobby Rowe, resident of South Oxford. The walk starts and ends from the Loyd Lindsay Rooms in the centre of Ardington village. It takes us through community woodland and along bridle paths, returning to the Loyd Lindsay Rooms for tea and homemade cakes.

Venue Loyd Lindsay Rooms, High St, Ardington, Nr Wantage, OX12 8PS. Entrance Walk and tea inclusive: £10 adults, £5 concessions, children free. Non-walkers, tea only: £3.50. Wheelchair access to the village section of the walk and the tea room only. All welcome For car share to Ardington, contact Christine Eady. Free car parking and toilet facilities available at the Loyd Lindsay Rooms. Dogs are welcome but must at all times be restrained and on their lead. Proceeds to womens' and girls' projects in Oxford. Organiser South Oxford Event. Contact Pre-registration appreciated via Christine Eady on 01865 245793 or christine.eadywat@gmail.com



### Sunday 1 March 2.00pm-5.00pm WALK IN THE PARK

Bring your family and join the Oxford Circle for a relaxed stroll in University Parks. Enjoy homemade cakes and live music in the Pavilion afterwards!

Venue University Parks, Oxford OX1 3QD. Entrance £5.00 Wheelchair access. All welcome. Organiser Oxford Circle/Oxfam. Contact Ellie Hughes 07827956230 or via ehughes1@oxfam.org.uk and you can register on the day or email contactoxfordcircle@gmail.com in advance to let us know you are coming. Websites http://www.oxfam.org.uk/get-involved/philanthropy/the-

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## Monday 2 March 6.30pm (film 7pm)–10.00pm FILM SCREENING

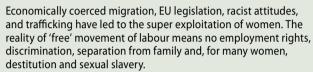
'GOING THROUGH THE CHANGE'

An opportunity to watch this great film produced for National Women Against Pit Closures as part of the 30th

anniversary of the 1984/1985 Miners' Strike. Followed by 'discussion time' with contributions from local women actively involved in supporting the miners strikes.

Venue Ruskin College, Dunstan Road, Oxford OX3 9BZ. Entrance Free – donations to Orgreave Justice campaign. Wheelchair access. All welcome. Speaker Anne-Marie Sweeney (local film maker). Organiser Ruskin College and Unison Oxfordshire County Branch. Contact T. Walsh via email twalsh@ruskin. ac.uk Websites www.oxfordshireunison.org.uk and www.ruskin.ac.uk

# Saturday 4 March 3.00pm–5.00pm CHALLENGING THE CROSS-BORDER EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN, A DISCUSSION ON THE REALITIES OF 'FREE' MIGRATION



Venue The Council Chamber, Oxford Town Hall, St Aldates, Oxford OX1 1BX. Entrance Free. Wheelchair access. All welcome. Speaker Trish Lavelle, CWU Head of Education and Training, and Tracy Walsh, Academic Co-ordinator Law, ILTUS and Business and Social Enterprise, Ruskin College. Organiser Communist Party of Britain – Oxford Branch. Contact 07788640999 or via oxford@communist-party.org.uk

## Thursday 5 March 10.00am–2.30pm CARE IN DEATH

Morning session Bringing our Dead Home. Introductory talk and shroud demonstration. When a loved one dies it is legal and possible to create a beautiful, personal and affordable home funeral.

Afternoon session Death Café. Join us for a lively chat about death and dying, with tea and cake. A chance to reflect and safely share thoughts, feelings and experiences.

Venue Eynsham, location to be given on booking. Entrance Entry by donation, bring a vegetarian lunch to share. Access All on one level (apart from three steps), not ideal for wheelchairs. All welcome. Speaker Claire Turnham. Organiser Only with love. Contact Limited spaces so book via Clare Turnham on 01865 362984 or 07881 641583 or via Claire@onlywithlove.co.uk Website www.onlywithlove.co.uk

#### Thursday 5 March 12 noon–7.00pm WOMEN'S HEALTH, WELLBEING AND HUMAN RIGHTS FAIR



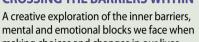


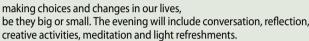
This event is running for the fifth year and is organised by community groups including Refugee Resource Women's Group, Oxfordshire-Mind, CCG, Oxford City

Amnesty Group and others. Highlights include free refreshment, stalls, exhibition, dance, women's wellbeing workshops, children's activities and cultural celebration.

Venue Cowley Wellbeing Centre, 26 Between Towns Road, Oxford OX4 3LZ. Entrance Free. Wheelchair access. Childcare provided Women-only workshops but the event is open to both sexes. Organiser Refugee Resource (with others). Contact Eden Habtemichael (01865) 403292 or 07950587137. Email edenhabtemichael@refugeeresource.org

### Thursday 5 March 6.00pm–8.00pm CROSSING THE BARRIERS WITHIN





Venue Inner Space, 21 Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3AS. Entrance Free. Limited wheelchair access please contact us in advance. Women only. Organiser Inner Space Oxford. Contact Regina Baumgart and Mina Karawadra for booking via www.innerspace.org/oxford or by phone on (01865) 244321. Website www.innerspace.org/oxford

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#### Thursday 12 March 5.00pm

(followed by reception at 6.00pm)

#### DOROTHY HODGKIN MEMORIAL LECTURE

We celebrate the achievements of Dorothy Hodgkin (1910–1994) who solved the structures of penicillin, vitamin B12 and insulin and was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1964. She was a supporter of world peace and disarmament and the development of third world countries.

Venue Oxford University Museum of Natural History, Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PW. Entrance Free. Wheelchair acco

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All welcome. Speaker Professor Petra Fromme, Director of the Center for Membrane Proteins in Infectious Diseases, Dept. of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Arizona State University, US. Organiser Oxford Association for Women in Science and Engineering (AWiSE) in collaboration with the Museum of Natural History and Somerville College. Contact Dr Yasmin Robson (01865) 750143 or via yrobson1@yahoo.com Website https://sites.google.com/site/oxfordawise/

## Thursday12 March 6.30pm–8.30pm GREEN WOMEN CAMPAIGNING AROUND THE GLOBE

Two 'green' women describe how they were inspired by green campaigns they have participated in abroad, Green Course and Gewerschafter gegen Atomkraft, and how this led to them campaigning on green issues in this country.



## Thursday 12 March 7.00pm-9.00pm AN ELECTION FOR WOMEN - HUSTINGS WITH OXFORD PROSPECTIVE PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES



Green Party

A hustings whereby the prospective parliamentary candidates for the two local constituencies each speak and then the floor is open to questions. The topic is restricted to issues of policy about women and gender for the parliamentary general election of May.

Venue Ruskin College, Dunstan Rd, Oxford OX3 9BZ. Entrance Request for small donations on the door to cover costs. Wheelchair access. All welcome. Speaker Prospective parliamentary candidates for Oxford East and Oxford West and Abingdon. Organiser Oxford Fawcett Society. Contact Oxford.fawcett@gmail.com Websites www.fawcettsociety.org.uk and

http://www.fawcettsociety.org.uk/get-involved/local-groups/oxford/

The festival committee proudly present our 26th Festival programme which is yet again full of exciting events offering a diverse range of activities.

The festival provides us with the opportunity to celebrate women's achievements in all spheres of life. But it also allows us to raise awareness of the many issues affecting women, along with promoting local, national and international campaigns.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the festival committee with whom I have had the pleasure of working with for a number of years now. But also to thank all the volunteers who take on a number of roles and without whom we would be 'lost', this years sponsors (Oxford City Council, Ruskin and Unison) and the local media who always give us excellent coverage. Lastly but definitely not less importantly, a big thank you to the individual event organisers and the many hundreds of local residents and visitors who will be attending one if not several events over the two weeks.

Debbie Hollingsworth, Festival Coordinator

Following the success of our Inspirational Oxford Women Award and the subsequent presentation night we are opening up the nomination process for our 2015 award. For a nomination pack and guidelines on what we are looking for, please contact Debbie Hollingsworth (Festival Coordinator) at: oxfordwomen@gmail.com.

The closing date for nominations is 12 April 2015

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#### Thursday 5 March 7.00pm-10.00pm **'BORDERS' THEMED QUIZ NIGHT**

Test your knowledge of all things BORDERS to raise money for the Oxford branch of Women for Women International. There will also be a raffle with some exciting prizes to be won! (Maximum six people per quiz team).

Venue Pembroke College Bar, Pembroke College, Oxford, OX1 1DW. Entrance £3 per person if you are entering the quiz. Wheelchair access. All welcome. Organiser Oxford Women for Women International. Contact Annie Smith. Website https://www.facebook.com/oxfordwfwi

#### Thursday 5 March 7.30pm **GINA YASHERE**

Making a rare UK performance, multi award-winning comedian Gina Yashere returns to Oxford with her hilarious new live show Laugh Riot. Gina has performed sell-out shows around the world, appearing on popular TV programmes, including Mock the Week.

Venue Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford 0X1 2LW. Entrance £18.50, concessions £16. Wheelchair access. All welcome. Speaker Gina Yashere. Organiser Oxford Playhouse. Contact Ticket Office - 01865 305 305. Website www.oxfordplayhouse.com

#### Thursday 5 March 7.30pm-9.00pm **OPEN SCREEN - WOMEN FILMMAKERS SHOWCASE**



Come to Open Screen to be inspired and entertained by a showcase of films made by local women filmmakers. The event includes the premiere of the film made on the Reel Women course at Film Oxford in March.

Venue Film Oxford, 54 Catherine Street, Oxford OX4 3AH. Entrance Free. Wheelchair/other disabled access steps at front entrance but ramp in car park entrance. All welcome. Speaker Zoe Broughton (Event Host). Organiser Film Oxford. Contact/Website https://www.filmoxford.org

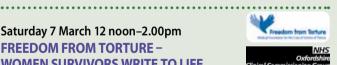
#### Friday 6 March 5.30pm–7.30pm (mingling and open discussion afterwards)

## **WOMEN CROSSING BORDERS -**



Venue Oxford Town Hall, St Aldates, Oxford OX1 1BX. Entrance Free. Wheelchair access. All welcome. Speakers Liz Hodgkinson – author and journalist, including 'Ladies of The Street' - pioneering women journalists fighting their way into Fleet Street, and 'Happy to be Single'. Kerilyn Schewel - DPhil student, International Development, University of Oxford, 2014 Dissertation Prize for MSc in Migration Studies. Kat Eghdamian – MPhil candidate, International Development, University of Oxford, Human Rights Researcher and Advocate Jessica Lam – DPhil candidate, Physical Chemistry, Founder and Managing Director of 'One Woman a Year'. Amali de Alwis - CEO of Code First: Girls, Thought Leadership Manager, PwC UK. Amanda Cooper-Sarkar – Professor in Particle Physics at St Hilda's College, Oxford, world traveller, mother of two children, Organiser Oxford International Women's Festival OxFEST, Contact Yasmin Robson on (01865) 750143 or via yrobson1@yahoo.com, fest@nexus. ox.ac.uk. Website https://www.ox-fest.org

#### Saturday 7 March 12 noon-2.00pm FREEDOM FROM TORTURE **WOMEN SURVIVORS WRITE TO LIFE**



Jade Amoli-Jackson (Ugandan poet) and Soraya Mohammadi (Iranian writer of prose and poetry), members of Freedom from Torture's Write to Life group, will read from their work, about leaving their home countries and their experience as refugees seeking asylum here.

Venue Ruskin College, Dunstan Road, Oxford OX3 9BZ. Entrance £8.00; concessions £7.00. Wheelchair access. All welcome. Speakers Jade Amoli-Jackson and Soraya Mohammadi. Organiser Freedom From Torture's Write to Life Group, Contact John Hume asap to book: pebbleshore@btinternet.com or by phone: 07855495898. Website http://www.freedomfromtorture.org/

#### Saturday 7 March 2.00pm-4.00pm **FASHION REVOLUTION**





Venue Hatch, 37/38 Little Clarendon Street, Oxford OX1 2HF (next to Mortons). Entrance Free (donations welcome). Wheelchair/other disabled access Wheelchair access to main area is good. No wheelchair access for toilets. All welcome. Organiser Creators of Peace. Contact Miranda Shaw on 07780 963239. Turn up or secure your space via creatorsofpeace@uk.iofc.org Website http://www.iofc.org/creators-of-peace

### Saturday 7 and 12 March (two-part event)

2.00pm-5.00pm

#### **CONTESTATIONS AROUND FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION IN THE UK AND ELSEWHERE**

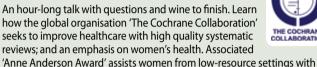
7 March – Roundtables and presentations by well-known activists/academics in the field of FGM 12 March - Roundtable, film and exhibition

In the UK and abroad, debates abound around the practice of Female Genital Mutilation. This thought-provoking event will provide space for nuanced debates about FGM featuring the expertise of Afrocentric and black feminist analyses.

Venue Talbot Hall, Lady Margaret Hall, Norham Gardens, Oxford OX2 6QA. Entrance Free Accessible via eight steps to main entrance. All welcome. Speaker Kerrie Thornhill, Tobe Levin von Gleichen and others. Organiser International Gender Studies (Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford). Contact Dr Tobe Levin von Gleichen and Kerrie Thornhill on 0747 920 0595 or via lgs.admin@lmh.ox.ac.uk Website http://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/IGSC/Home/ Activities/External-Events/Oxford-International-Women-s-Festival.aspx

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#### Saturday 7 March 7.00pm-8.30pm **WOMEN AND EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE**



Cochrane activities.

Venue The Missing Bean, Turl Street, Oxford OX1 3DQ. Entrance £4 / £3 (all profits split between the Anne Anderson Award and OIWF). Wheelchair access (no toilets at venue). All welcome. Speaker Two representatives from The Cochrane Collaboration. Organiser The Cochrane Collaboration. Contact Anna Hobson (01865) 225762 or via email Anna.hobson@ndcn.ox.ac.uk Website http://www.cochrane.org/

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#### Saturday 7 March 4.00pm-6.00pm THIRD ANNUAL NOW LECTURE (WOMEN **UNITED FOR PEACE: A HUNDRED YEAR RETROSPECTIVE)**



NOW is a diverse network of women campaigning for human rights at a local, national and international level. We meet for discussion, activism and solidarity! The lecture will consider the role of women in peace movements in 1915 and today.

Venue Mansfield College (TBC). Entrance Free. Wheelchair access. All welcome. Organiser Network of Oxford Women (NOW) for Justice and Peace. Contact nowoxford@gmail.com Website www.nowpeace.org

#### Sunday 8 March 10.00am-12 noon **CAFÉ LEON**

Coffee morning to raise funds to help women in our twin city of Leon (Nicaragua) oppose gender discrimination. There will be Nicaraguan coffee and delicious cakes for sale. The event will be part of the South Oxford Farmers' Market held every Sunday at the SOCC.

Venue South Oxford Community Centre, Lake Street, Oxford OX14RP. Entrance Free entry but cakes and drinks to buy. Wheelchair access. All welcome. Organiser Oxford Leon Association and Trust (OLAT). Contact Ms B.J. Mercer on (01865) 246608 or via Bjmercer2011@hotmail.co.uk Website www.oxfordleonlink.org.uk

#### Sunday 8 March 2.30pm-4.30pm **LOVE YOURSELF - WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP**



Treat yourself to a nurturing and uplifting afternoon of Nia Movement, Dance Meditation and Simple Yoga/Relaxation. Bring more energy, FEEL, HEAL, PLAY, SHARE, CARE, GIVE, LET GO, RELAX AND BE.

Venue St Albans Hall, Corner of Charles/Catherine Street, East Oxford OX4 2AJ. Entrance Donations - £7 to £12. Wheelchair access. Women only. Speaker Vicky Rainbow. Organiser SOUL SHINE - Dance, Fitness and Wellbeing. Contact Pre-booking essential (places limited) via www.meetup.com/soulshine or via Vicky Rainbow on 07910 531 371 or info@soulshine.org.uk Website www. soulshine.org.uk

#### Sunday 8 March 2.00pm-5.30pm A MIND WITHOUT FRONTIERS -A WORLD WITHOUT FEAR



Imagine a world without borders or frontiers, where the word impossible is incomprehensible. Where fear has no hold because we know it is just an illusion. Imagine then stepping into unlimitedness ... If you would like this to be a waking dream in your life, join us for an exploration into an evolution of a world where anything

Venue The Global Retreat Centre, Nuneham Park, Nuneham Courtenay, Oxon OX44 9PG. Entrance Free. Wheelchair access. Women only. Organiser The Global Retreat Centre. Contact 01865 343 551 or via info@globalretreatcentre.org Website www.globalretreatcentre.org

#### Sunday 8 March

#### **RECLAIM THE NIGHT**

Women will march through Oxford on International Women's Day 2015 (Sunday 8 March) to 'Reclaim the Night' and spaces they may normally be fearful of, or avoid because of fear of violence, sexual harassment or rape. The march aims to raise awareness of the scale of violence against women in our society, the need to prevent it, and the need to ensure women and girls can live free from the fear or violence.

Further updates on the timings, route and related events will be published on  $Reclaim\ the\ Night\ Oxford\ on\ Facebook\ and\ @OxfordRTN\ on\ twitter.$ 

#### Monday 9 March 10.00am-3.00pm

## **INTRODUCTION TO FEMINIST LITERATURE**

What is feminist literature trying to achieve? Looking at some examples, exploring what they are saying and how they say it, you will discuss your views and begin to learn how to analyse literature.

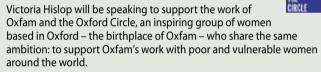
Venue Judges Room, Oxfordshire County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND. Entrance Free (Refreshments provided, but not lunch). Wheelchair access. Women only. Facilitator Vivienne Miles MA AMAC. Organiser Unison Oxfordshire County Branch. Contact Debbie Hollingsworth for booking via email, wedgedaisy@gmail.com Website www.oxfordshireunison.org.uk

#### Tuesday 10 March 6.00pm-9.00pm AN EVENING FOR WOZA

Formed in 2003, Women of Zimbabwe Arise (WOZA) is an activist organisation that encourages women to stand up for their rights and freedoms. Its members are regularly harassed and detained. Join Amnesty for a fundraiser, film and (possibly!) a Skype meeting with WOZA members.

Venue East Oxford Community Centre (TBC). Entrance Suggested donation £3 (waged). All welcome. Organiser Oxford City Amnesty International Group. Contact Emma Jones and Cerina Lee Mashiringwane via women@oxfordamnesty.org.uk Website http://www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/oxford-city

#### Tuesday 10 March 7.00pm – no later than 9pm **OXFORD CIRCLE AUTHOR TALK -VICTORIA HISLOP**



Venue Blackwell's Bookshop, 51 Broad St, Oxford OX1 3BQ. Entrance £10.00. Wheelchair access. All welcome. Speaker Victoria Hislop. Organiser Oxford Circle/Oxfam. Contact Ellie Hughes on 07827956230 or via ehughes1@oxfam.org. uk Booking recommended via email contactoxfordcircle@gmail.com to RSVP. Please include numbers attending and contact details. Subject to availability, tickets may be sold on the door. Please check beforehand. Websites http://www. oxfam.org.uk/get-involved/philanthropy/the-circle/oxford-circle or http://www. facebook.com/theoxfordcircleoxfam

#### Tuesday 10 March 7.00pm-9.30pm THE GLOBAL EDUCATION 'REFORM' **MOVEMENT: BUILDING RESISTANCE AND SOLIDARITY**



Privatisation, standardised testing, performance-related pay are changing the nature of education. Our speakers will lead a discussion on the impact of the Global Education 'Reform' Movement on women's work and the opportunities to build resistance and solidarity across borders.

Venue Ruskin College, Dunstan Road, Old Headington, Oxford OX3 9BZ. Entrance Free. Adults and children welcome / communal childcare Wheelchair access. Speaker Philipa Harvey, NUT Senior Vice President. Organiser National Union of Teachers (Oxfordshire Association). Contact Gawain Little, Jemma Fowler on 07967392229 or via g.little@executive.nut. org.uk Booking recommended for refreshments via our website www.oxnut. org.uk by 10 March Website www.oxnut.org.uk

#### Tuesday 10 March 8.00pm-11.00pm

#### **MONTHLY MEETING**





#### Thursday 12 March 5.00pm-7.00pm **FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION: CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES, AND AVENUES FOR ACTIVISM**



"Female genital mutilation is a global problem that requires a global solution" – Plan UK. A series of short talks from activists and academics will address the origins and causes of FGM, its effects on women's lives, and how it can be prevented.

Venue Doctorow Room, St Edmund Hall, 1 Queen's Lane, Oxford OX1 4AR. Entrance Free, but donations on the door will go towards Oxford WFWI (and Kenyan community of OIWF's choice). No wheelchair access. All welcome. Speaker Dr Tobe Levin, contributors from 28 Too Many. Organiser Oxford Women for Women International. Contact Elsa Field on 07581311193 or via womenforwomen@oxfordhub.org