

EVENTS continued



THURSDAY 2nd MARCH, 7–9pm
Green Women Trailblazers

Venue: West Oxford Community Centre, Botley Rd, OX2 0BT. **FREE** | All welcome | **Wheelchair access** Lucy Ford, Caroline Lucas's first Brussels' research assistant will talk about the many 'firsts' Caroline has achieved in her political career. Anne Dodd who has a commemorative oak tree from Wangari Maathai will talk about the first ever African female Nobel Prize winner and her many green achievements. **Speakers:** Lucy Ford & Anne Dodd **Organiser:** Oxfordshire Green Party **Contact:** Hazel Dawe hazeldawe5@gmail.com | www.greenoxfordshire.com



SATURDAY 4th MARCH, 2–6pm
Brave Inspirational Gracious – B.I.G. stories from women peacemakers across the globe

Venue: Oxford Town Hall, Long Room. **FREE, donations welcome** | **Wheelchair access** Women change-makers share their stories through word and film. Join us for a participatory afternoon listening, discussing and getting creative with our word installation. **Organiser:** Creators of Peace **Booking recommended, contact:** Ashley Muller, Miranda Shaw, Elizabeth Laskar, email: creatorsofpeace@uk.iofc.org **by 4 March** | www.uk.iofc.org/creators-of-peace



SAT 4th MARCH, 10am–10.30pm
SUN 5th MARCH, 9.30am–5.30pm
Women & Bicycles

Venue: East Oxford Community Centre, Princes St, OX4 1DD. **Earlybird: £35** | **Regular: £45** | **Day ticket: £20.** Free places also available in exchange for volunteering. All welcome | **Wheelchair access** Join us for a wonderful celebration of how women and bicycles are changing the world, with a glittering line-up of inspirational speakers, hands-on workshops and sociable guided rides for all levels. **Booking recommended (via website).** **Organiser:** Team Beryl and The Adventure Syndicate **Contact:** 07551 711 746 or info@bsbcoop.org | www.theadventuresyndicate.com



SUNDAY 5th MARCH, 10am–4pm
"YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL" – Women's Dance & Wellbeing Day

Venue: Sandford On Thames Village Hall, Henley Rd, Sandford On Thames OX14 4YN. **£40–£50 pre-pay** | For women | **Wheelchair access** Get in touch with your inner beauty, goodness & power in an uplifting & nurturing day of Nia Holistic Movement, Creative Expression (sound/art) & Dance Meditation/Mindfulness. Bring a vegan lunch item to share. Healthy nibbles/drinks included. **Speaker/performer:** Vicky Rainbow (info@soulshine.org.uk) **Organiser:** SOUL SHINE – Dance, Fitness & Wellbeing. **Contact/booking:** www.meetup.com/soulshine/ **Booking essential** www.soulshine.org.uk



SUNDAY 5th MARCH, 7pm refreshments, film showing at 7.15–9.45pm
It was 50 years ago today – the legacy of Cathy Come Home and the housing crisis

Venue: West Oxford Community Centre, Botley Rd, OX2 0BT. **FREE.** Donations welcome for Toilet Twinning charity (West Oxford Community Centre) & Oxford International Women's Festival. All welcome (incl. older children if accompanied by an adult) | Refreshments provided | **Wheelchair access** Film and discussion/Q&A on equality issues. Part of a series run by ODTUC to raise awareness. **Organiser:** Oxford & District Trades Union Council. **Contact:** 01865 288473, oxfordtuc@gmail.com **How to book:** www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/it-was-50-years-ago-today-the-legacy-of-cathy-come-home-tickets-30495497855 | www.odtuc.org.uk



MONDAY 6th MARCH, 7.30–9.30pm
Needs Must When The Devil Drives

Venue: Ruskin College, Dunstan Rd, OX3 9BZ. **FREE** | **Wheelchair access & elevator available** | All welcome This acclaimed film removes the male prism on the early history of trade unions and working class movements in Oxfordshire, discovering and celebrating the pivotal role that women played in gaining workers' rights. **Speaker:** Anne-Marie Sweeney (Director). **Organiser:** Ruskin Student Union. No need to book – contact Chloe Walsh and Emma Brogan 15walsch@ruskin.ac.uk or 16brogem@ruskin.ac.uk for more information. www.facebook.com/ruskinstudentunion



WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH, 2–3.30pm
Women Thinking Big in the Arts: The contribution of women composers

Venue: IGS at LMH, Talbot Hall, Lady Margaret Hall, Norham Gardens, OX2 6QA. **FREE, Donations welcome** | All welcome | **Wheelchair access** Making women's history audible. The Lyric Piano Trio: Elisabeth Reed, Eppie Churcher and Coral Lancaster perform a programme of musical pieces by exclusively female composers in this celebration of women's musical canon. **Organiser:** International Gender Studies Centre at Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford. **Contact:** Maria Jaschok igs.admin@lmh.ox.ac.uk | http://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/IGSC/Home/Activities/IWD.aspx



WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH, 10am–5.30pm
Big Beats Dance Day

Venue: Main Hall, East Oxford Community Centre, 44 Princes St, OX4 1DD. **FREE** | For women | **Wheelchair access** To celebrate International Women's Day, join Big Beats Dance and other local dance and well-being facilitators in a day of workshops and classes designed to provide a safe and inclusive space to relax, dance and connect with your true self! Home-cooked lunch by Buddhabing available from 12.30–1.30pm and a range of workshops will run throughout the day. **Organiser:** Rozz McDonald/Tina Tosti, Big Beats Dance/Buddhabing. **How to book/find out more:** contact 0755511264 or info@bigbeats.org – or just drop in! | www.bigbeats.org

MAIN EVENT



Wednesday 8th March, 6.30–10pm
Oxford International Women's Festival Presents:
Reflections on Women Thinking Big in the Arts, Science, Politics & Education

Venue: Oxford Town Hall, St Aldates, OX1 1BX.

FREE. Refreshments included | All welcome | **Wheelchair access** Join us in our celebration of International Women's Day. The Festival's theme 'Art, Science, Education and Politics' will be explored through music, conversation and discussion. Music will be provided by Peggy Seeger and the Windrush String Quartet. Discussion and conversation will be led Alison Baskerville (artist), Elspeth Garman (Professor of Molecular Biophysics), Lyndall Gordon (literary biographer) and Kerry-Anne Mendoza (political journalist and writer). Chaired by Dr Alice Proshaska (Principal of Somerville College).



Peggy Seeger

How to book: <https://oiwf2017.eventbrite.com> – or just drop in!
Contact: oxfordwomen@gmail.com



THURSDAY 9th MARCH, 7.30–9.30pm
Women's Film Night at Open Screen: Oxford's 'Open Mic' film night

Venue: Film Oxford, 54 Catherine Street, OX4 3AH. **FREE** | All welcome | **Wheelchair access** An evening of empowering films by and about women, including the film made on the Reel Women course this week (to book see filmoxford.org/training). Meet Oxford filmmakers, share ideas and see how films can create change. **Speaker:** Zoe Broughton. **Organiser:** Open Screen (supported by Film Oxford) **How to book:** meetup.com/open-screen-oxford **by 9th March** – or just drop in!
www.filmoxford.org/open-screen



FRIDAY 10th MARCH, 12.30–2.30pm

Route 66... Gateways and Tolls in Women's Journeys

Venue: Activate Learning, Oxpens Rd, OX1 1SA. **FREE** | Primarily for women | **Wheelchair access** Following 2015's Festival event 'Women on the Move', we shall present stories from women at various stages of their lives; explore the cost of certain pathways; alternative routes; review opportunities, including a practical activity; complete LinkedIn profiles for success. **Speakers:** Hilary Stone, co-author of 'Women on the Move', Carol Taylor, report writer for 'Mid Life Career Reviews'. **Organiser:** Hilary Stone Associates. **Contact/booking:** by email to hilary@hilarystoneassociates.co.uk **by 28th February**



FRIDAY 10th MARCH, 2.30–4pm
Brain Diaries: Modern Neuroscience in Action

Exhibition spotlight
Venue: Oxford University Museum of Natural History, Parks Rd, OX1 3PW. **FREE** | All welcome | **Wheelchair access**
An opportunity to meet some of the female neuroscientists whose research features in the Museum's latest exhibition, Brain Diaries: Modern Neuroscience in Action, on its opening day. The exhibition is open from 10 March – 3 September 2017. No need to book – just drop in! www.oum.ox.ac.uk

FRIDAY 10th MARCH, 12 noon–3.30pm

Mixed Blessings from a Cambridge Union

Venue: County Hall, New Rd, OX1 1ND. **FREE** | All welcome | **Wheelchair access** Reflections from Professor Elizabeth Anionwu's memoirs. Elizabeth was born in Birmingham of Irish/Nigerian heritage. Her white unmarried mother had been a student at Cambridge University. Elizabeth spent nine years in Catholic children's homes. How did she succeed in life? For more information: www.elizabethanionwu.co.uk
Speaker: Elizabeth Anionwu. **Organiser:** Debbie Hollingsworth, Unison Oxfordshire County Branch. **Contact:** 07812 350892 wedgedaisy@gmail.com
Booking preferred. Email or phone by 9th March.



FRIDAY 10th MARCH, 5.30pm
Dorothy Hodgkin Memorial Lecture 'From molecules to medicine'

Venue: Somerville College, Oxford. **FREE, donations welcome** | All welcome | **Wheelchair access** The advent of personal genome data is changing our understanding of biology. **Speaker:** Professor Dame Janet Thornton, DBE, FRS, FMedSci European Bioinformatics Institute, European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL-EBI) (Director: EMBL-EBI 2001–2015) will present the thrills and challenges of working in this breath-taking world of molecules and medicine. **Organiser:** Oxford Association for Women in Science & Engineering (AWISE) in collaboration with the Museum of Natural History & Somerville College. **Contact:** Dr Yasmin Robson – yrobson1@yahoo.com | <https://sites.google.com/site/oxfordawise/>



SATURDAY 11th MARCH, 9.30am–4pm

Mindful Women

Venue: Oxford Counselling Centre, The Old Music Hall, 106–108 Cowley Rd, OX4 1JE. **£65.00 (only 30 places).** For women | **Wheelchair access** This one-day women's conference will utilize the benefits of mindfulness to renew our sense of self, ignite our inner strength, re-energize our thought processes and remind us of the beauty and preciousness of being a woman and our contributions to life. **Speakers:** to be confirmed – Breathworks/Oxford Mindfulness Centre. **Organiser:** Vision Counselling/Oxford Counselling Centre. **Contact:** Email visioncounselling@gmail.com or call 0798355318 Book NOW. www.oxfordcounsellingcentre.com

SATURDAY 11th MARCH, 6.30–8.30pm

Orinoco Flow

Venue: see www.oxfordinternationalwomensfestival.co.uk/
Entrance: £12 | All welcome | **Wheelchair access** Orinoco presents a FASHION SHOW with a twist, using recycled materials, conceived by local designers and lay people. The theme is the re-use of material, which is the raison d'être of the Orinoco charity. **Contact:** Zohra Fatima-Jenkinson 07780371050 email: zohra.jenkinson@gmail.com OR Lizzie Maisels 07974647172 email: elizabeth.maisels@gmail.com Website: [orinocosrapstore.wordpress.com](http://orinocoscrapstore.wordpress.com) or phone: 01865 76113



SATURDAY 11th MARCH, 7.30pm for 8pm start
Wild Chocolate Club – The Raw Ecstatic Conscious Clubbing Experience

Venue: Main Hall, East Oxford Community Centre, 44 Princes Street, OX4 1DD | All welcome | **Wheelchair access** | **£5 reduced rate in honour of OIWF** | **Drug and Alcohol Free** We create a beautiful dance space where YOU can explore the body's desire to move and connect with others from an authentic place. There is no partner dancing, no steps are taught, and we close our eyes so you really can dance like no-one is watching! • ECSTATIC AWAKENING DANCE • LOVE LOUNGE • SACRED CACAO • No need to book – just drop in!

SATURDAY 11th MARCH, 2–4pm

Women on the March – A Suffrage Walk around Oxford City Centre

Venue: Meet inside Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's. **£6 and £3 concessions.** Money will go to the Festival | All welcome | **Wheelchair access:** in the Town Hall, but not on walk. A return of the popular walk which retraces the history of the women suffrage activists in Oxford. A gentle, guided walk of about two hours led by **Dr Katherine Bradley**, author of the illustrated booklet, 'Women on the March'. **Contact:** 01865 724371 and/or k.h.bradley@open.ac.uk



MONDAY 13th MARCH, 6.30–9.30pm
Oxford International Women's Festival Dinner

Venue: Asian Cultural Centre, Manzil Way (off Cowley Rd), OX4 1GH. **£20 for dinner and entertainment.** **£15.00 for over-60s** | All welcome | **Wheelchair access** The dinner will be preceded by Indian live music and speeches by notable women, followed by a three-course Indian home-cooked meal, Indian classical dance and sari-wearing demonstrations. The dinner coincides with the Indian Spring Festival of Colours – Holi...so do come & experience some face-painting and Rangoli. **Organiser:** Chinta Kallie. **Booking is essential by Friday 10th March. How to book:** contact chintakallie@hotmail.com | www.oxfordhindutemple.org

Special Events...

These events fall outside the OIWF period but might well be of interest to festival-goers:

TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY, 7.15–9pm

Oxford City Amnesty Group / Oxford Against Cutting present:

My Body, My Rights: Women Speaking Up Against FGM

Venue: Oxford Town Hall. **FREE** | All welcome | **Wheelchair access** Oxford Against Cutting (OAC) is a local charity set up by members of Oxford Amnesty International. Both groups are rooted in human rights and are taking steps to tackle female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C). OAC tackles FGM/C of girls and women living in Oxfordshire and their speakers will explain the harm, the law, local action and what you can do to help end the practice. **Speakers:** Kaddy Touray, Survivor and Director, OAC and Kate Agha, Co-founder and Executive Director, OAC. Email: women@oxford-amnesty.org.uk Oxford City Amnesty: www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/oxford-city Oxford Against Cutting: www.oxfordagainstcutting.org

THURSDAY 16th MARCH, 6–7pm

Centre for Diversity Policy Research and Practice – Oxford Brookes University present:

Melanie Richards in Conversation

Venue: Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, Gipsy Lane, OX3 0BP. **FREE** | All welcome | **Wheelchair access** Vice Chairman and Partner at KPMG, Melanie Richards in conversation with Professor Simonetta Manfredi of Oxford Brookes University's Centre for Diversity Policy Research and Practice, discussing women's roles in Leadership. **Booking recommended. How to book:** cdprp@brookes.ac.uk or 01865 488108. www.brookes.ac.uk/the-centre-for-diversity-policy-research-and-practice

