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WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH

6.15pm-8.30pm

**WOW Presents Prima Facie
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SATURDAY 11 MARCH

10.15am-11.15am

**Joyful, Joyful: Stories
Celebrating Black Voices**

10.30am & 5pm

WOW Under 10's Feminist Corners

10.30am-6pm

Saturday WOW Festival Day Pass

5.30pm-6.30pm

WOW Speed Mentoring

7.30pm-9pm

The Big O with Oloni at WOW

9pm-10.30pm

UK Jazz Plus Sessions - Live at WOW

FRIDAY 10 MARCH

9am-10am

WOW Speed Mentoring

10.30am-6pm

Friday WOW Festival Day Pass

6.30pm-7.15pm

WOW Sounds Presents LayFullstop

7.30pm-9pm

Off Air with Jane & Fi at WOW

SUNDAY 12 MARCH

10.15am-11.15am

The Little Match Girl Strikes Back

10.15am-11.15am

**Tolá Okogwu: Onyeka and
the Academy of the Sun**

10.30am & 5pm

WOW Under 10's Feminist Corners

10.30am-6pm

Sunday WOW Festival Day Pass

7.30pm-9pm

Roxane Gay Live at WOW

Tickets are available to buy for events taking place over the weekend. Visit the Ticket Office, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall. You can also call 020 3879 9555 or book online at southbankcentre.co.uk*

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WELCOME FROM JUDE KELLY

FOUNDER AND CEO OF THE WOW FOUNDATION

Look for the similarities. Look for the positives.

These phrases may seem glib, borrowed from therapy, recovery movements and tea towels but I want to propose we use them during this year's WOW Festival – our 13th in London – as an approach to how we listen.

We have all been increasingly alarmed by the many forms of violence and abuse that men rain down on women who hold public platforms and take public stances on issues of any kind. Yet we also can quickly fall into using expressions of derision and contempt when we feel our anger rising about people with whom we disagree. We're also all acutely aware of the echo chamber we each live in, and how easy it is to stay in and not open ourselves up to new voices, people whose experiences might be vastly different from our own.

It's very hard to break out of this pattern, but that is what we can do at WOW. WOW was created as a fully inclusive festival so we could celebrate the amazing achievements of all women, girls and non-binary people, and recognise we have so many things in our lives that bring us together in often unexpected ways. Our love of ideas, music, family, sport, art, adventure, activism, nature, office life is compromised by the gender inequality running through all our institutions and cultures. Our ability to fight racism, ableism, transphobia, homophobia and more rests on us looking for what we have in common and signing up to be allies in each other's struggles. I can't wait to feel invigorated by three days of listening and learning from hundreds of different voices and stories. Who knows where our new knowledge will take us in our fight to end gender inequality?

Have a great WOW.

Jude Kelly CBE



ABOUT THE WOW FOUNDATION

WOW - Women of the World is a global movement launched by Jude Kelly CBE at the Southbank Centre more than a decade ago; celebrating women, girls and non-binary people and looking at the obstacles that stop them from achieving their potential.

Since 2010, WOW has reached more than five million people worldwide and entered a new exciting stage of its journey. In 2018 Jude stepped down as Artistic Director of the Southbank Centre to focus on WOW and set up The WOW Foundation.

Based in London, the charity's small team works with amazing organisations and individuals across the globe to deliver festivals worldwide, programme events, workshops and more across the UK all year-round. This year WOW Festivals will take place in locations including Bangladesh, Pakistan and Greece, as well as in Leeds, Rotherham and Scotland in the UK.

WOW is the biggest, most comprehensive and significant festival dedicated to women, girls and non-binary people. WOW is for EVERYONE and everyone is invited to join the global movement. Head to thewowfoundation.com to find out more.

Charity number: 1189880

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON WOW!

WOW's second annual survey is now open and will help us discover if WOW is making the difference that we want to, in the ways that we aim to.

Thousands of people across the world took part in the survey last year, and your responses have really helped us shape our programme. Please complete our anonymous online survey via the link below and support the WOW movement.

We want to hear from as many people as possible, including those who might not have been to a WOW event or even have heard of us! So we'd be really grateful if you could share the survey with friends and family. Every response will help us on our journey to tackle gender inequality.





MARKETPLACE

Friday-Sunday 11.30am-7pm

The WOW Marketplace is the heart of every WOW Festival across the globe. Head to the Royal Festival Hall to explore stalls, shop from amazing businesses and social enterprises, and take part in workshops on everything from comic book drawing to head wrapping.

The WOW Marketplace is completely free to the public, and many of the workshops are too – head to page 12 for details. All of the stalls listed below are women and non-binary-led businesses, activist initiatives or amazing organisations we want you to discover. **Here's what's on offer:**

Ana Gallego Illustrations
anagallegoillustrations.com
Saturday Stall 5

Watercolour illustrations of meaningful buildings, shopfronts and landmarks that are the heart of the community in different boroughs of London.

Art Against Knives
artagainstknaves.com
Friday Stall 8

A young people-led charity, raising aspirations and exploring issues including violence against women and girls, healthy relationships, mental health and sexuality.

Asan Wellness UK Ltd
asancup.com
Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 24

Showcasing the innovative Asan period cup, designed at the Harvard Innovation Lab, which averts the waste of 2,500 tampons. For every Asan cup sold at WOW, they will donate one to someone in rural India who cannot afford period care.

Aşo
aso-global.com
Friday Stall 5

Contemporary clothing, jewellery, stationery and leather accessories, featuring collaborations with African artists such as Kosisochukwu Nnebe and Tarra-Louise Charles.

BAMI
bami.london
Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 4

Black-owned, designer, limited edition unisex leather accessories that are hand-stitched in London.

Beauty Banks
beautybanks.org.uk

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 29
A hygiene poverty charity distributing essential toiletries to partner charities and organisations across the UK.

BelEve
beleveuk.org
Friday Stall 13

BelEve offers mentoring services and programmes to empower girls and young women aged eight to 22-years-old.

Black & Beech
blackandbeech.com
Sunday Stall 14

Design-led Welsh brand which champions equality, offering ethically-made clothing, mugs, knitwear, pyjamas, jewellery and stationery.

Cece Finery
cecefinery.com
Friday Stall 14

Handmade, eco-conscious Afro-chic bags and accessories, made using fabric offcuts and coconut remnants.

Chalk Jewellery
thechalkhouse.com
Saturday, Sunday Stall 28

An arrangement of bold, bright handmade jewellery, prints and mirrors with a bright, vibrant aesthetic.

CIOB (Chartered Institute of Building)
ciob.org

Friday, Saturday Stall 4
Destigmatising the construction industry and offering information about the vast work opportunities available to women.

Colourful Creation Home Design
etsy.com/shop/colourfulhomeware

Saturday, Sunday Stall 10
Stylish, modern home decor, made ethically and naturally. Recyclable, sustainable and great for our environment.

Dear Katiopae
dearkatiopae.com

Saturday, Sunday Stall 32
Jewellery and home decor made of brass and bronze from Ghana and Kenya, which tell stories about African cultures.

Dharti The Store
dhartisthestore.co.uk
Sunday Stall 5

Handblock printed clothing, handmade unique products and accessories ethically made by artisans of rural India.

Equimundo
equimundo.org

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 7
Equimundo works to achieve gender equality and social justice by transforming intergenerational patterns of harm and promoting patterns of care, empathy and accountability among boys and men throughout their lives.

Fairshare
fairsharehome.com

Sunday Stall 22
An early stage start-up helping people to divide household responsibilities more fairly, enabling them to be the best person, partner or parent they aspire to be.

The Fawcett Society
fawcettsociety.org.uk

Friday Stall 22
The UK's leading charity campaigning for gender equality and women's rights.

Flakie's Fashion
flakiesfashion.com

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 26
Earrings, fans and headbands made from Ankara prints designed to empower women, and celebrating that beauty comes in all sizes and shapes.

Foyles
foyles.co.uk

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 17
WOW London's official bookseller, offering books by speakers and hosting book signings.

Funkee Foods
funkeefoods.com
Saturday Stall 23

All-natural hot sweet pepper sauces, made using "funkee"-looking fruits and vegetables rejected by supermarkets solely based on their appearance.

GirlBE Club
girlbe.club

Friday Stall 10
A positivity and empowerment subscription box for girls aged 7-12 years, with a mission to give girls a strong sense of worth and ambition before they reach their crucial teen years.

Girls Who Grind Coffee
girlswhogrindcoffee.com

Friday, Saturday Stall 21
A womxn-led, anti-patriarchy specialty coffee roastery and rebellion movement, offering coffees sourced exclusively from change-making womxn producers, as well as GWGC merchandise.



MARKETPLACE

**Global Girl Project**

globalgirlproject.org

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 6

A small feminist charity working with girls and young women around the globe, creating social change through community development and social action.

Goal Diggers FC

goaldiggersfootballclub.com

Saturday afternoon Stall 22

Following their pop-up football skills session on Saturday (1-1.30pm, outside), come to their stall to hear more about this non-ability womxn and non-binary football club in East London, and to sample their merchandise.

Grandison London

grandisonlondon.com

Sunday Stall 9

London-based leather designer, inspired by culture, colour and materials, selling T-shirts and bags.

Heart n Soul

heartnsoul.co.uk

Saturday, Sunday Stall 30

Creative and colourful fashion, homewares, stationery, art and gifts designed by Heart n Soul's talented artists with learning disabilities. Don't miss Heart n Soul's WOW pop-up performance on Saturday!

Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust

jostrust.org.uk

Friday & Saturday Stall 33

Charity offering vital information and support around cervical screening, HPV and cervical cancer.

Judith P. Raynault Studio

judithpraynault.com

Sunday Stall 12

Illustrator selling high quality giclée fine art prints of women reading female authors, social justice, snippets of everyday life and great storytelling in all its forms.

Kelis Africa

kelisafrika.com

Friday Stall 30

Statement jewellery, accessories and children's clothing made with African prints.

Kinky Apothecary

kinkyapothecary.com

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 34

A fun, interactive and inspirational space celebrating textured hair and diverse beauty and shattering Eurocentric beauty ideals. Discover personalised hair product recommendations, routines and style inspiration tailored specifically to you regardless of your hair type. Drop in for textured hair workshops and education.

Laydeez Do Comics

ldcomics.com

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 2

Showcasing REVEAL! Women's Comics East Africa, the first community of East African women comic artists from Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, and the UK East African diaspora.

Lifting Limits

liftinglimits.org.uk

Sunday Stall 13

A gender equality charity working in primary schools and early years settings, offering fun, practical activities and free resources for children and families, around the importance of challenging gender stereotypes from the earliest of ages.

luna

weareluna.app

Friday, Saturday Stall 20

An app that helps to educate, empower and support teenagers to understand topics that aren't always taught or talked about enough, and offers a space to learn, read and ask about all things teen health and wellbeing.

MamWaw

Friday Stall 30

Authentic, stylish Ghanaian clothing made with love from Ghana and unique jewellery made from recycled materials. High-quality pieces from exclusive limited edition collections.

Massassi B

massassib.com

Friday & Sunday Stall 23

Ready-to-wear clothing and accessories made with handmade fabrics such as batik, adire and woven textiles all made in Africa.

Mina&Friends

minaandfriends.co.uk

Saturday Stall 12

Handmade fabric dolls which show girls and young women that, as well as being seen and heard in society, they can be represented in toys regardless of their ethnicity.

Ohemaa Jewellery Designs

ohemaa.shop

Friday Stall 12

Handmade brass and gold plated jewellery inspired by geometric forms and colour.

Our Streets Now (Streetworthy)

streetworthy.org

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 3

A youth-led campaign to help people who have experienced public sexual harassment and provide them with the tools to 'Support, Report and Empower'.

Paguro Upcycle

paguroupcycle.com

Saturday Stall 14

Upcycled bags, jewellery and accessories made from recycled materials such as inner tubes, army tents, seat belts, and bike chains.

Pushing Envelopes Design Co

pushingenvelopes.co.uk

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 1

Pushing Envelopes are on a mission to help people nurture their social wellbeing and relationships through letter writing, offering a range of Art Prints, Greeting Cards and Correspondence Kits.

ReFAB Studio – an initiative of The Kartik Foundation

instagram.com/refabstudio

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 25

Upcycled lifestyle products made of donated designer fabric and tailored by disadvantaged women in the UK and in India.

Rites for Girls

ritesforgirls.com

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 11

An educational CIC that trains and supports women to deliver programmes for girls aged 10-12 within their communities, offering a positive, interactive space for reflection, chat, and information sharing.

Samaritans

samaritans.org

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 19

Suicide-prevention charity offering information and on-site support services to WOW attendees.

SASA

wearesasa.com

Sunday Stall 15

Mental health, autism and ADHD service provider for young people, individuals and employers.

Shrubs & Dubs

shrubsanddubs.co.uk

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 16

Bringing "Shrubs, Dubs & Friends": an array of small female-founded businesses offering homeware, clothing, accessories and art, all celebrating and empowering women.

Shunayna

etsy.com/uk/shop/Shunayna

Sunday Stall 21

Designer offering art prints, apparel, stickers, earrings, posters, cards, representing women of colour, food culture and empowering mental health slogans.

Sisterhood

oursisterhood.co.uk

Saturday Stall 13

Products designed by girls, for girls, developed through Sisterhood's social action programmes which engage the next generation of leaders and change makers.

Surviving in Scrubs

survivinginscrubs.co.uk

Saturday Stall 15

Raising awareness about sexism, sexual harassment, and sexual assault faced by healthcare workers.

Sweet'Art

wearesweetart.com

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 27

An engaging and fun display of artwork, merchandise and creative pieces by female and femme-presenting artists, presented with the aim of making the art world less exclusive.

Tatty Devine

Friday, Saturday Stall 8

A colourful celebration of craft – jewellery cut and handmade in the UK, including charitable collaborations with WOW, Fawcett Society and Equality Now.

The Enthusiast

theenthusiast.co

Sunday Stall 20

A space encouraging people to be enthusiastic, through merchandise that helps you wear your heart on your chest.

The Sapphire Community Group

sapphirecommunitygroup.org

Friday Stall 15

Promoting Employability and Wellbeing Services such as CV workshops and career advice sessions.

University of London

london.ac.uk

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 31

The UK's leading provider of digital and blended learning distance education, committed to equality and improving access to education.

Womankind Worldwide

womankind.org.uk

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 36

International women's rights organisation Womankind Worldwide invites festival-goers to add their acts of #EverydayFeminism to a tree in their 'feminist forest'. Discover more about their work and see how you too can help build a world where women, girls and people of all genders enjoy equal rights and freedoms, and live with joy, choice and dignity.

The WOW Shop

thewowfoundation.com

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 18

Come and meet members of the WOW team, buy brand new merchandise and products by WOW and their partners, and get information about the WOW London programme.

WOW Changemakers

thewowfoundation.com

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Stall 35

Join WOW to learn more about Changemakers, the fast-growing global movement for gender equality, building a strong, independent network of leaders and festivals for change across the world.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Art Against Knives Stall 8

Come get your nails done for free!

You can also find out about how Art Against Knives co-produce safe spaces in Barnet for women and gender non-conforming people, including their social action projects. Or, you can just come to get a hand massage, chill and talk about what it means to be a woman. Friday: Free, drop-in

Beauty Banks Stall 29

Wrap a gift for Mothers' Day

Beauty Banks works with the cosmetics industry, retailers and motivated members of the public to get essential toiletries into the hands of those who need them. Come and wrap a gift with Beauty Banks to find out more about their work. Friday-Sunday: Free, drop-in

CIOB (Chartered Institute of Building) Stall 4

15 minute 'speed mentoring' sessions

Meet successful female construction professionals to inspire festival-goers to consider the exciting potential benefits that a career in the built environment can offer. Friday & Saturday: Free, drop-in

Grandison London Stall 9

Leather zip pouch-weaving workshop

All materials provided, no prior experience required. Sunday: 11.30am-12.30pm & 3.30-4.30pm. £15 per person. Book at grandisonlondon.com or in-person

Laydeez Do Comics Stall 2

Introduction to Comics Workshop!

Experienced LDC artists will lead you step-by-step through a fun workshop to introduce the basic tools of comics, via a series of exercises such as '10 seconds draw with your eyes closed'. No experience necessary and all materials supplied. Saturday: 12.30-2pm. Free, over-16s only. Sign up at Stall 2

Lifting Limits Stall 13

Storytelling Sessions

Join Lifting Limits with your little ones for a series of engaging, fun storytelling sessions. Sunday: Free. Sign up at Stall 13

MamMaw Stall 30

Head Wrapping Workshops

Offering WOW visitors tips, tricks and history lessons of head wrapping across different cultures. Friday: 1.30pm & 5.30pm. Free. Sign up at stall 30. Maximum 10 people at a time.

Our Streets Now (Streetworthy) Stall 3

Sticker-making

Design Streetworthy stickers with young people on the campaign team and leave your own messages of support and empowerment on the Report / Support / Empower board. Friday-Sunday: Free, drop-in

Pushing Envelopes Design Co Stall 1

Thank you card-writing station
Write a thank you note to someone important in your life – Pushing Envelopes will offer a limited number of pre-stamped envelopes, so bring along their address and post it from the Marketplace, or pop it in the post later. Friday-Sunday: Free, drop in

SASA Stall 15

Sensory Profile Quiz

This activity is for those who have identified sensory needs or have unidentified queries and would like to explore further. This is a taster session, not intended to diagnose but to identify potential needs and suggestions for how to manage them. Sunday: Free, drop-in

Tatty Devine Stall 8

Jewellery-Making Workshop

Learn how to assemble a laser cut acrylic bunting necklace. All equipment is provided, no prior experience required. Friday & Saturday: £55 per person. Drop-in, 1 hour

Womankind Worldwide Stall 36

'What is your act of Everyday Feminism?'

Come along and add your act of #EverydayFeminism to a tree in Womankind's 'feminist forest', and see what others have been up to. Together, our everyday feminist acts show the collective power we all have in contributing to change. Friday-Sunday: Free, drop in

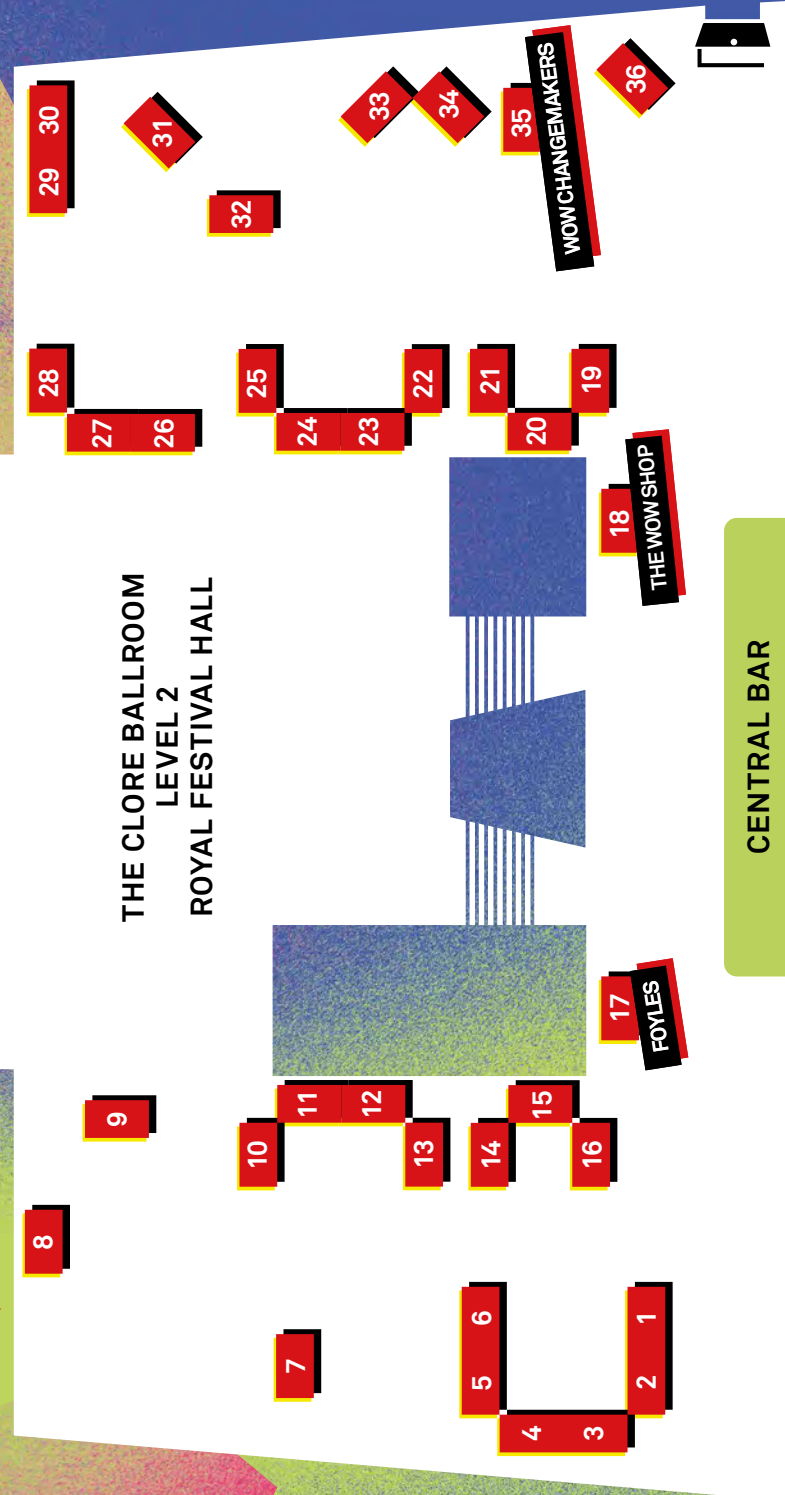
WOW Changemakers Stall 35

WOW'ldest Dreams!

Gender Equality is possible - what does that look like?
Come and have your say. Join artist Nadina Ali as we build up a visual wall of ideas and pledges for a more equal world. Take a pic on our Hope Box to share with friends and family. Friday-Sunday: Free, drop-in



MARKETPLACE MAP



EXPLORE THE WOW SHOP

The WOW Shop is a digital platform launched this year by WOW to showcase women and non-binary-led brand's products, expand their reach and create products in collaboration with WOW for meaningful gifting. Think of us as an online gift shop for feminist products!



We're so excited that for the first time ever, you can shop in person from The WOW Shop in the WOW Marketplace (come and say hi to the WOW team there!), as well as online year-round at thewowfoundation.com/shop

By buying products from The WOW Shop, you will not just help The WOW Foundation continue its work to advance gender-equality, you will also be supporting small women and non-binary-led brands. We'll be adding more products online in the coming months so keep checking back for new exciting collaborations!



WOWSERS

Throughout the year, The WOW Foundation runs WOWsers programmes with groups of young people to help tackle the challenges of gender inequality through arts and creative careers.

WOW is committed to listening to the voices of young people, and you'll see girls and young women speaking across the programme so we can all witness this generation's astonishing power.

Hear the WOWsers from Brixton Youth Theatre on Saturday 11 March at 3pm in their incredible Spoken Word POP-Up: "We will be". They'll discuss themes of feminism, identity, violence against women and girls, the gender pay gap, racism and intersectionality. The

session is hosted by spoken word artist, author and facilitator **Shareefa Energy**.

WOW Festivals across the world also run WOWsers programmes, with an ever-growing community of thousands of young people across the globe.

If you want to find out more about our work with young people and schools, email schools@thewowfoundation.com and we'll be in touch.

"There are times I feel I lack self-confidence but the WOWsers programme has helped me become more confident, especially in my abilities as a creative."

WOWsers
Creative Careers
participant 2022



"WOW is pretty awesome. I would love to attend more WOW workshops in the future and I would definitely recommend it to friends"

WOWsers Creative Careers
participant 2022

WOW POP UPS

FRIDAY

1-3pm JUMP LDN

Jump into our daily jump skipping activity, hosted by **JUMP LDN**, who use Double-Dutch skipping to promote alternative fitness and community. Improve your coordination, mindset and fitness levels, let loose in the ropes and leave feeling empowered.

Cloakroom Foyer, Level 1, Royal Festival Hall

1-1.30pm WOW Sounds Presents Jelly Cleaver

Join artist and activist **Jelly Cleaver** for some afternoon tunes. Her work is often a meditation on the philosophical, the spiritual and the political moving freely across several genres, from cinematic and spiritual jazz to raw and rebellious post-punk.

Central Bar, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall

1-1.30pm Self-Defence Workshop with London Krav Maga

Join self-defence coach **Sarah Brendlor** in this fun, empowering workshop giving you an introduction to Krav Maga, a simple modern self-defence system. Krav Maga doesn't rely on size or strength, so it can be used effectively by men and women of all ages. This session gives you some rudimentary skills to defend yourself, increase your awareness and teaches you how to deal with confrontation.

Blue Side Foyer, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall

2.50-3.10pm Women, Life, Freedom

The Woman, Life, Freedom Group will perform in solidarity for the women's revolution in Iran through song, drumming, art, and theatre.

Blue Side Foyer, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall

2.50-3.20pm Curve Catwalk Dance

The **Curve Catwalk** has entered the building. Join us on the dance floor for a party experience like no other! Whether you're confident in your dance skills or a complete beginner, this WOW Pop Up will ensure you leave the floor full of the energy that is created when we all come together and move. *Presented in Partnership with Nike.*

Central Bar, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall

4.35-4.50pm WOW Sounds Presents Belle Scar

Singer-songwriter, composer and conductor Belle Scar will perform a special intimate acoustic set. **Belle Scar** writes and sings about beginnings and endings, identity and change, and finding meaning in the strange ride that is human life with all its beauty and darkness.

Central Bar, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall

As WOW – Women of the World Festival takes over the Royal Festival Hall, stumble upon a free WOW Pop-Up and get involved with an amazing range of shows and activities. Here's what's planned, with lots more surprises over the big weekend!

SATURDAY

11.30-12pm Speedcubing

Blink and you'll miss it! **Katie Davies**, expert Rubik's Cube speedsolver, will be demonstrating speedcubing and talking tricks and techniques. Katie currently holds the UK women's national record of 6.59 seconds.

Stall 22 in the WOW Marketplace

1-3pm JUMP LDN

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Cloakroom Foyer, Level 1, Royal Festival Hall

1-1.30pm Footy Drills with Goal Diggers FC

Join Goal Diggers outside to have a go at football drills. **Goal Diggers Football Club** is a London based non-profit club, run by members for members, set up in 2015 to provide football for non-binary people and all women regardless of previous experience or ability.

Riverside Terrace, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall

1-1.30pm D.M.S. Live

D.M.S. (aka Dani Makes Songs) performs some of her latest tracks live. D.M.S. is an artist with Heart n Soul in Deptford, an award-winning arts charity led by people with and without learning disabilities and autistic people.

Central Bar, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall

3-3.30pm WOWsers Spoken Word

Gather round and listen to some powerful spoken word, written and performed by young people from Brixton Youth Theatre and beyond. The pieces discuss important themes around identity, trust, power, gender, intersectionality, belonging and hope. Lend your ears!

Central Bar, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall

11.30-12pm WOW Sounds Presents LayFullstop

WOW's Artist In Residence **LayFullstop** will be performing an intimate set. Come to celebrate, sing and dance as she performs some new songs written especially for and inspired by WOW.

Central Bar, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall

SUNDAY

11.30-12pm WOW Sounds Presents LayFullstop

See Saturday for info.
**Central Bar, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall**

1-3pm JUMP LDN

See Saturday for info.
**Cloakroom Foyer, Level 1,
Royal Festival Hall**

1-1.30pm Samba Sisters Collective

This London-based, community, all-female samba-fusion band put on a roving performance of samba, featuring Brazilian drums and surdos (big bass), repiniques, caixas, agogos, chocalhos and tams. Follow their parade as they fill the Southbank Centre with music and rhythm!
**Central Bar, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall**

2.50-3.15pm Kickboxing with Muay Fitness

Join **Gemma Heard** of Muay Fitness for an introductory crash course in Kickboxing. Don the gloves and find your inner kickboxer! All welcome, no experience needed.
**Blue Lobby, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall**

FRIDAY DAY PASS

10.30-11.30am WOW Friday Opening Session – Women, Power & Misogyny

Join WOW Founder **Jude Kelly** to open WOW London 2023. Following a conversation with **Verna Eggleston**, Women's Economic Development Programme Lead at Bloomberg Philanthropies, Jude's joined by Australia's first female Prime Minister **Julia Gillard**, as they look back at The Misogyny Speech – Julia's call to arms against misogyny and sexism. Everyday Sexism Founder **Laura Bates**, author **Elif Shafak** and girls' rights activist **Josephine Kamara** join to discuss how we can collectively fight against misogyny today.
Royal Festival Hall

12-1pm Bringing the Pankhursts to the Stage

Playing at The Old Vic, *Sylvia* unites dance, hip hop, funk and soul to tell the revolutionary story of Sylvia Pankhurst – feminist, activist, pacifist, socialist, rebel who changed the lives of working women and men across the world. **Beverley Knight** (who plays Emmeline Pankhurst) will be joined at WOW by Founder and Artistic Director of ZooNation: The Kate Prince Company **Kate Prince** to tell Sylvia's story, why it needs to be a musical – and who knows, maybe share a taste of some of the show!
Royal Festival Hall

12-1pm Feminist with Fillers?

Have years of scowling at gender inequity left you with wrinkles? Are fillers anti-feminist or can you still get the odd tweakment? Chaired by **Bee Rowlett**, **Megan Barton-Hanson**, **Juno Dawson** and **Sian Westley** discuss why some might think improving your self esteem is a positive thing for women and why others think it's just the latest trick in the patriarchal playbook!
**The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall**

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FRIDAY DAY PASS

12-1pm

Deaf Becomes Her – Life as Deaf Women

The Deaf Ethnic Women's Association provides support to help empower Minority Ethnic Deaf women to be active and successful in all aspects of their lives, without compromising their identity. Join Chair of DEWA Trustees **Rubbena Aurangzeb-Tariq, Maral Mamaghanizadeh, Sonia Choudhury** and **Nadia Nadarajah** to hear about the importance of community support, as well as some of the challenges faced by the women within their network. *This session will be in BSL and translated into spoken English.*
Sunley Pavilion, Level 3, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall

12-1pm

WOW Big Ideas on Health

Hear WOW Big Ideas on health from fibroids to getting your sparkle back after a stroke, chaired by **Colette Bailey: Dr Annabel Sowemimo**, Founder and Co-Director of Decolonising Contraception and author of *Divided: Racism, Medicine and Why We Need to Decolonise Healthcare* on how fibroids disproportionately affect Black communities.
Ione Gamble, writer and Founding Editor in Chief of *Polyester zine* and author of *Poor Little Sick Girls*, a love letter to unacceptable women in all their forms living with chronic fatigue conditions.
Carole Pyke, marketing, storytelling and personal branding expert, and two-time stroke survivor, on living with retrograde amnesia and getting your sparkle back after a stroke.
Kenny Ethan Jones, the first trans-man to head up a period campaign, on how important inclusive language is.
Green Bar, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall



12-1pm

The Art of Storytelling: Exploring Empathy Through Hip Hop & Soul Music

Join WOW Sounds Artist in Residence **LayFullstop** for a creative and soothing workshop blending music, creativity and kindness. Layfullstop will explore the power of empathy in hip hop and soul music, and lead a writing exercise. There'll be something for everyone in this supportive workshop. No musical experience is required!
Supported by PRS For Music Foundation.
Foyle Pavilion, Level 3, Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall

12-1pm

The Best Things in Life Aren't Free

Join our financial experts for a frank conversation on money. Our speakers strip away the jargon to give us the lowdown on the full impact of the cost of living crisis, as well as share recommendations for saving, budgeting and making your money work for you. Speakers include **Shani Dhanda, Nafisa Bakkar**, and **Unette Spencer.
Blue Bar, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall**

12-1pm

Queers on the Map

The 2021 census was the first to ask people about their gender identity and sexual orientation, revealing for the first time data about queer life in Britain today. We look at the story behind the data and ask why has it taken so long for the LGBTQIA community to be included in the national story? Speakers include **Tash Walker, Shivani Dave, Fox Fisher, Gayathiri Kamalakanthan** and **Abi McIntosh.
Level 5 Function Room, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall**



Tash Walker

FRIDAY DAY PASS

1.45-2.45pm

**WOW Big Ideas**

Hear Big Ideas from: Activist, broadcaster and entrepreneur **Shani Dhanda** on her dream of an accessible future and what we all need to do to achieve it. Author and Founder **Ebinehita Iyere** brings the voice of Black Girls to the forefront through *Girlhood Unfiltered*, an anthology of essays, letters and creative work by Milk Honey Bees. Labour MP for Coventry South **Zarah Sultana** on her experience of Islamophobia in politics and the scapegoating of minority communities. Body image and health expert **Professor Phillipa Diedrichs** speaks to creating a world free of gender norms and body stereotypes and the power of sport in defying these pressures and unjust systems – so no one is held back. (*Presented in partnership with Nike*) **Kate Parker** on the Schools Consent Project – and why it's crucial we talk to all young people about what consent looks like, how to give, seek, withdraw and withhold it, and how the law works. Chaired by WOW Australia's **Cathy Hunt**.
Royal Festival Hall



Shani Dhanda

1.45-2.45pm

Illustration 101 with Rubyetc

Whether you're a seasoned artist seeking inspiration or haven't picked up a pen in years, join illustrator, cartoonist and author **Ruby Elliot (aka Rubyetc)** for a relaxed hour of drawing. Learn some simple techniques for coming up with ideas, creating a character and having the confidence to be loud on the page!

Sunley Pavilion, Level 3, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall

1.45-2.45pm

Women and Madness: Power Abuses and Our Emotional Worlds

Women have been called 'mad' or 'mentally ill' for years. Are we really 'mad'? Or are we having human responses to an unjust and traumatising world? A panel of experts discuss why they think there is an urgent need for social change and reclaiming our right to feel distress in a madness-inducing world. Speakers include Poet, Liberation and Community Psychologist, Writer and Presenter **Dr Sanah Ahsan**; Consultant Clinical Psychologist **Dr Lucy Johnstone**; activist and writer specialising in trauma, abuse and recovery **Jacqui Dillon** and Clinical Psychologist **Dr Jasmine Chin**.

Foyle Pavilion, Level 3, Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall

1.45-2.45pm

The Business of Beautiful Business

Join businesswoman and activist **Mary Portas** for a fascinating keynote as she looks at where we are in the world of work – and what has to change. She believes the future requires an uprising of the feminine with moral beauty at the heart of how we live and work. Business woman **Jane Shepherdson** joins to discuss Mary's radical call for change. Chaired by **India Gary-Martin**, CEO & Founder of Leadership For Execs.

The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall

FRIDAY DAY PASS



Shahed Ezaydi

1.45-2.45pm

Whose Feminism is it Anyway?



As the feminist movement continues to grow and to shift shape, how do we ensure that it remains led by and inclusive of those that experience marginalisation most keenly? Our panel will take us on a personal and intersectional journey through the landscape today. Speakers include **Shahed Ezaydi, Dr Finn Mackay, Dr Sofia Rehman, Cathy Mager** and **Jade Bentil**.
Green Bar, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall

1.45-2.45pm

We Need to Talk About Miscarriage

The mental, emotional and physical tolls of miscarriage are huge, but there is an expectation for women to suffer this loss in silence and carry on with life and work as usual. We create a space for people to speak openly and frankly about pregnancy loss. We'll talk about the impact of a lack of meaningful and practical support, as well as the devastating phenomena of baby loss burnout. Speakers include **Miranda Ward, Jennie Agg, Rosalyn Springer** and **Jacqui Clinton**.
Blue Bar, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall

1.45-2.45pm

East Side Voices at WOW

Enjoy a literary afternoon with East and Southeast Asian writers from the dazzling East Side Voices. A 'first-of-its-kind' anthology, it showcases original essays and poetry taking us to many places: from the frontlines of the NHS in the midst of the Covid pandemic to a spirit festival in Myanmar. Speakers include **Dr Anna Sulan Masing, Catherine Cho** and **Sharlene Teo**.

Level 5 Function Room, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall



Catherine Cho

1.45-3.15pm

Black History Walks at WOW

Join **Tony Warner**, author and founder of Black History Walks, on this interactive tour of African and Caribbean history along the South Bank riverside. You'll explore not only the fascinating link between Gentrification and Frankenstein, but all of what has helped to shape the Black Britain we know today. *Please note, this walk must be booked in advance at blackhistorywalks.co.uk*
Outdoors along the South Bank

3.30-4.30pm

The Power



Don't miss this electrifying event as stars from Prime Video's new adaptation of *The Power* take to the stage to discuss bringing Naomi Alderman's disturbing dystopian hit to the screen. Author **Naomi Alderman** will be joined by actors from the cast, and Executive Producer and *SISTER* co-founder **Jane Featherstone**. *Presented in partnership with Amazon Studios*.
Royal Festival Hall

FRIDAY DAY PASS

3.30-4.30pm

Stop the Violence

Violence against women is on the rise. From intimate partner violence to stranger attacks and abuse of power by the institutions meant to protect us, explore with **Mandu Reid, Lorien Haynes, Mina Smallman** and **Jude Kelly** what has created this culture and how it can be stopped. They're all working to end violence against women and girls, and each will come with ideas or campaigns you can join to make a difference too.

The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall



Dr Charlotte Cooper

3.30-4.30pm

Good Fatty/Bad Fatty

Why is it that some fat people are lauded and celebrated for their weight in society whilst others are shamed? Join us to discuss this paradigm and the privilege it creates within the fat community, and to examine the intersections of fat identity that are too often left out of conversations on fatness. Speakers include **Dr Charlotte Cooper, Dr Phoebe Patey-Ferguson** and self-love advocate **Stephanie Yeboah**.

Sunley Pavilion, Level 3, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall

3.30-4.30pm

Feminist Invoicing: Creative Writing Workshop

What would you reclaim from the patriarchy if you could? Feminist Invoicing is a creative project exploring those questions by submitting creative 'invoices' in the form of poetry or other writing. Join award-winning poet **Monika Radojevic** for this workshop and reclaim your story.

Foyle Pavilion, Level 3, Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall

3.30-4.30pm

Women, Life, Freedom & Other Stories of Global Resistance

In the face of an increasing rolling back of women's rights across the globe, the clarion call for women, life, freedom has never been louder. We invite you to come and hear the stories from behind the headlines as activists from across the world to share their struggles for justice and stories of resistance. Speakers include **Leila Alikarami, Benafsha Yaqoob** and **Julia Leal**. Chaired by WOW Rio's **Renata Peppl**.

Green Bar, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall

3.30-4.30pm

To My Sisters: Courtney Boateng & Renée Kapuku

Renée Kapuku and **Courtney Daniella Boateng**, hosts of the hit podcast *To My Sisters*, join WOW to launch their new book, an essential guide to sisterhood. Their mission to reinvigorate sisterhood has turned into a global community of women helping each other to reclaim their power. Join these 'online big sisters' as they draw from their intimate experiences to teach, guide and show you how to embrace the power of friendship and community in an authentic way.

Blue Bar, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall



Renée Kapuku & Courtney Daniella Boateng

3.30-4.30pm

New Methods for Women: Leadership for the Next 1000 Years

In 2023, how much do women have to emulate men to have power and influence? The Stack World Founder **Sharmadean Reid** leads a workshop to completely reimagine what leadership could look like well into the future. She'll share tips for how we can lay the ground for that today in our daily lives and hold the door open for people coming up behind us. Everyone welcome. Bring pen and paper and your hopes for the future!

Level 5 Function Room, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall

5-6pm

Liv Little In Conversation with Lucy Boynton



Author **Liv Little** joins us for a special In Conversation to celebrate the launch of her new book *Rosewater*. Expect laughter, honesty and a sprinkle of romance in this beautiful discussion about queer love, creativity and so much more, as Liv is interviewed by her longtime friend and actress **Lucy Boynton**.

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Liv Little



Do you know how entrepreneur, Thalia, made her digital marketing skills shine to improve online business for **Sparkle Lighting?**

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WOW Sounds Presents LayFullstop



Join acclaimed musician **LayFullstop** live from The Clore Ballroom as she performs her genre-defying work, experimenting with elements of jazz electronica, gospel, soul and hip hop in an exclusive free gig. LayFullstop is 2023's WOW Sounds Artist in Residence at the WOW Festival. Come celebrate, sing and dance as we watch her perform critically acclaimed tracks alongside new songs written especially for and inspired by WOW.

6.30pm, Friday 10 March
Free, just turn up
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall

Joyful, Joyful: Stories Celebrating Black Voices



Join **Dapo Adeola** – the illustrator who has inspired little girls all over the world to dress up as his character, Rocket, from the children's book, *Look Up!* – as he presents his newly curated book, *Joyful, Joyful: Stories Celebrating Black Voices*. Joined by writers **Hannah Lee** and **Maame Blue**, through interactive readings and live drawing, they'll show how important it is to ensure that the stories of all children are committed, loud and proud, to the page.

10.15am, Saturday 11 March
Age guidance 8-11
Level 5 Function Room, Green Side,
Royal Festival Hall

Off Air with Jane & Fi at WOW

Join legendary broadcasters **Jane Garvey** and **Fi Glover** for a live recording of their brand new podcast. In keeping with their patented style of witty chat, they'll unpack some of the more amusing news of the day and interview Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner **June Oscar** and actor and writer **Meera Syal**. There will be delightfully irreverent chat, insightful discussion and lots of laughter guaranteed. Jane and Fi have been broadcasting mainstays for almost three decades and host their own daily Times Radio show and new podcast Off Air... with Jane and Fi.



7.30pm, Friday 10 March
Royal Festival Hall



Under 10's Feminist Corners

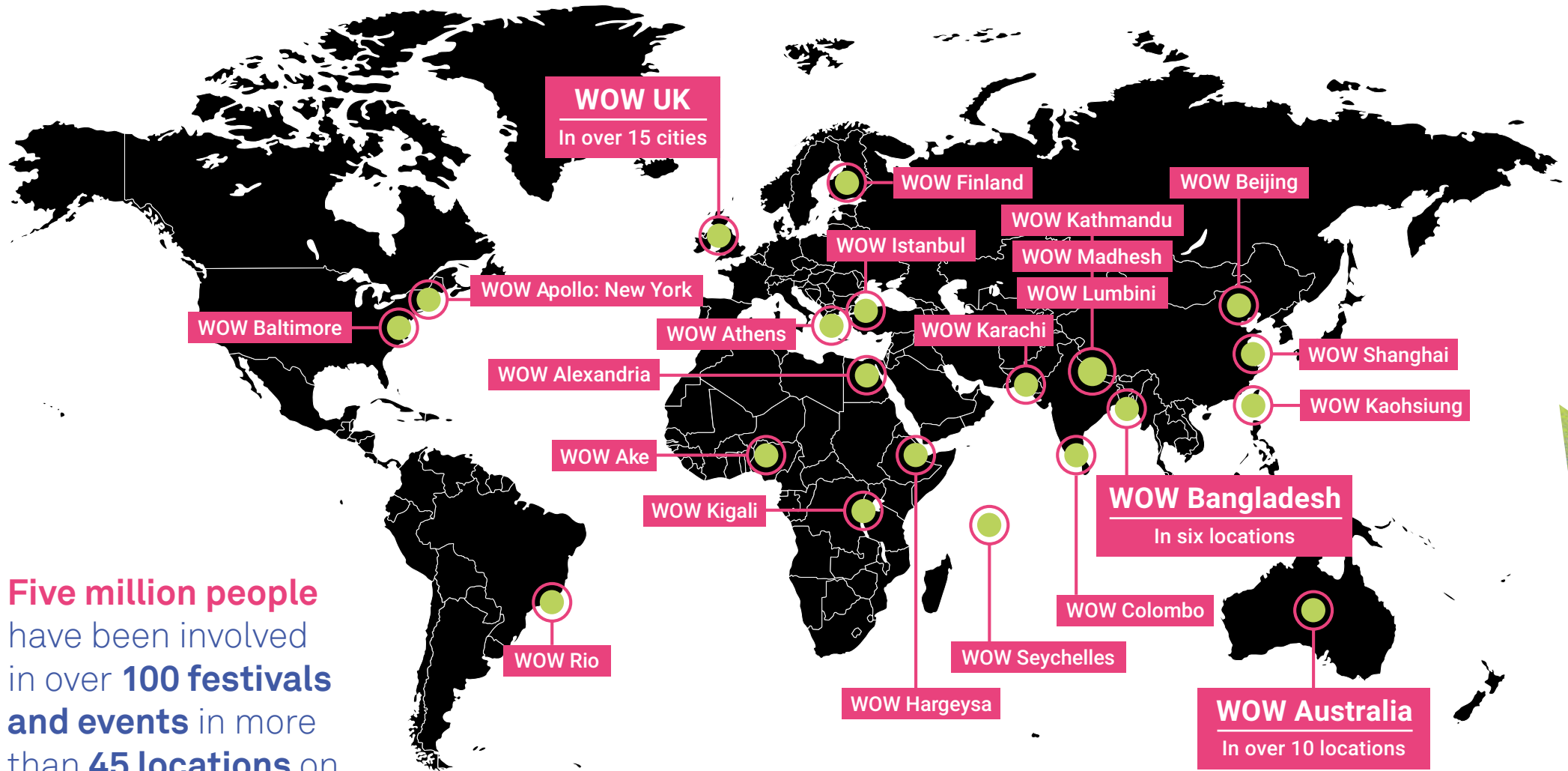
Feminism isn't just for teenagers and grown-ups - WOW Under 10's Feminist Corners are an important part of WOW festivals across the globe. In four sessions over the festival, young people aged 6 to 10-years old can explore what equality means, discover what

life is like for girls across the world, explore equality in the playground and at home, and get tips on how to start their very own campaign. Please check thewowfoundation.com for full details of each session – there are sessions for all genders of different ages.

10.30am & 5pm,
Saturday 11 &
Sunday 12 March
Foyle Pavilion,
Level 3, Blue Side,
Royal Festival Hall



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Five million people have been involved in over **100 festivals and events** in more than **45 locations** on **six continents** since 2010 and growing...

Sign up to join the movement at thewowfoundation.com

SATURDAY DAY PASS

10.30-11.30am  

WOW Saturday Opening Session – Optimism & Activism

Join WOW Founder **Jude Kelly**, broadcaster **Sandi Toksvig** and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner **June Oscar** to open Saturday at WOW, as they reflect on the year in activism with optimism and hope. Plus don't miss a demonstration by **Katie Davies**, a Rubix Cube speedsolver extraordinaire! *June Oscar is appearing at the festival with support from WOW Australia.*

Royal Festival Hall

12-1pm  

Nike Presents: Creating the Future of Sport

Take a dive deep into how we can build a more equitable and inclusive future for women in sport. Whether you're a sports fan or not, this discussion will be sure to get you thinking about the power of sport and the positive change it can create. Speakers include **Hawa Doucoure**, **Danielle St James**, **Alice Dearing** and **Trina Nicole**. Chaired by **Miriam Walker-Khan**.

Royal Festival Hall

12-1pm 

Showing Up: Men and Allyship with Beyond Equality

The big question – how do we get more men to support women and girls? How do we encourage men to battle everything from the rise of misogyny influencers through to calling out sexism and harassment when they see it? Join to discuss the challenges and huge benefits of men being part of the movement. Speakers include **Dr Dan Guinness**, Founder of Beyond Equality, **Jordan Stephens**, **Elliott Rae** and **Sarah Sternberg**. *This session is presented in partnership with Beyond Equality.*

The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall

12-1pm

Sound Bath with Jasmin Harsono

Relax and unwind in this nourishing meditation from **Jasmin Harsono**, founder of the wellness brand and space Emerald and Tiger. Everyone is welcome as Jasmin guides you on a deeply relaxing sound bath journey using the gong, crystal frosted and singing bowls, drum, healing voice and other sound-healing instruments.

**Sunley Pavilion, Level 3,
Green Side,
Royal Festival Hall**



Kim Moore

12-1pm

Right to Rage Workshop with Kim Moore

Does the idea of a 'Gratitude Journal' fill you with Rage? In a year where 'Permacrisis' has been chosen as Collins' Dictionary word of the year, where incidents of violence against women are on the rise, rage seems like a justifiable response. Join award-winning poet **Kim Moore** in this interactive workshop where you can channel some of this anger in your own Rage Journal.

**Foyle Pavilion, Level 3, Blue Side,
Royal Festival Hall**

SATURDAY DAY PASS

12-1pm

From the Squatters movement to #SaveBrickLane: A History of Bengali Activism in the UK

From resisting racism in the 60's East End to the Bengali squatters movement, Bangladeshi and Bengali communities have long been at the forefront of social justice campaigns in Britain. But why isn't there greater recognition of this activism? Join us for a celebration of this radical history of resistance and political organising. Speakers include **Dr Fatima Rajina**, **Farzana Khan**, **Dr Shabna Begum** and **Raisa Hassan**.

Green Bar, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall

12-1pm

Has Social Conditioning Made Women Better Leaders? (No Problem If Not!)

The 2022 Girls' Day School Trust's Girls' Futures report showed that young people seek integrity and kindness in their leaders. Businesses with more women in leadership positions outperform companies dominated by men. Girls are bombarded with ideas that they must be nurturing, compassionate, understanding, good listeners. So... has the patriarchy shot itself in the foot? Has the social conditioning of girls and women made them better suited to lead? Speakers include **Genelle Aldred**, **India Gary-Martin**, **Laura Coryton**, **Kaisha-Wade Speid** and **Jo Sharrock**. *This session is presented in partnership with Girls' Day School Trust.*

Level 5 Function Room, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall



India Gary-Martin

12-1pm

Munroe Bergdorf In Conversation

We welcome internationally renowned activist, model, writer and broadcaster **Munroe Bergdorf** to the stage, in conversation with **Azieb-Hannah Pool**, Artistic Director/CEO of Bernie Grant Arts Centre, to discuss her life-affirming, heartfelt and intimate book *Transitional*.

Blue Bar, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall

1.45-2.45pm

WOW Big Ideas

Come and hear some of the world's most compelling speakers talk about the things they care about most. Including:

Author and feminist thinker **Sara Ahmed** on how we can turn the feminist killjoy into a source of strength and solidarity. Comedian **Luisa Omielan** on being famous with a baby – and other things she thought she'd be at 40.

Activist **Rosamund Aduo-Kissi-Debrah** on her daughter Ella's legacy, the first person in the world to have air pollution listed as a cause of death.

FTSE 100 business leader **Sara Weller CBE** shares the case for Diversability inclusion and her fight for people to see her ability not her disability.

Mastercard's Executive Vice President of Global Customer Delivery at Mastercard **Jennifer Rademaker** on making work work for her.

Royal Festival Hall

1.45-2.45pm

Midliting Marvellously

While many women are moving into their dream careers and stepping into their confidence in midlife, this shift can also bring relationship changes, increased caring responsibilities and health issues. We'll take a look at just how brilliant midlife can be and the communities springing up to support the challenges that come along with this new phase of life. Speakers include **Eleanor Mills**, **Meera Syal**, **Anneliese Dodds MP** and **Sandie Okoro**.

The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall



Meera Syal

SATURDAY DAY PASS

1.45-2.45pm

The Glass Cliff: Set Up to Fail

We've heard of the Glass Ceiling, but what's the Glass Cliff? What happens when marginalised groups or individuals take a position at the top, only to have their chance of success limited right from the start because of bias and institutional prejudice? Join **Sophie Williams**, **Azieb-Hannah Pool** and **Dr Anne-Marie Imafidon MBE** to discuss how we understand and change this.

Sunley Pavilion, Level 3, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall



Sophie Williams

1.45-2.45pm

Around the World in 80 WOWs

Hear from WOWs across the world and learn more about the global movement – prepare to be WOW'd! Chaired by WOW Australia's Executive Producer **Cathy Hunt**, with WOW Rotherham's **Noor Salih**, WOW Pakistan's **Amneh Shaikh-Farooqui** and WOW Rio's **Máira Gabriel Anhorn** and **Andreza Jorge**. **Foyle Pavilion, Level 3, Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall**

1.45-2.45pm

Curve Catwalk Dance Session

Learn a fun routine and show off your best moves in this inclusive dance class by The Curve Catwalk; guaranteed to get you moving and feeling part of an empowered community. Founded by **Trina Nicole**, the platform celebrates dance for all bodies and all voices. *Presented in Partnership with Nike.*

Green Bar, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall



Kenny Ethan Jones

1.45-2.45pm

The Future of Sex

Some say we're living through a sexual revolution, meanwhile, others argue we're living through a 'sex recession', with data showing Gen Z are having less sex than Millennials and boomers. But what does the future of sex really look like? Whether you're a sexpert or don't know your homo-sapiens from your sapio-sexuals, join this lively discussion with **Emma-Louise Boynton**, **Simona Xu**, **Kenny Ethan Jones** and **Ana Kirova**.

Blue Bar, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall

1.45-2.45pm

Making Home: All The Houses I've Ever Lived In

Join journalist and authors **Kieran Yates** and **Charlie Brinkhurst-Cuff** for a conversation about how we think of home in today's society. Can we make sure our homes work for us at all stages of life and find hope in the housing systems that have failed us?

Level 5 Function Room, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall

SATURDAY DAY PASS

3.30-4.30pm



Kathy Burke In Conversation

English actress, comedian, writer, producer and director **Kathy Burke** joins WOW for the first time ever in conversation with **Jude Kelly** about the journey to directing, the joys and challenges along the way, and the tools she's used at the turning points in her life.

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Kathy Burke

3.30-4.30pm



The Case for Free Childcare

Our childcare costs are some of the most expensive in the world, and yet with the rising cost of living, the figures keep rising. Find out why we should all care about extortionate childcare costs in this state of the nation conversation with **Stella Creasy MP, Sabeena Akhtar, Catherine Mayer, Sharmaine Lovegrove, Hannah Peaker** and **Joeli Brearley**.
The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall

3.30-4.30pm

Losing It: Alopecia & other Hair Loss

With eight million women in the UK experiencing hair loss or alopecia, and celebrities sharing their stories on the world's stage, there is now a much greater awareness of these conditions but still little research into this autoimmune disorder. Join an intimate discussion on the impact and empowerment of hair loss. Speakers include **Gina Knight, Jasmine Cooray, Dr Nadia Craddock** and **Bea Colley**.
Sunley Pavilion, Level 3, Green Side, Royal Festival Hall



Stella Creasy MP

SATURDAY DAY PASS

3.30–4.30pm

Confidence Boost! with Sarah Blumenau

A fun and interactive session to equip you with simple, quick, and effective techniques to boost your confidence. Explore a variety of physical, breathing and refocusing techniques to enhance confidence and manage negative self-talk.

Leave feeling inspired and motivated to apply your newfound skills!

**Foyle Pavilion, Level 3,
Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall**



Sarah Blumenau

3.30–4.30pm

Who Bears the Cost of Living Crisis?

As the cost of living crisis deepens and heating banks are now popping up to join food banks already at breaking point across the UK, join us to discuss how having disabilities or being in vulnerable positions can make the situation even more frightening. Speakers include **Sarah Howard, Nadia Baksh, Helen Undy** and **Stacey Clare**.

**Green Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall**

3.30–4.30pm

Home Girls Unite

Home Girls Unite join us to discuss the everyday realities of being an eldest immigrant daughter. How the role can affect different aspects of our lives – both negatively and positively – as well as advice on how to thrive, gain autonomy and carve out moments of joy and laughter amongst the responsibilities. Everyone is welcome. Speakers include **Yasin Bojang, Esther Oluga, Aisha Al-Abdallah** and **Ify Adenuga** (followed by a short networking event).

Blue Bar, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall

5–6pm

The Urgent Climate Conversation

The climate crisis is now more urgent than ever, with what the UN describes as ‘half of humanity living in the danger zone’. Join a group of the world’s leading climate change and social justice activists, brought together by **Connected Women Leaders**, to discover the situation on the ground and ask what must be done in order to tackle the crisis. Speakers include **Pat Mitchell, Hindou Ibrahim, Hafsat Abiola, Mikaela Loach, June Oscar** and **Mary Robinson**. *June Oscar is appearing at the festival with support from WOW Australia.*

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3.30–4.30pm

The Consent Collective Game Show

Join The Consent Collective as they record an episode of their podcast gameshow *How to be Good in Bed*. Expect to learn and laugh as panellists compete to win the accolade of being good in bed in the game show that touches on pleasure, consent and relationships in all the right ways. Presented by **Dr Nina Burrows** and **Cynthia Ellis**, with guests **Emma-Louise Boynton, Dr Leyla Hussein, Jo Pratt** and **Kym Oliver**.

**Level 5 Function Room,
Green Side, Royal Festival Hall**



Hindou Ibrahim

The Big O with Oloni at WOW

Join sex educator, relationship advisor and author of *The Big O* **Oloni** for a fun and frank discussion on all things sex, love and relationships with **Tolani Shoneye**, co-host of the award-winning *The Receipts* Podcast. They'll be joined by special guest, actor and musician **Jordan Stephens** in this fun and freeing, no holds barred conversation.

Oloni is on a mission to reclaim sex, sensuality, autonomy, and pleasure for women. With her signature style, infectious energy, honesty and humour, this will be an unmissable event.

7.30pm, Saturday 11 March
Royal Festival Hall



The Little Match Girl Strikes Back

Come and hear how bestselling and award-winning creators **Emma Carroll** and **Lauren Child** reworked this Hans Christian Andersen tale into a new feminist classic. A defiant and empowering retelling of the classic you thought you knew, based on real-life events, this special family event chaired by **Eleanor Dryden** (Co-Founder of the Feminist Book Society) will bring to life a bold new heroine for future generations to treasure.

10.15am, Sunday 12 March
Age guidance 7+
Level 5 Function Room,
Green Side, Royal Festival Hall



UK Jazz Plus Sessions - Live at WOW

WOW Festival in association with UK Jazz Plus sessions present this very special opportunity to catch a powerhouse bill of artists from the growing genre of UK Jazz singer-songwriters in a spectacular free gig. Dynamic, engaging and re-defining what it means to be a jazz singer today, artists from diverse ethnic groups are conveying their cultural influences and creating a new hybrid space between jazz, RnB, hip hop, avant-garde and indie. Line-up includes **Miss Baby Sol**, **Emily Saunders**, **Martha D Lewis** (pictured) and **Sacha T**.

9pm, Saturday 11 March
Free, just turn up

The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall



Tolá Okogwu: Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun

Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun is a dazzling superhero story starring a British-Nigerian girl who learns that her Afro hair has psychokinetic powers.

In this special interactive family event as part of WOW Festival, join author Tolá Okogwu as she tells the tale of Onyeka who is whisked off to the Academy of the Sun by her mother, a school in Nigeria where Solari children with superpowers are trained. Follow Onyeka on her journey of meeting new friends at the Academy and find out what happens when their powers are put to the test.

10.15am, Sunday 12 March
Suitable for ages 8+
Blue Bar, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall



SUNDAY DAY PASS

10.30-11.30am



Views on the News

Join WOW Founder **Jude Kelly** and special guests, including award-winning author **Kit de Waal**, to open the day with their views on today's news! We'll look at what the headlines mean for gender equality and how to deal with the press in the age of fake news, tabloid gossip and more. Expect outrage, laughter and puns. Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer **Rachel Reeves MP** joins for an in conversation with Jude Kelly.

**The Clore Ballroom,
Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall**

12-1pm



Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe In Conversation

Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe was trapped in Iran for six years before she was finally freed in 2022. Almost exactly a year after her release, join Nazanin in conversation with **Tulip Siddiq MP**, her local MP who fought tirelessly for her release, about freedom, family, fighting for change, and her support for women and girls in Iran today.

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Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe

12-1pm



The Story of Art Without Men

Did you know: Women artists make up just 1% of the National Gallery collection in London? In her new book *The Story of Art Without Men*, art historian **Katy Hessel** challenges the canon as we know. Join her in conversation with **Kate Mosse**, author of *Warrior Queens & Quiet Revolutionaries*. You'll be inspired.

**The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall**

12-1pm

DIY MOT

Come and learn the basics of DIY so that you can sort easy problems out yourself at home, and learn what to ask for when you need professional help. From drilling holes in walls to finding your own stopcock, we'll give a full DIY MOT. It'll be fun and informative, and all levels of knowledge are welcome! Led by **Hattie Hasan MBE**, CEO and Founder of Stopcocks Women Plumbers.

**Foyle Pavilion, Level 3,
Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall**



Katy Hessel

SUNDAY DAY PASS

12-1pm

**BBC Reel:
Through
The lens**

Explore the power of visual storytelling and the significance of the person behind the lens in this fascinating session on documentary filmmaking. BBC Reel's **Griesham Taan** speaks to documentary makers **Cherish Oteka, Ella Glendining** and **Kathryn Ferguson** about how their unique perspective sheds light on new and different ways of seeing, exploring, and documenting the world. *This session is presented in partnership with BBC Reel.*

**Green Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall**



Octavia Bright

12-1pm

**Crash & Burn:
Addiction & Recovery**

A recent study suggests many women find addiction support services daunting and intimidating; and that associated trauma is often ignored and overlooked, rather than being bound up in treatment methods. Join **Octavia Bright** and **Sabrina Pace-Humphreys** in conversation with **Sam Missingham** to talk about the impact of this and their work speaking out about addiction and recovery.

Blue Bar, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall

12-1pm

The Big V

Join **Florence Schechter** (author of *V: An empowering celebration of the vulva and vagina*) to find out how to smash stigma, label your labia and fight for your vulva's rights! In this interactive talk, which is fully inclusive of trans and non-binary communities, you'll find out how to reach a place of admiration for your vagina, vulva and incredible body, and find your Big V Energy!

**Level 5 Function Room,
Green Side, Royal Festival Hall**

1.45-2.45pm

**Deborah Levy In
Conversation with
Erica Wagner**

Deborah Levy's *Living Autobiography* trilogy is one of the finest literary examples of what it means to share a life on the page. In this conversation on writing and womanhood, we bring together the twice Booker Prize shortlisted author and **Erica Wagner**, author of *Mary and Mr Eliot: A Sort-of Love Story* and now Consulting Literary Editor for Harper's Bazaar. The two will delve into essential questions about womanhood, modernity, creative identity and personal freedom informed by her trilogy: *Things I Don't Want To Know*, *The Cost of Living* and *Real Estate*.

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Deborah Levy

SUNDAY DAY PASS



Shobna Gulati

1.45-2.45pm WOW Big Ideas

Come and hear some of the world's best and most compelling speakers talk about the things they care about most, chaired by **Jude Kelly**.

Nazir Afzal, former Chief Prosecutor, on male violence against women and girls.

Actress and author **Shobna Gulati** performs a moving reading from her book *Remember me?*.

Writer **Alice Sherwood** on what she's learnt from conwomen.

VICE and VICE UK editor in chief **Zing Tsjeng** on Forgotten Women from history.

Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London on male allyship.

**The Clore Ballroom, Level 2,
Royal Festival Hall**



1.45-2.45pm WOW Bites

Hear WOW Bites on how to freeze your eggs to what's the 411 in Brazil.

Irene Agbontaen, Founder of TTYA Talks demystifies the not-so-age-old secret of freezing your eggs.

Monica Macias, *Black Girl from Pyongyang* author, on her extraordinary upbringing in North Korea.

Ana Paula Brasil and **Ana Carolina Raimundi** from Brazil will showcase strategies of how TV companies can address social issues by integrating campaigns into their content.

Rachel Auty, Founder of *Women on Tap* striving for equality in the brewery industry.

Tinuke Awe & Clotilde Abe, Founders of *Five X More* campaigning for change in Black maternal health.

Gloria Brown, community cohesion expert raising awareness on big feet.

**Foyle Pavilion, Level 3,
Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall**

1.45-2.45pm Incels: The Hate on Your Feed

We've all seen the increase in misogyny online and watched in horror as it continues to translate in real life, but what exactly is causing the uptick of hate on your feed? We'll explore the incel movement, how widespread it has become and why it continues to gain traction. Speakers include **Harriet Hall**, **Laura Bates**, **Sabeena Akhtar** and Equimundo President and CEO **Gary Barker**.

**Green Bar, Level 4,
Royal Festival Hall**

1.45-2.45pm The Breakup Monologues



Award-winning comedian **Rosie Wilby** shares funny, bizarre and poignant tales of heartbreak and recovery with writer, broadcaster and Sex Education script consultant **Alix Fox** in a live version of Rosie's acclaimed podcast. Join Rosie and Alix for this heartwarming and hilarious session – and who knows, maybe you'll share some of your breakup stories too??

**Level 5 Function Room, Green Side,
Royal Festival Hall**



Rosie Wilby

1.45–2.45pm

What is a Girl Centred Approach?

What does it mean to have a girl-centred approach to tackling gendered violence? African based programme Girl Generation's **Dr Leyla Hussein** joins us with five young people – **Lucy Chebet, Sarafina Loriakwe, Muna Isse Mahad, Adama Diallo** and **Lydia Rapankei** – who are leading the fight against gendered violence in their communities. Join to discover why the voices and experiences of young people must be at the forefront of meaningful change.

Blue Bar, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall

3.30–4.30pm

Lips Choir

Expect a massive harmonic pop explosion as Lips, the trans-inclusive women's choir, perform a sparkling set of beloved pop bangers. Celebrate community and sing in solidarity and sequins. Expect everything from family favourites to pop classics in this interactive and unmissable bling-along!

The Clore Ballroom, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall

3.30–4.30pm

Sali Hughes In Conversation with Lauren Laverne



Join **Sali Hughes** in conversation with **Lauren Laverne** about her new book *Everything is Washable* – with advice on everything from cutting your own fringe to splitting finances with your partner. Expect tips and insight on the big and the small – and everything in between.

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Sali Hughes

3.30–4.30pm

How Kindness Can Change Your Life

Inspired by the concepts from her bestselling book *The Kindness Method*, in this workshop Behavioural Change Specialist **Shahroo Izadi** will share simple tools and advice for creating meaningful changes in our lives by building the self-esteem, self-belief and self-awareness we wish upon the people we love most.

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Shahroo Izadi

SUNDAY DAY PASS

3.30-4.30pm

Talking to Mum

In this intimate discussion between mother and daughter, US based CEO & Founder of Leadership For Execs **India Gary-Martin** talks to her mum **Eileen Cooper Reed** about her lifelong work as an activist and social justice advocate. They'll discuss how activism has shaped their lives and the inspiration they take from one another. For over 50 years, Eileen dedicated her life to the improvement of the human condition, particularly for children and families of colour.

**Foyle Pavilion, Level 3,
Blue Side, Royal Festival Hall**

3.30-4.30pm

Faking It: Deepfakes and Revenge Porn

Many of us have been left gripped by the BBC's *The Capture*, where deepfake technology is used to manipulate video footage for political gain. But for women who have been victims of deepfaked porn, this is not a thriller but a living nightmare. How do we tell what is real anymore in a world of deepfake technology? Join experts **Jennifer Savin**, **Folami Prehaye**, **Seyi Akiwowo** and **Jess Davies** to investigate.

Blue Bar, Level 4, Royal Festival Hall



Jennifer Savin

3.30-4.30pm

Refusing to be Silenced

To mark the anniversary of Anna Politkovskaya's murder in 2006, and to honour Anna and other women like her in the world, RAW in WAR (Reach all Women in War) annually presents the Anna Politkovskaya Award to women journalists and human rights defenders from conflict zones. This year's awards will be presented at WOW by RAW Founder **Mariana Katzarova**, 2021 award winner **Fawzia Koofi** (Afghanistan) and **Elena Kudimova**, Anna Politkovskaya's sister, to **Tetiana Sokolova**, a courageous midwife from Mariupol in Eastern Ukraine, and **Svetlana Gannushkina**, a human rights activist from Russia who uses her platform to speak out against the war in Ukraine. Chaired by RAW Patron **Baroness Helena Kennedy**.

**Level 5 Function Room, Green Side,
Royal Festival Hall**

4.40-5.30pm



WOW Closing Session: What We Put Up With and Why

We all know it's often very hard being a woman in the public eye. But it can sometimes feel even harder sticking to feminist principles in our personal lives. How do we admit to ourselves that we regularly drop the feminist ball or have it snatched from our grasp by family, friends, loved ones and colleagues? And what do we do about it? Join **Jude Kelly** as she talks about the rewards of having daily conversation with yourself to help tackle the compromises and conflicts that arise. Plus, don't miss a short conversation with **Marie-Celine Zialor**, Seychelles' Minister for Youth, Sports & Family, who will talk about the commitment the Seychelles has made to gender equality and how it could be a blueprint for the world.

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Roxane Gay Live at WOW

Roxane Gay, one of America's most beloved writers and cultural critics, comes to London for one-night only as part of WOW Festival, in conversation with writer and broadcaster Afua Hirsch.

Join one of the leading feminist voices of our time for an unforgettable evening of conversation, and celebration of her work that has garnered acclaim across the world for its honesty and ferocity.

Explore with Roxane topics ranging from politics, patriarchy, Beyoncé and reality television in the same sitting. No two Roxane Gay events are the same!

Roxane's work is internationally acclaimed for its reflective, no-holds barred exploration of feminism and social criticism. With a deft eye on modern culture, she brilliantly critiques its ebb and flow with



both wit and ferocity. Her collection of essays *Bad Feminist*, is universally considered the quintessential exploration of modern feminism. Her other books include *Ayiti*, *An Untamed State*, the bestselling *Difficult Women* and New York Times bestselling *Hunger*. She is also

the author of *World of Wakanda* for Marvel, and has a popular newsletter, *The Audacity* as well as an award-winning podcast, *The Roxane Gay Agenda*.

7.30pm,
Sunday 12 March
Royal Festival Hall



SAVE THE DATES!

Want more WOW in your life? We have good news... Here's what is coming up at WOW across the UK this summer...

THE WOW BARN FESTIVAL IN LEEDS – 13 MAY

The 2021 Office for National Statistics census showed that only 1% of skilled trades are filled by women, up just 0.7% in 10 years. Working with Leeds 2023 – Year of Culture, we're on a mission to change this, and create a powerful symbolic provocation, inspired by the dream of an equitable world. 300 women, girls and non-binary people will come together to raise The WOW Barn in just 24 hours. The temporary venue will then host the one-day WOW Barn Festival on Saturday 13 May. Join the movement at leeds2023.co.uk and we'll see you there!

The WOW Barn is supported by West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Leeds City Council and delivered in partnership with Civic Engineers and Leeds College of Building. Original concept commissioned by UNBOXED: Creativity in the UK with funding from the UK Government.



WOW ROTHERHAM – 10 JUNE

WOW Rotherham returns this summer for its second year, this time taking over Rotherham Town Centre. Last year's inaugural festival was a riot of colour, conversation and culture, and we can't wait to see what's on the line-up for 2023. Organised by Flux Rotherham, Rotherham Council Events Team and Children's Capital of Culture. Head to www.fluxrotherham.org.uk to sign up for updates as the festival takes shape.

P.S. Watch this space for WOW Scotland, coming to locations across Scotland in autumn 2023. Follow Raw Material on Instagram @raw_material_arts to hear when dates and details are announced soon.

WOW 13 YEARS OF IMPACT AROUND THE WORLD

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Current predictions say it will take 132 years to achieve global gender equity if we continue on our current trajectory*. Since 2010, WOW has harnessed the powerful celebration of festival and collective action around the world with the mission of accelerating this progress and to create fierce determination that gender equality is not only needed but desirable and possible. In 2022 we set about to track this impact, surveying thousands of people to find out how WOW was doing. Here's a look at what we discovered and the impact WOW has had over the years as we proudly turn 13.

Bloomberg has been part of WOW's journey since the very beginning, and their continued support as our Global Founding Partner plays a vital role in helping WOW's impact grow around the globe as we all come together to end gender inequality.

58% OF PEOPLE

have changed something in their lives as a result of their experience with WOW

77% FEEL MORE INFORMED

about issues and progress around gender equality as a result of WOW

71% HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS

with people they wouldn't usually encounter at WOW



WOW BUILDS OPTIMISM

Those who think gender equality is desirable:

99% if been to WOW
81% if haven't

Those who think gender equality is urgently required:

98% if been to WOW
73% if haven't

Those who think gender equality is possible:

84% if been to WOW
58% if haven't



SINCE WOW WAS FOUNDED IN 2010...

Five million people have been part of WOW Festivals and events

More than 100 WOW Festivals and events have taken place (and it's growing every month!)

Events have taken place in over **45 locations** on six continents (Antarctica, you're next...)

EVERY YEAR THE WOW GLOBAL MOVEMENT...

Gives a platform to **5,000** incredible contributors, speakers and performances

Works with (and is inspired by!) **2,400** children and young people

Reaches a huge **640,000** audiences online and in person

Engages **8.1 million** people on social media across the world

"I love how WOW makes me feel connected to other women and activists, and how it expands my mind and my world"
WOW survey responder

By being here today, you're part of WOW's ever-growing global movement. Help us discover more about WOW's impact by being part of our second annual survey. Every response will help us on our journey to tackle gender inequality.



*Source: World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Gender Gap Report 2022

WOW FESTIVAL'S CODE OF CONDUCT

“It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognise, accept and celebrate those differences”

Audre Lorde

WOW exists to build, convene and sustain a global movement that believes a gender equal world is desirable, possible and urgently required. We want to create safe, inclusive, intersectional and respectful spaces for debate and dialogue. We believe that everyone deserves to have a voice, to be heard, respected and listened to. We ask everyone who attends a WOW event, as a speaker or attendee, to follow our code of conduct. Here's a short extract, you can read it in full on our website.

Help to create a safe space for everyone. Here's how:

- Be an active bystander – if you see abuse happening, report it to a WOW member of staff or front of house staff immediately and show kindness to the person who is experiencing the abuse
- Have an open mind – be prepared to unlearn patterns of behaviour or ideologies

- Recognise and value diversity
- Be aware of language diversity
- Handle disagreement constructively
- Be mindful that people can be triggered by lots of different factors, some which may not be clear or obvious
- We believe that people can be vulnerable and treated with dignity and respect

We also want people to come to events as they are, whatever their circumstances or responsibilities. Don't worry about any of the following:

- Taking a comfort break
- Not understanding something
- Being emotional or crying – WOW celebrates vulnerability as a strength
- Breastfeeding
- Asking for help
- Leaving for any reason – no explanation needed

Read the Code of Conduct in full at thewowfoundation.com/code-of-conduct

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Thank you to Her Majesty The Queen Consort for her continuing support of The WOW Foundation.

WOW FESTIVAL INFORMATION

EVENTS

All WOW Festival events are ticketed separately. Take a look inside the brochure for a list of everything taking place across the three days.

FREE

While you're at the festival, make sure to explore the free events and experiences on offer. There will be WOW Pop Up performances taking place all weekend, including free live gigs from WOW Sounds artists.

WOW MARKETPLACE

The WOW Marketplace is completely free to explore. You'll find more than 50 stalls from women and non-binary owned businesses and social enterprises in the Royal Festival Hall, plus a programme of free workshops. It's open 11.30am-7pm every day.

ACCESS





The Southbank Centre is accessible to all. For more information, please visit southbankcentre.co.uk/access or visit the Welcome Desk, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall.

ASSISTED PERFORMANCES

Many events are BSL Interpreted and/or Captioned. We've included details in the brochure. Roaming BSL Interpreters are available for Day Pass events – head to the BSL Access Desk by the Welcome Desk in the Royal Festival Hall for details.

Please note that all information in the brochure is correct at the time of going to print and may be subject to change.





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Sign up to the WOW global movement at thewowfoundation.com

Please note, the Samaritans will be on site during the festival.
You can find them in the WOW Marketplace.