

Brighton Women's Centre  
and Brighton Dome presents

# International Women's Day

Open House  
Sat 5 Mar, 10am – 4pm

All Welcome  
FREE ENTRY



**Brighton Women's Centre**  
Empowering Women Since 1974

# International Women's Day

Brighton Dome and Brighton Women's Centre present our annual celebration of International Women's Day, open to everyone, taking place in every nook and cranny of the café-bar, Founders Room and Corn Exchange.

A marketplace of ideas, workshops and artisan gifts is at the heart of a free programme of art and debate. Enjoy stalls, talks, tastings and specially commissioned work reflecting on the issues raised throughout the day.

## About Brighton Dome

Brighton Dome is the cultural hub of Britain's most creative city and the south coast's premier multi-arts venue. With over 600 events a year - dance, theatre, music, comedy, books, debate and family friendly - we are recognised globally as well as being right at the heart of our community. And each year, throughout the month of May we take over the city with England's largest mixed arts festival, Brighton Festival. In 2016 Brighton Festival celebrates 50 years of commissioning and producing innovative arts and culture with Guest Director Laurie Anderson at the helm.

## About

### Brighton Women's Centre

*Make your voice heard!*



Brighton Women's Centre  
Empowering Women Since 1974

## What We Do

Women Only:  
Peer Group Drop-Ins  
Mentoring Support  
Specialist Women's Counselling  
Service User Participation  
Trauma Informed programmes  
ToyBox Pre-school  
Inspire project – positive alternatives  
Holistic Therapies  
Activities and Courses

## Get Involved

Volunteer with Brighton Women's Centre

[www.womenscentre.org.uk](http://www.womenscentre.org.uk)

[events@womenscentre.org.uk](mailto:events@womenscentre.org.uk)

01273 698036

[@BTNWomensCentre](https://twitter.com/BTNWomensCentre)

[Brighton Women's Centre](https://www.facebook.com/BrightonWomen'sCentre)

Donate and help women with vulnerabilities from Brighton & Hove

Donate online at:

[Mydonate.bt.com/charities/brightonwomenscentre](http://Mydonate.bt.com/charities/brightonwomenscentre)

Text: BWOC40

£2, £5 or £10 to 70070

Send a cheque to:

72 High St, Brighton, BN2 1RP

Or 22 Richmond Place, BN2 9NA

# Talks and Performance Schedule

## Main stage in Brighton Dome Corn Exchange

This stage will be BSL interpreted by Jill Blackadder, Marco Nardi and Juliet Grant

### 10:30 Live Performance: We Bop

We Bop are a 60 strong all-female cappella choir based in Queens Park, Brighton

### 10:50 Miss Rep Short Talk

Brighton Dome & Brighton Festival's flagship outreach project

### 11:00 Live Performance: Bellatrix

The first professional female beatboxer in the UK, and the first woman to enter the UK beatbox championships

### 11:30 Live Performance: Qukulele

The UK's first and only LGBT ukulele band, with layered harmonies, ukulele pluckin' and strummin'

### 12:00 Real Junk Food Project talk

Fighting food waste and food poverty, the Real Junk Food Project have intercepted over 25 tonnes of food

### 12:10 Live Performance: Rachel Nwokoro

Current Spoken Word - UK SLAM Champion Rachel Nwokoro (our host for the day) is a young black female poet born and bred in London

### 12:20 Live Performance: Bobbie Johnson

Local rapper Bobbie Johnson will make you totally re-evaluate your conceptions of female rappers

### 12:30 Live Performance: Bella Kardasis

An acoustic artist from Brighton. She creates stories with rhythm using a mesmerising technique

### 12:45 Live Performance: Chuck SJ Hay

A staple of the Brighton music scene as both a performer and promoter as well as the lead singer of revolutionary punk band Echo & The Beats

### 13:00 Live Performance: Jane Postlethwaite

Funny Women Finalist 2015 and a Brighton Comedy Festival Squawker Award Finalist 2015

### 13:15 Live Performance: Faye Houston

Faye Houston, incredible singer of reggae dub act Resonators brings us her solo material

### 13:50 Brighton Women's Centre Thank You Presentation

### 14:00 Panel Discussion

Join us for our Panel discussion 'What are the key issues facing women today and how can we work across divisions to achieve progress?'  
Panellists include MP Caroline Lucas, FGM campaigner Nimco Ali, local activist Emily Wright, deaf performer and theatre maker Nadia Nadarajah, youth worker Poppy Burt and chaired by Razia Aziz

### 15:30 Raffle and closing words / Live Choir Performance

# Cultural sharing / Film Room / Dead Reckoning / Miss Represented

## Cultural Sharing

This is a space to bring different women (and their children) together.

A space where we can share and show our cultures and our connections around the world – our many differences and our many shared experiences.

There will be an interactive map of the world where you can put pins in the places where you have connections and a sheet where you can write “Happy International Women’s Day” in different languages.

There will also be an exhibition illustrating the ways that International Women’s Day is celebrated around the world and the different lives that women lead in different places.

Perhaps most excitingly, there will be space for individual women to come together to share aspects of their culture – sharing stories, special possessions, songs and much more. We hope women from many parts of this country as well as from around the world will take part.

## Dead Reckoning

For the past year, artist Bern O’Donoghue has been using her work as a visual artist to look at issues and myths surrounding migration. Dead Reckoning is an installation bearing witness to the deaths in 2015 of an estimated 3,771 migrants and refugees who have attempted to cross the Mediterranean in their efforts to reach Europe. Spurred by some of the dehumanising language used by the media and the reduction of migrant deaths simply to statistics, Bern began making a boat to represent each person who has died, marking each boat with a relationship to another person.

## Film Room

Brighton Women’s Centre presents a series of 6 short films by different artists both local and far afield. The films explore topics of displacement and loss; different aspects of body image and stereotyping - breasts, ageing and things you might do with your hair - and women, marriage and divorce in Turkey.

Plus, a curated series of independent art shorts from female filmmakers locally and worldwide. Curated by Pop-Up Brighton who help artists get free artistic opportunities through bespoke pop-up shows, including the monthly event Brighton Film Club. Pop-Up Brighton and Brighton Dome collaborate on our annual event Bring Your Own Beamer showcasing work from a range of digital artists. Find out more at [www.popupbrighton.com](http://www.popupbrighton.com)

## Miss Represented: Retrospective & Drop-In Workshops

Miss Represented is a creative arts project working with young women who face challenging life situations. Since 2011, we have produced four exhibitions and three multi-media performances. To mark International Women’s Day, Miss Rep celebrates with a full Retrospective of work.

We have created stories, images, installations, songs, poetry and drama pieces about the female experience of homelessness, the care system, education and how we navigate through life. We have made pieces about love, relationships, fear, feeling judged, equality, being a mother, being a friend, being a daughter or a sister.

Come take a look at our past five years and join us for drop-in workshops in collage and jewellery making from 11am – 4pm.

# Workshops Programme

Sign up to the workshops at our Information Point (number 1 on the map)

## Museum Art Room

### 11:00 Women Writing: Poetic Encounters

Poet Evlynn Sharp leads this creative writing workshop inspired by the poetry of Adrienne Rich and our own lives and experiences

### 12:00 Bellatrix

A practical beatboxing workshop led by Bellatrix the first professional female beatboxer in the UK

### 13:00 Our Mum

This workshop gives room to reflect on our relationship with our mothers through drawing, writing and sharing stories. With theatre maker and artist Joanne Rosenfeld

### 14:00 Speaking with Impact

This practical workshop will show you how to maximise the use of your voice. Come and find your voice within you! With Sam Ferree

## The Real Junk Food Project

### 12-1.30pm

A delicious ‘pay what you can afford’ lunch will be provided by The Real Junk Food Project, a local initiative that ‘feeds bellies not bins’ with some of the 18 million tonnes of perfectly good food that is wasted in Britain every year.

## Dome Stage

### 11:00 Women, the Greatest Story Never Told

An exploration of women’s struggles and achievements through the ages with Ali Ghanimi

### 12:00 39 Women, My Dinner Party Guests

Jaki da Costa honours Judy Chicago’s memorable art installation with her own choice of incredible women she would invite to her party

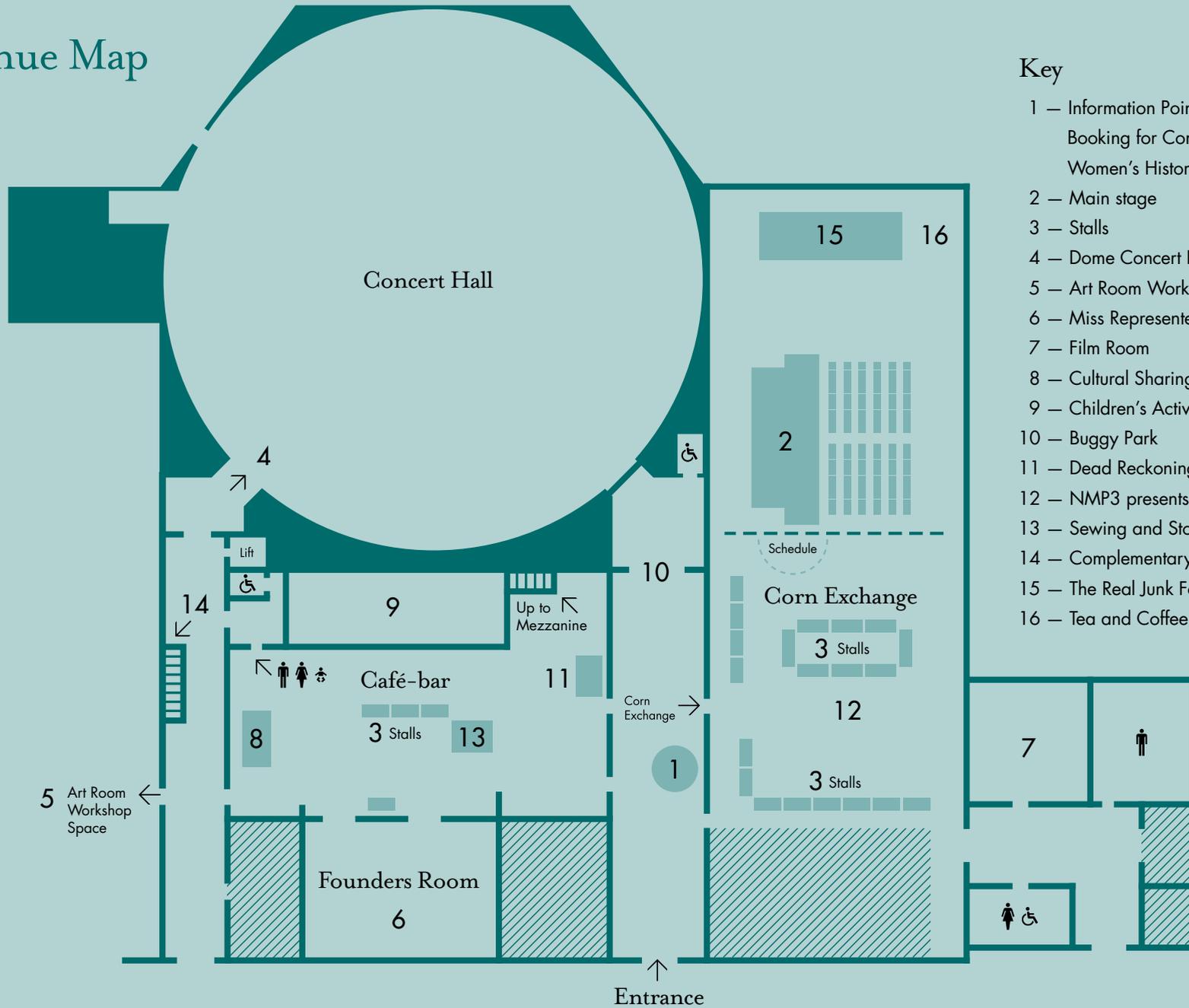
### 13:00 Women’s Self Defence

A celebratory look at women’s abilities to defend themselves as well as an opportunity to learn a few basic techniques, with Anna Duxbury

### 14:00 Sing Your Heart Out

No previous experience necessary in this fun workshop led by Aneesa Chaudhry

# Venue Map



## Key

- 1 – Information Point / Workshop Sign Up / Booking for Complementary Therapies / Women’s History Walk Sign Up & Meeting Point
- 2 – Main stage
- 3 – Stalls
- 4 – Dome Concert Hall Workshop Space
- 5 – Art Room Workshop Space
- 6 – Miss Represented Exhibition and Workshops
- 7 – Film Room
- 8 – Cultural Sharing
- 9 – Children’s Activities
- 10 – Buggy Park
- 11 – Dead Reckoning Art Project
- 12 – NMP3 presents a Body Positive workshop
- 13 – Sewing and Stories - Embellishing Fabrics
- 14 – Complementary Therapies
- 15 – The Real Junk Food Project
- 16 – Tea and Coffee Point

Church Street

Join us for a specially selected series of performances and events celebrating International Women's Day, featuring some of the most incredible female artists around...

### **Miss Represented: Retrospective**

Fri 4 - Wed 9 Mar, free

Look back across the girls' previous performances and exhibitions

### **Hair Peace**

Sat 5 Mar, 7.30pm

Victoria Melody's charming and funny odyssey in the secret roots of human hair extensions

### **Kathbum**

Sat 5 Mar, 8pm

The razor sharp and hilarious Katherine Ryan is back

### **The Vagina Monologues**

Sun 6 Mar, 7.30pm

A special benefit performance presented as part of a global initiative for women survivors of violence to rise and demand an end to violence

### **Sandi Toksvig Live! Politically Incorrect**

Tue 8 Mar, 7.30pm

Sandi Toksvig reigns supreme on International Women's Day

[brightondome.org](http://brightondome.org)  
01273 709709



Supported using public funding by  
**ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND**

