



International Women's Day Kirklees

EVENTS GUIDE

March 2021

Available now

Domestic Abuse Awareness Session

Public/invite only: Public

Kirklees Cohesion Team and Safeguarding deliver a Domestic Abuse awareness session with reference to the increased risk of domestic abuse during Covid-19.

Lead organisation: Safeguarding Partnerships and Kirklees Council Cohesion Team

Timings: Available now

Venue: Online via YouTube

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Activity

Task Cards

Public/invite only: Public – aimed at children

International Women's Day resources provide a variety of activity tasks cards for children. Tasks include: *'Think about a woman or girl who is a strong role model for you. Write a letter to the person, explaining what you admire about them and how they inspire you.'*

For more resources please visit:

[InternationalWomensDay_ActivityTaskCards_COL_bp](#)

Lead organisation: International Women's Day 2021 Resources

Timings: Available now

Venue: [Online resource](#)

Stories of Inspirational Women

Public/invite only: Public – aimed at children

For stories of inspirational women including Malala Yousafzai, Greta Thunberg and Obiageli Ezekwesili please visit: [InternationalWomensDayProfiles - enUS - COL](#).

Lead organisation: xxx

Timings: xxx

Venue: [Online resource](#)

Throughout March

#ChooseToChallenge

Public/invite only: Public

This year the International Women's Day theme is 'choose to challenge' and to celebrate the Cohesion Team are collating messages of 'I choose to challenge...'. This could be something you have challenged in the past, present, or will challenge in the future, that supports and empowers women.

If you'd like to get involved, please send your message of 'I choose to challenge...' to the Cohesion Team via email at Cohesion@kirklees.gov.uk by Monday 8th March 2021 and we will share your messages on the Cohesion Twitter and Facebook pages throughout March.

Lead organisation: Kirklees Council Cohesion Team

Timings: March 2021

Venue: Kirklees Council Cohesion Team [Twitter: @KirkleesCI](#)

and [Facebook: Kirklees Cohesion](#)

An audience with...

Public/invite only: Public

'An audience with...' is a mini-series with inspirational women sharing their real-life experiences, looking at how they choose to challenge and empower others.

Kirklees Cohesion team will be joined by Sofia Buncy DL, Shakila Mumtaz and other special guests.

Please see the Cohesion team Twitter and Facebook pages week commencing 8th March 2021 for further information.

Lead organisation: Kirklees Council Cohesion Team

Timings: Week commencing 8 March

Venue: For further information please see Kirklees Council Cohesion Team [Twitter: @KirkleesCI](#) and [Facebook: Kirklees Cohesion](#)

Tuesday 2 March

Library Adventures Live!

Public/invite only: Public – aimed at children aged 4-11 years

Join us for an extra special Library Adventures Live! Brilliant author Onjali Q. Rauf will be speaking to us about – and reading from – her powerful book 'The Night Bus Hero'. Told from the perspective of a bully, this book explores themes of bullying and homelessness, while celebrating kindness, friendship and the potential everyone has to change for the good.

Onjali Q. Rauf is a 2019 Carnegie Medal longlisted author and founder of the NGO Making Herstory, a woman's rights organisation tackling the abuse and trafficking of women and girls in the UK and beyond.

Lead organisation: Kirklees Libraries

Timings: 11am but is also available to catch up with later

Venue: Online at [Kirklees Libraries YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#)

Monday 8 March

Heart for Help, Hearts for Hope

Public/invite only: Private

Diamon Wood Academy are unable to hold their usual event for International Women's Day 2021 but want to continue to celebrate life, love and hope in a way that everyone can join in and stay safe.

Hearts are being filled out with hope for the future and offers of help. The hearts are going to form a banner that will be displayed outside of school on International Women's Day 2021.

Lead organisation: Mandy Farrar, Diamond Wood Academy

Timings: Private event

Venue: Diamond Wood Community Academy

Monday 8 March (continued)

Learn with the Lords: Question Time for International Women's Day

Public/invite only: Public – aimed at post-16 students

An all-women panel will discuss their experiences as female members of the House of Lords and what feminism means to them. As leaders and experts in their various fields, the panel will consider to what extent their gender has had an impact on their career.

Lead organisation: UK Parliament

Timings: 11am - 12pm

Venue: Online - [Learn with the Lords: Question Time for International Women's Day](#)

Gentleman Jack

Public/invite only: Public

Read Regional brings local author Clara Barley to Kirklees to talk about her novel 'The Moss House' which centres on the relationship between Anne Lister and Ann Walker. A passionate tale of two women striving to live as they choose.

Lead organisation: Kirklees Libraries online

Timings: 7pm but available to catch up later

Venue: Online

Live shows and catch up can be accessed at [Kirklees Libraries YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter](#)

Meet, Make and Listen with sound artist Eleanor Cully

Public/invite only: Public

Kirklees Libraries and Sound Artist Eleanor Cully to celebrate International Women's Day with a mix of music, workshop, and Q&A. This Living Knowledge Network event is part of our Unfinished business: The Fight for Women's Rights programme run in conjunction with the British Library <https://www.bl.uk/events/unfinished-business>

Lead organisation: Kirklees Libraries

Timings: 11am - 12pm

Venue: Online (free event, no booking required).

Streamed live on [Kirklees Libraries YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter](#)

For catch up go to [Kirklees Libraries YouTube channel](#) and www.kirkleeslibraries.co.uk

IWD Zoom Pamper Session

Public/invite only: Public – book via email

Join us on International Women's Day, for an hour of pure indulgence! We will learn how to relax our stressed bodies with some simple seated exercises, have a luxurious Hand Massage and finish with a fragrant and mindful Visualisation. All you will need is your favourite fragrance nearby – this could be a candle, an Essential Oil blend or even your favourite perfume, and for your hands- a lovely hand cream or massage oil to pamper yourself with.

Lead organisation: S2R

Timings: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Venue: Zoom

To book please email contact@s2r.org.uk and we'll provide you with the Zoom joining link.

International Women's Day event

Public/invite only: Public

The event is a panel of inspiring women sharing their experiences by sharing one's journey and challenges they have overcome. There will be a chance to ask questions and have some meaningful discussions that will help to uplift and empower each other. If anyone would like further information, please contact U1854360@unimail.hud.ac.uk

Lead organisation: Huddersfield Students' Union

Timings: 2pm

Venue: Online

For further information please email U1854360@unimail.hud.ac.uk

International Women's Day event

Public/invite only: Public

On IWD the Brunswick Centre are going to show videos throughout the day on Facebook and Twitter from women who have leading roles in HIV and sexual health services.

Lead organisation: The Brunswick Centre

Timings: All day

Venue: Twitter: [@_thebrunswick_](#)

Facebook: [The Brunswick centre-Kirklees Calderdale](#)

Wednesday 10 March

Challenge MomLife

Public/invite only: Ladies only session – book via text message

We have Nicola from Locala joining us for our Coffee & Cuddles session on the 10th March to discuss sleeping & feeding issues for Moms, particularly in light of the impact of social media on the expectations of motherhood.

Lead organisation: Happy MOMents

Timings: 11am - 12pm

Venue: Zoom

Register for this event by sending a message to 07796 670 624.

Thursday 11 March

Economic Abuse Awareness Session

Public/invite only: Public – book online

Join us for a one-off online Teams awareness session on Economic Abuse delivered by Chani Mortimer. The session will give an overview of Economic Abuse and Coercive Control and the impact they have.

Lead organisation: Domestic Abuse & Safeguarding partnerships and Kirklees Council Cohesion Team

Timings: 10am – 11am

Venue: Online

[Economic Abuse Tickets, Thu 11 Mar 2021 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Wednesday 17 March

IWD Boxing and Fitness Session

Public/invite only: Private – Invite only ladies' session

This is a free, online, one off basic fitness session and no experience is needed. All levels of fitness welcome. Open to women only as part of International Women's Day.

Lead organisation: Delivered by Training Cave Birstall with professional instructor Jack Sunderland

Timings: 11am - 12pm

Venue: To book your place please contact cohesion@kirklees.gov.uk

Thursday 18 March

Women: Challenges and Achievements

Public/invite only: Public

An online event to share inspiring stories and ways of how women have chosen to challenge in their everyday lives.

Lead organisation: In partnership with Kirklees Council Cohesion Team, NKI, Empathy group and Wellsprings Together.

Timings: 1pm – 2pm

Venue: Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82811179446?pwd=bHpYcncNWWWW0wekhhZFQ0bWdHSEtaQT09>

Meeting ID: 828 1117 9446

Passcode: 185481

TBC

Celebrating International Women's Day 2021 – Meet the Councillors

Public/invite only: Public – 16-18-year-olds

An online session to help young people 16 – 18 years old to learn what councillors do, share how they feel about life in their local place right now, and explore opportunities to work together with councillors on community projects.

Lead organisation: Democracy Team, Kirklees Council

Timings: One hour - TBC

Venue: For more details, please contact michelle.ross@kirklees.gov.uk or claire.howe@kirklees.gov.uk

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