

PRESS RELEASE - for immediate release

Brighton International Women's Day Celebration 2020

Sat 7 Mar, 10am - 5pm

Brighton Dome and Brighton Museum & Art Gallery

FREE ENTRY ON THE DOOR

PAY-AS-YOU-FEEL WORKSHOPS AND FOOD



On 7th March 2020 **Brighton Women's Centre (BWC)** will host the city's largest annual International Women's Day celebrations in partnership with **Brighton Dome** and **Royal Pavilion and Museums**.

With gender equality firmly on the agenda, this free and inclusive event celebrates women's achievements while raising vital funds for BWC.

This all-day event offers a specially curated programme of inspiring speakers, activists and innovators, pay-as-you-feel workshops, arts and crafts, causes and campaigns, and fun for all the family.

This year's theme is **Women and the Climate Emergency**. Join Green MP **Caroline Lucas** and our panel of experts and activists as they discuss how gender inequality leaves women more vulnerable to climate change and how women are leading the way to tackle the crisis.

There will be talks on **sustainable fashion** and **eco-anxiety**, fun climate-themed experiments – including the **Ice Cream Melting Challenge** - with Brighton Science Festival, a **Green Magic Show** to save the planet with Megan Swann and a crafts area using reclaimed materials.

If you like to try new things there will be pay-as-you-feel workshops throughout the day. You can **sing your heart out** with Aneesa, **dance the Charleston** with Brighton Lindyhoppers, do a **stage fighting workshop** with Alison de Burgh, have-a-go at **comedy writing**, discover the Power of Trees, **folk-dance** with Morris women, **relax with yoga**, or learn about **Brighton's hidden suffragette**.

In Brighton Museum and Art Gallery, discover and celebrate 100 pioneering women of the 21st century in a major exhibition **100 First Women Portraits** by acclaimed photographer **Anita Corbin**. Her striking images capture an impressive record of female achievement, from beatboxing to bomb detection, computing to cricket, blast furnaces to boardrooms. These iconic portraits include seventies rocker **Suzi Quatro**, Olympian Boxer **Nicola Adams OBE**, **Lady Brenda Hale** of the Supreme Court and football manager **Hope Powell**.

Economist **Vicky Pryce**, author of *Women vs Capitalism*, joins experts from the Women's Budget Group, the Fawcett Society and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to discuss Women and Poverty, chaired by BWC Director, Lisa Dando.

In Kate Darach's award-winning show, **Moon Tales**, twelve female characters are revealed through beautifully written monologues, each spanning different times and places and inspired by the names of full moons.

Around The Dome you can book a **chair massage**, browse our **market place of stalls**, take a **women's history tour** and visit the pop-up **Brighton Feminist Bookshop** supported by Myriad Editions. There will also be a pay-as-you-feel buffet from **The Real Junk Food Project** and the **Network of International Women**.

BWC's Toy Box will provide all-day drop-in arts and craft activities for children and their carers. Come and help them recreate **Hokusai's 'The Great Wave'** from recycled materials. Messy fun with a conscious mind!

International Women's Day Brighton will take part in Brighton Dome and Museum, Church Street, Brighton from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 7th March. All welcome. Free entry.

For full programme details visit <http://brightoninternationalwomensday.org>

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For more information visit www.brightoninternationalwomensday.org
Or https://brightondome.org/event/24487/international_womens_day_celebration/

IWD Brighton 2020 is sponsored by Sussex Police and Brighton and Hove Clinical Commissioning Group.

About Brighton Women's Centre

BWC creates safe spaces where a woman can be herself, where we can build a strong, supportive relationship with her – giving her the security she needs to take the next steps towards a better life. We recognise that each woman is an individual, with her own history, her own challenges, her own hopes. We give her whatever kind of support she needs.

Practical support such as childcare, moral support such as advice and encouragement, and specialist support from case workers and our team of highly skilled volunteers. We understand that the problems in women's lives can sometimes come from a deeper root cause – and so, using our connected services, we work to improve all parts of her life.

Through our work with each individual, we fight social injustice and advocate for gender equality. Ultimately, we give women – and wider society – the strength to succeed.

To learn more about the work of Brighton Women's Centre, please visit our website
<https://womenscentre.org.uk/>

About Brighton Dome

Brighton Dome is the south coast's premier multi-arts venue which presents and produces over 600 events spanning music, theatre, dance, comedy, literature, spoken word, visual arts, film, digital and more.

With a rich history spanning over 200 years (starting life as the Prince Regent's stables and riding house), Brighton Dome provides an extraordinary space in which to bring the arts alive.

Brighton Dome is supported by Brighton & Hove City Council and Arts Council England.

About Brighton Museum & Art Gallery

Brighton Museum & Art Gallery, part of Brighton & Hove City Council, is one of Britain's oldest public museums. Located in the Royal Pavilion Estate at the heart of the city's cultural quarter, its collections showcase arts and crafts from across the world and history from Ancient Egypt to modern Brighton.

Admission fee payable, Brighton & Hove residents free

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