

# AUDACIOUS WOMEN FESTIVAL

DO WHAT YOU ALWAYS  
WISH YOU DARED

PROGRAMME  
18-26 Feb 2017

The Audacious Women Festival  
invites women everywhere to  
Do What You Always Wish You Dared.

Join us for the 2017 festival,  
with 40 events taking place in  
Edinburgh from the 18th - 26th February.

This is your chance to break down  
personal, political or institutional  
barriers, and to celebrate  
audacious women everywhere.

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# EXHIBITIONS

## Pioneering Females: 1st Feb to 28th Feb



**Monday-Wed 10am - 8pm, Thurs - Sat 10am - 5pm**  
Edinburgh Central Library, George IV Bridge, EH1 1EG  
Free

A crowd-sourced exhibition of Audacious Women in the last 100 years, drawn from the archives of [www.scran.ac.uk](http://www.scran.ac.uk), highlighting pioneering women in many different fields from politics to science. You are also invited to permanently add the audacious women in your own life to Scotland's digital archive. See [@Scranlife](https://twitter.com/Scranlife) on Twitter for more details.

## These Dangerous Women: 1st Feb to 28th Feb

**Mon - Fri: 10.30 to 4pm Sat - Sun: 11am to 4pm**  
The Little Shop of Memory, Ocean Terminal, EH6 6JJ  
Free

The forgotten story of the women who worked for peace during World War 1 including Edinburgh's Chrystal Macmillan.



## Revolution on Roller Skates: 21st Feb to 28th Feb



**Mon-Thurs 07.30-22.00, Fri-Sun 07.30-20.00**  
Meadowbank Stadium, EH7 6AE  
Free

Discover the fast-and-furious world of women's Roller Derby and see fascinating ephemera, costumes, posters and artwork. Glasgow Women's Library houses the UK's first archive of the all-female, full-contact sport of Women's Flat Track Roller Derby.

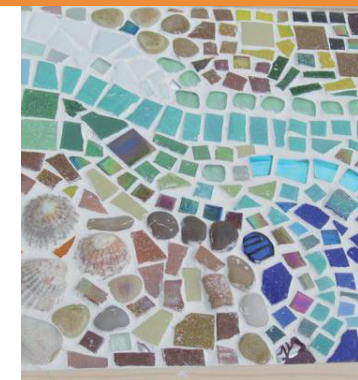
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# Saturday 18th February

## Mexican Mosaics Workshop

**10.00-15.30: Lauriston Castle, EH4 6AD**  
Tickets £30 plus £2.45 booking fee.

Ever wanted to try a completely new craft and make a beautiful mosaic? In this beginners workshop you will make a small mosaic panel using genuine glass mosaic tiles and pieces of fractured glass and mirror. It will be taught by Margaret Findlay in the beautiful surroundings of the historic Lauriston Castle. Women only.



## Stories from Scotland's Audacious Writers



**10:30-12:00: City Art Centre, EH1 1DE**  
Free but booking essential

Scotland boasts a long history of women writers who have enthralled us with tales of bold girls and plucky quines. This reading session led by Jess Orr from Open Book will share short stories and poems from some of Scotland's most audacious women.

## Queen 16 Bgirl Battle



**13:00-17:00: Ocean Terminal Ocean Drive, EH6 6JJ**  
Suggested donation £5

1vs1 Breakdance Battle. The State presents the UK Qualifier for the Queen 16 Bgirl battle in Leipzig, Germany. Bgirls from all over the UK meet to battle for the UK title. Live DJ and international judges. Put your name down to enter the battle or come along to show your support. Women only competitors, but everyone is welcome to come and watch.

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### Unleash your Audacious Power

**13:30-15:50: City Art Centre, EHI IDE**  
**Free but booking essential**

This creative workshop led by Anna Czekala is designed to expand self-awareness and unleash our audacious powers. We will explore our audacious dreams and desires, challenging self-limiting beliefs and destructive thinking patterns.



### Adventures, Ambushes and Cliffhangers with Lari Don

**14:00-15:00: Scottish Storytelling Centre, EHI ISR**  
**Tickets £5 per child**

Lari Don is passionate about sending strong female characters on dangerous magical quests. Hear myths and legends of heroines who don't need to be saved by a bloke with a sword, and girls defeating their own monsters in Girls, Goddesses & Giants. Lari also has fun writing male centaurs, kelpies and faery warriors. Suitable for everyone aged 8 -12.



### Witches Reel: Women's Singing Flashmob

**16:00-18:00: City Art Centre, EHI IDE**  
**Free. Registration required so we can let you have more details in advance.**

Come and learn a couple of audacious songs at a short rehearsal before the flash mob. They include the Witches Reel, a Scottish women's song from 1590, to remember and celebrate women who were oppressed and killed during that time, as well as women who have suffered violence more recently. Sign up for more info! Women only.



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### Unearthing: One-Woman Play by Rachel-Jane Morrison

**19:00-20:00: The Vault, EHI 2QD**  
**Tickets £8 / £6**

Unearthing explores stories from the women who survived the Coal Mining industry in the Kingdom of Fife. In this solo performance, Rachel-Jane Morrison will pay tribute to the miners and their families through stories and songs gathered from some of the strongest women she has met.



**Sunday 19th February**

### Photography Workshop: Portraits Exposed

**12:00-15:00: City Art Centre, 2 Market St, EHI IDE**  
**£5 for materials**

This workshop offers a chance to both take photos and be in front of the lens - the perfect way to understand what portrait photography is about. Did you miss the punk era? Always wanted an audacious Calendar Girls-style shot? Join us to make your ideas a reality. Women only.



### Death or Glory: Audacious Art Workshop

**12:00-16:00: The Steel Shed, Ocean Drive, EH6 6JJ**  
**Tickets £10**

A workshop will run alongside the exhibition "Death or Glory". Women who have always wanted to make work but never found the confidence will get the opportunity to produce a piece of artwork in response to the theme "audacious women". The work will be exhibited. Women only.



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## Queen 16 DJ Workshop

**13:00-14:30: Ocean Terminal, EH6 6JJ**  
**£12 suggested donation**

Join The State for a fun introduction to a mixing, scratching, record playing DJ workshop. No experience necessary, come along and learn some skills. Women only.



## Introduction to Iyengar Yoga

**14:00-15:30: Edinburgh Iyengar Yoga Centre, EH10 4LQ**  
**Free but optional donation**

Participants will be taken through some basic yoga poses in a supportive and friendly class. It is suitable for those with no experience but without any special problems. Women only.



## Queen 16 Breaking Workshop

**15:00-17:00: Ocean Terminal, EH6 6JJ**  
**£12 suggested donation**

A fun and energetic breakdance workshop. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable clothes and trainers, bring plenty of water. Women only.



## A Taste of the Punjab

**14:30-16:30: Punjabi Junction, EH6 5DT**  
**Free but booking essential**

A taste of the Punjab with musical entertainment, pakoras and chai. Sikh Sanjog's own Ronak Mela Drumming Group will provide the music. Women from all cultures are also invited to join us to perform a song, dance, instrument, story, prose or poetry. Or just come to listen and enjoy the gathering. Women only.



## Daring to Lead

**18:00-20:00: Augustine United Church, EH1 1EL**  
**Free**

Equate Scotland will host an evening reception with daring women speakers who are leaders in the male dominated STEM environment, who are crushing misconceptions of women's leadership. How do stereotypes harm women's progression? Women leaders are not "bossy" or "bitchy" – they are simply taking charge! Wine will be served.



## Liz Lochhead on Joan Eardley

**18:00-19:00: Scottish National Gallery, EH2 2EL**

Liz Lochhead, Scottish poet, playwright, translator and broadcaster explores Joan Eardley and her influence on Women Painters in Scotland from 1960 till today - a personal view. Between 2011 and 2016 Lochhead was the Makar, or National Poet of Scotland.

## Monday 20th February

### How Dare She? An Audacious Woman Speaks



**18:30-19:30: Scottish Storytelling Centre, EH1 1SR**  
**Tickets £6 (£4) (£3.50 SCS)**

Nadine Aisha discusses the power of speaking out both for ourselves and those who hear us. Is the act of naming the violence or inequality women experience audacious in itself? Nadine reads from her poetry pamphlet, Still, and new work to explore these questions. She is Writer in Residence for the Young Women's Movement Scotland.

## Tuesday 21st February

### Stonemasonry Workshop

**10.00-15.30: St Mary's Cathedral Workshop**  
**Tickets £10 / £8**

A day long workshop, offering both practical and theoretical tuition. The day will include a tour of the Cathedral and Spire to demonstrate the restoration that has already taken place. Women only.



### Knitting with the Purlly Queens

**14:00: Gilmerton Library, EH17 8RG**  
**Free**

Knitting group the Purlly Queens are imparting their vast knitting knowledge to anyone who wants to come along and take up the challenge. All women are welcome, young and old, no matter your skill complete beginners or old hands. Teas, coffees and even a wee biscuit to go with it. Women only.

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## Tuesday 21st February

### Exhibition Launch: Revolution on Roller Skates

**18:00-19:30: Meadowbank Stadium, EH7 6AE**  
**Free**

Come and meet some of the Auld Reekie Roller Girls to celebrate the launch of this fascinating exhibition. There will be a live Roller Derby demo, and a chance to win tickets to a Roller Derby match. Refreshments provided.



### Words Unbound: Music Soundscapes with Anita Govan

**18:30-19:30: Central Library, EH1 1EG**  
**Free but booking essential**

"Wild, audacious and inspiring; roots in dance and song". Anita is one of Britain's leading performance poets and a driving force behind Scotland's flourishing spoken word scene. She will play with performance poetry and musical soundscapes, with a little audience participation to create an interplay between audience and performer.



## Wednesday 22nd February

### Crafty Ladies



**13:30-15:30: Morningside Library, EH10 4PU**  
**Free**

Library craft group "Made in Morningside" demonstrates a range of art and crafts. Try your hand at activities including the traditional paper crafting technique of quilling, making greeting cards, dye cutting, stamping, heat embossing, knitting, and jewellery making. Women only.

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## Death or Glory: Audacious Art Workshop



**12:00-16:00: The Steel Shed, Ocean Drive, EH6 6JJ**  
Tickets £10

A workshop will run alongside the exhibition "Death or Glory" at DOK Artist Space. Women who have always wanted to make work but never found the confidence will get the opportunity to produce a piece of artwork in response to the theme "audacious women". The work will be exhibited at our premises in Leith. Women only.

## Feeling Fragrant? Memorialising Audacious Women



**18:30-19:30: Scottish Storytelling Centre, EH1 1SR**  
Tickets £6 (£4) (£3.50 SCS)

Historical novelist Sara Sheridan writes the lost and hidden stories of women, and campaigns to memorialise them. She recently launched a new brand, REEK, whose first perfume, Damn Rebel Bitches, is made in memory of Jacobite women. Her research into the history of the lady inspires her creation of audacious female characters and other exciting endeavours.

## Speaking up for Women Internationally

**19.00-21.00: Augustine United Church, EH1 1EL**  
Free but booking essential

Should international disputes be settled by negotiation rather than violence? How much can 'ordinary' women influence governments? Women's International League for Peace and Freedom brings together a panel of international women to talk about women, equality and action.



## Adventures in Audacious Songwriting



**10.30-12.30: City Art Centre, EH1 1DE**  
Free but booking essential

A chance to write your own songs, working individually or in small groups. No previous experience necessary. We'll be playing around with building songs and improvisations from your own ideas and group discussions, with support from singer and radical songwriter Penny Stone. Women only.

## Who do MSPs wish they were?

**12:30 - 14:30: The Scottish Parliament, EH99 1SP**  
Free but booking essential by Thursday 16th Feb

Who have inspired our women politicians? How do they reflect their values and which of their achievements do they admire? MSPs Annie Wells, Rhoda Grant, Jeane Freeman and Alison Johnstone will choose an audacious women from history and discuss why they are important, and why they would have liked to have been them.



## Audacious Bookbug

**14:00: Moredun Library, 92 Moredun Park Road EH17 7HL**  
Free

Jump out of your comfort zone! Join in with dance, song and rhymes. A special bookbug aimed at mums, grans or a carer of children under 5 years. A celebration of songs and rhymes you may all know from your own childhood. Come along and feel the energy and power of song. Women only.

## Dancing in Freedom

15.00: City Art Centre, EHI IDE  
Price, by Donation

Dancing in Freedom is a powerful, moving and uplifting exploration of why gender based violence and abuse exists, and how we can become free of it, individually and collectively. It was devised by women with lived experience of this issue, who are part of the Shakti Theatre Company.



## obZine Workshop



18:00-20:00: Augustine United Church EHI IEL  
Tickets £6.00

Ever fancied making your own publication but don't know where to start? The duo behind independent publisher 404 Ink, Heather McDaid and Laura Jones, will be hosting a zine workshop to help you throw fear out the door and create loudly and with abandon.

## A Monstrous Regiment?



18:30-19:30: Scottish Storytelling Centre, EHI ISR  
Tickets £6 (£4) (£3.50 SCS)

Powerful Women and the Challenges of Ruling with Catherine Hokin. How are powerful women judged by history? Do we remember their obedient compliance or their rebellious riling against the norms? Catherine Hokin's debut novel Blood and Roses is a feminist re-telling of the shadowy French Queen Margaret of Anjou. Catherine discusses the plight of women leaders from Empress Maud and Elizabeth I, to contemporary figureheads such as Hilary Clinton and Nicola Sturgeon.

## 24 Carat Gold Dancers perform "The Seasons"

15.00-16.00: Dance Base, EHI 2JU  
Free but optional donation to  
Dancebase Outreach Program

24 Carat's anthem, Queen's "Don't Stop me Now" exactly reflects their philosophy. The programme celebrates the different ages of women in "The Seasons". Young dancers dance "Spring" while the over-60's Carats interpret "Summer" to Carmina Burana, "Autumn" to Joyce Grenfell and "Winter" to Vivaldi.



## Whisky and Women



19:30-21:00: Hill Street Design House, EH2 3JP  
Tickets £15 (+ £1.32 booking fee)

A whisky tasting of six delicious drams, which highlight the important and influential role of women in the whisky industry. The guest speakers all hold prominent positions in the world of whisky: Rachel Barrie of Morrison Bowmore; Ginny Boswell, Wemyss Malts; Alex Cameron, Eden Mill Brewery; and Karen Somerville, Co-founder of Angels' Share Glass.

## TELL US ABOUT YOUR AUDACIOUS ACTS

Let us know about something audacious you've done, or a pledge to Do What You Always Wish You Dared this year and we'll publish it on the website.

You can contact us by email at [info@audaciouswomen.scot](mailto:info@audaciouswomen.scot), via our website, or via Facebook: **AudaciousWomenFestival** or Twitter: **@AWFest, #AWFest2017**.

## Coming Out Audaciously - Workshop



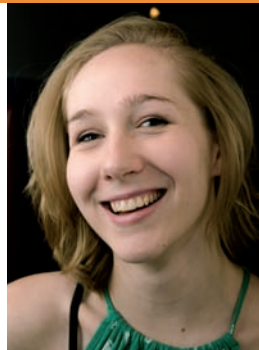
**13:00-16:00: City Art Centre, EH1 1DE**  
**Free but optional donation. Booking essential.**

This workshop will offer a safe and supportive space to explore different aspects of coming out to ourselves or others. Coming out is a lifelong process, so whatever your stage or confidence all LGBTQI identified women aged 16 and over are welcome.

## Dare to Be Loud!

**14:00-16:00: Scottish Storytelling Centre, EH1 1SR**  
**Tickets £10 (£8) (£7.50 SCS)**

Have you ever wanted to perform your own writing? Spoken word artist Katie Ailes, from the collective Loud Poets, will guide you through creative writing and performance exercises and give handy performance tips. Everyone will draft a piece of writing and perform it. Open to all women, whether you're a practiced poet or an absolute beginner.



## Audacious Women Festival Party

**19.30-23.00: Augustine United Church, EH1 1EL**  
**Tickets £13.50 / £10**

A live music and dance performance and party for the end of the Audacious Women Festival. There will be a performance by Mairi Campbell, drawing on her deep well of Celtic ancestry blending improv, elemental soundings and songs. Followed by a DJ, dancing, drinking and time to celebrate our audacious achievements during the week.



## Women on the Water



**14:00: Musselburgh lagoons, EH21 7QE**  
**Free**

Eskmuth Community Rowing Club offer taster sessions at Musselburgh lagoons with our coastal rowing club. Dress in warm layers with old trainers or wellies and have a go rowing around the lagoon. All training will be given for this very easy and fun sport. Bring waterproofs just in case.

## Motorcycle Taster Sessions

**11.00-12:30 or 13.00-14:30 or 15.00-16:30**  
**Saltire Motorcycles, EH11 3XX**  
**Tickets £27.00**

Always fancied riding a motorbike? Have fun and learn the basics in our indoor training yard, on one of our Suzuki 125cc motorcycles. There will be cake and hot drinks, talks on protective clothing and representation from the female motorcycle club "The Curvy Riders".



## Radical Voices: Celebrating Audacious Women!

**18.30-21.30: The Constitution Bar, EH6 6RS**  
**Free**

Come and listen to singers of radical songs and share songs, stories and poems on the theme of Audacious women (whether you are being audacious in the act of sharing your song or story, or telling us about other audacious women). Penny Stone will host so we'll have a few singalong songs as well.

