



## FESTIVAL OF FEMINIST IDEAS AND ACTIONS SPRING 2015

To celebrate International Women's Day 2015, Northumbria University's **Gender & Society Research Hub (GSRH)** is hosting a series of feminist conversations. These conversations focus on women's experiences and lives including their roles as politicians, activists, community workers, writers, directors, actors and academics. Each conversation looks at a particular theme and draws in women working in a variety of professional areas and contexts. The themes include women's safety and how local organisations support women, the history of women's activist contributions and the contemporary campaigns in which women are currently engaged, and how feminist politics are translated into creative acts of theatre and performance. The final event discusses research carried out with women politicians in a variety of national contexts.

**Venue:** City Library (Bewick Hall)

**Time:** all events take place 6.30-7.30pm, refreshments available from 6pm

### PROGRAMME

#### **Tuesday 3rd March : *Creative Feminist Action***

**Speakers:** Charlie Hardwick (actor, *The Awkward Squad*, *Emmerdale*), Kay Hepplewhite (lecturer, researcher, theatre practitioner), Fiona MacPherson (producer/director, the Guild of Lillians), Karin Young (writer, *The Awkward Squad*, *Emmerdale*)

#### **Thursday 12th March: *Women, History and Social Change***

**Speakers:** Professor Joan Anim-Addo (Centre for Caribbean Studies, Goldsmith's, University of London), Chris Drake (Greenham), Barbara Jackson (Women Against Pit Closures, Orgreave Truth & Justice Campaign), Rosie Lewis (BAM Sistahood Heritage Co-ordinator)

#### **Monday 16th March: *Women's Activism Today***

**Speakers:** Pat Fisher BEM; Lizi Gray (Slutwalk; Northumbria University Feminist Society; NE Feminist Gathering); Sue Robson (NEWomen's Network Co-ordinator)

#### **Monday 23rd March: *Women's Safety and Freedom***

**Speakers:** Cris McCurley, Women's and Human Rights lawyer, Ben Hoare and Bell Solicitors; representatives from Rape Crisis Tyneside and Northumberland

#### **Wednesday 1st April: *Women, Politics, Power***

**Speakers:** Louise Carol Donkor (University of Liverpool), Dr Justine Natale (University of Newcastle), Sue Regan (Northumbria University)

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