Poplar Union is proud to present the return of Women in Focus Festival.

In 2018 we said time's up. In 2019 we said girls to the front. Now it's 2020 and we're making space!

Join the conversation!

#MakeSpace #WomeninFocus2020

Friday 6 March



Spotlight Sounds presents: Music She Makes

Time: 7.30pm-10pm Suitable for ages 12+ Location: The Library

Spotlight's young all-female line-up take over the stage to prove that female artists should be celebrated every day of the year.

Saturday 7 March



POP-Corn presents: Zootropolis (2016)

Directed by Byron Howard & Rich Moore Time: 10am-11.30am

Cert. U Location: Betty Join the smart and determined officer Judy Hopps as she defies the odds to crack a case in the heart of Zootropolis in this action-comedy family favourite!



Frida Kahlo's Flower Crown workshop

Time: 11.30am-1pm Suitable for all ages Location: The Library Celebrate artist and style-icon Frida Kahlo in this eco-friendly flower-crown making workshop with textile artist and co-founder of Sunny Jar Eco Hub, Maud Barrett.



Rangoli Floor drawing workshop

Time: 1pm-2.30pm Suitable for ages 4+ Location: Betty Join this community art workshop to create a large-scale Rangoli pattern using dry rice, beans, seeds and lentils, celebrating this traditional Indian art form.



Body Love Burlesque class

Time: 3pm-4pm Suitable for ages 16+ Location: Betty Bolly Ditz Dolly brings a sprinkle of body love through the classic art of burlesque with extra haldi on it! Get ready to wiggle and jiggle away!



Cabaret on the Canal!

Time: 7.30pm-10pm Suitable for ages 16+ Location: Betty Enter a world full of fabulous misfits, clowns and courtiers ready to entertain you, headlined by cabaret legends, Frank Chickens.

Sunday 8 March



Sunday Assembly East End: Grrl Power

Time: 11.30am-1.30pm Suitable for all ages Location: Betty Join Sunday Assembly East End exploring gender identity, what it means to be a woman in 2020 and how to make space with guest speakers and live music.



Baque Luar

workshop & performance

Time: 1.30pm-3pm Suitable for ages 12+ Location: Betty Baque Luar share their love of Afro-Brazilian roots music with a performance and open workshop of the songs, rhythm and dance from North East Brazil that inspire them.



Equal Writes!

Calligraphy workshop

Time: 2pm-4pm Suitable for ages 16+ Location: The Library A beginners modern calligraphy workshop exploring mantras, slogans and feminist quotes led by Beeta Taylor-Sadeghi.



Nari Chetona

Time: 4pm-8pm Suitable for all ages Location: Betty An evening of insightful talks, poetry, dance and music from Nari Chetona exploring feminism from a South Asian perspective.







Exhibitions & Workshops

Saturday 7 Make Space. Make Art.

Time: 11.30pm-4pm Suitable for all ages Location: The Library

Running throughout the day, Natalya Martin will be helping you express yourself through collage, mask making, scribbling, scrawling and statement making.

Saturday 7 Contents of Women's Handbags: A 1–2–1 discussion

Time: 1pm-5pm Suitable for ages 18+ Location: Mike

Artist Teresa Witz invites members of the public to reveal the contents of their handbags and discuss the function and connections of the objects we all carry with/on us every day. This will guide and inspire new work for the project.

All weekend Women and Power by Pablo Khaled

Suitable for all ages Location: The Gallery

A photography exhibition exploring Maya Angelo's feminist poetry through portraits of rebellion, beauty and power.

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