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**Festival  
of debate**

April –  
May 2020

Sheffield, Rotherham  
Barnsley & Doncaster

## Let's make change.

This is a festival of people, community organisations, progressive thinkers, charities, campaign groups, keynote speakers, activists and visionaries who we think have good ideas for making the world a better place for everyone to live in.

For six weeks this year in Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley and Doncaster, we want to provide a safe, inclusive space for everyone to connect, learn, debate and discuss the many pressing issues of our time.

Most of the events are free to attend, with some carrying a door charge, depending on factors like speaker fees, venue costs and staffing. In all instances we aim to ensure that these events are as affordable as possible.

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Nurturing connections and building community are going to be vital components in helping us to collectively weather the storm of the current economic, social, environmental and political climate.

So bring your hope, your ideas, your energy and your enthusiasm to make change for the better, for everyone.



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Welcome to the Festival of Debate 2020. Coordinated by Opus, the festival is a non-partisan programme of events that asks us to explore the most important social, economic, environmental and political issues of the day.

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# Festival of debate

### TICKETS & ACCESSIBILITY

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A guide to this year's venues can be found at the back of this brochure. If you have any questions regarding ticketing, accessibility or how to get to venues, please email [hello@festivalofdebate.com](mailto:hello@festivalofdebate.com).

Festival of Debate has donated a number of free tickets to Ticket Bank which distributes tickets to service users of charities & community organisations. Visit [theticketbank.org](http://theticketbank.org) for more information.



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**EARTH & ENVIRONMENT**

Discovering the natural world, the effects of the climate breakdown & how we can make a difference.

Strand sponsored by **Sheffield Climate Alliance**



**FAIRER TOGETHER**

Making connections, creating a cohesive society & taking action against inequality.

Strand sponsored by **Citizens Advice Sheffield**



**FUTURE WORLDS**

Exploring where we are going, where we want to be, the impact of new technologies and new solutions for tomorrow's problems.

Strand sponsored by **Barnsley DMC**



**HEALTH & WELLBEING**

Contemplating our own health and the structures and influences which inform our wellbeing.

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**VOICE, POWER & DEMOCRACY**

Sharing privilege, empowering unheard voices, challenging power structures & questioning the systems that shape our identities and reality.

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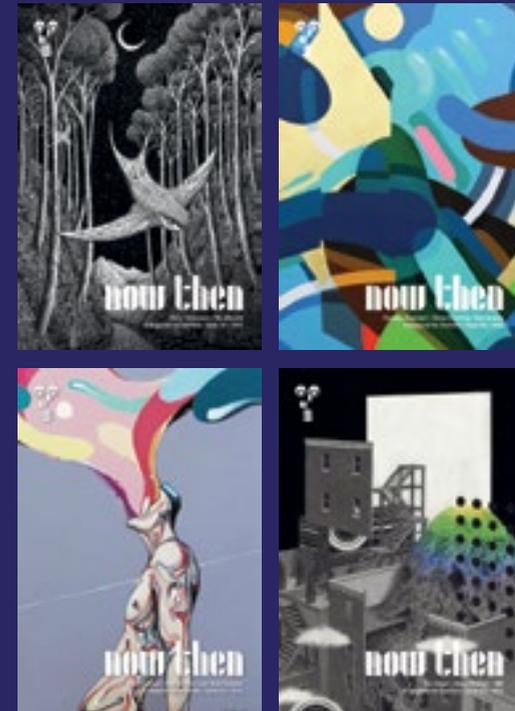
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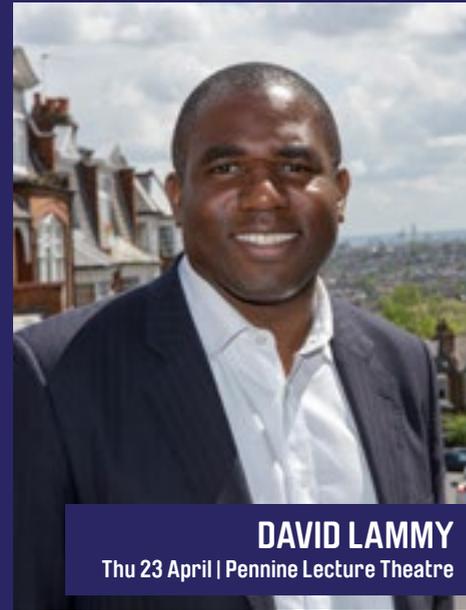
FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



**WE WERE BORN QUEENS: AADAE**  
Thu 16 April | Abbeydale Picture House



**GARY YOUNGE**  
Mon 20 April | SU Auditorium



**DAVID LAMMY**  
Thu 23 April | Pennine Lecture Theatre



**GUY SHRUBSOLE**  
Fri 24 April | Cast, Doncaster



**GINA MARTIN**  
Wed 6 May | Sheffield Central Library



**LED BY DONKEYS**  
Thu 7 May | Pennine Lecture Theatre



**CHRIS PACKHAM**  
Fri 8 May | Octagon Centre



**A. C. GRAYLING**  
Mon 11 May | Pennine Lecture Theatre



**MANDATORY REDISTRIBUTION  
PARTY FT. ASH SARKAR**  
Wed 13 May | Kommune



**GEORGE MONBIOT**  
Thu 14 May | Octagon Centre



**PEGGY SEEGER**  
Thu 14 May | Abbeydale Picture House



**iNOWT PASARAN!**  
Fri 15 May | Theatre Deli



**THE FUTURE IS UNWRITTEN HUB DAY  
FT. WILL STRONGE**  
Sat 16 May | Theatre Deli



**MARK STEEL**  
Sat 16 May | The Civic

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**GLORIA STEINEM**

Sun 17 May | Pennine Lecture Theatre



**DAVID OLUSOGA**

Fri 22 May | Pennine Lecture Theatre



**DONNA HALL**

Tue 26 May | The Circle



**JASON WILLIAMSON**

Wed 27 May | Abbeydale Picture House



**MAGID MAGID**

Thu 28 May | Abbeydale Picture House



**FESTIVAL OF DEBATE DOES QUESTION TIME**

Sat 30 May | Millennium Gallery



**THE GUILTY FEMINIST**

Sun 31 May | City Hall

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Sheffield  
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### RSA ENGAGE: SHEFFIELD

Tue 14 April | 6-8pm | Kommunity Room, Kommune | Free  
In partnership with the Royal Society of Arts

Facilitated by the Royal Society of Arts, join us at Engage: Sheffield to hear from people working on projects that demonstrate practical solutions to social, economic and environmental issues, and discover opportunities to get involved.



### ZERO WASTE LIFE: ONE YEAR ON

Wed 15 April | 6-7:30pm | Union St, One Space | Free  
In partnership with The Bare Alternative

With the climate crisis featuring ever more frequently in the media, we'll look back over the last year to explore what's changed for the better and worse for people trying to live a low-impact lifestyle. We'll also look at some notable global events and how working towards zero waste in daily life can help reduce your impact on the world.



### THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Tue 14 April | 7-9pm | The Circle | Donations welcome  
In partnership with Extinction Rebellion Sheffield

Exactly what is persuading thousands of people to take to the streets around the world to fight for climate justice? Come and join us to learn about the science behind Extinction Rebellion's call for change. We'll be joined by world-renowned science communicator Dr Emily Grossman as well as other scientists and doctors who will explain the facts and figures behind the climate emergency.



### THE CASE FOR DRUG POLICY REFORM

Wed 15 April | 6-7:30pm | Cast, Doncaster | Free  
In partnership with Doncaster Public Health Team

Our current punitive drug laws are failing communities, people who use drugs and police officers. Is it time for a rethink on the war on drugs? Join Neil Woods - Director of LEAP UK and former undercover drugs detective, Liz McCulloch - Director of Policy at Volteface, and drug user Nick Goldstein for a panel discussion chaired by James Pierce on how we can improve current drug laws.



### FRANÇOIS MATARASSO: SOCIALLY ENGAGED COMMUNITY ARTS

Thu 16 April | 6-8pm | 108 The Moor | Free

"We have no art. We do everything as well as we can." An opportunity to talk about where community arts meet social arts and what the future holds. With a reappraisal of the community arts movement and contemporary art hurtling past its social turn, what role will art play in the future? Is it time to man the barricades or storm the citadels?



### EVERYTHING IS ABSOLUTELY FINE

Tue 14 April | 7:15-9:15pm | Cast, Doncaster | £12/£10

A comedy musical about anxiety disorders, caring and trying to keep going. With power ballads, show tunes and body percussion, explore what it's like to be human and to struggle.



### DR TIM HIGHFIELD: THE POLITICS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Wed 15 April | 12-1pm | Barnsley DMC | Free  
In partnership with the University of Sheffield

Dr Tim Highfield is a lecturer in Digital Media and Society at the University of Sheffield. He researches how everyday social media practices take on political and social relevance. He is the author of *Social Media and Everyday Politics* (2016) and co-author of *Instagram: Visual Social Media Cultures* (2020).



### THREADS

Thu 16 April | 6-8pm | Milton Hall, Elsecar, Barnsley | £5  
In partnership with The Civic and WE Great Place

Penned by Barry Hines, *Threads* takes a very realistic look at the unimaginable terror of nuclear war in Sheffield. Over thirty years since the multiple BAFTA award-winning *Threads* aired on the BBC, *The Guardian* still calls it 'one of the most harrowing things ever to air on television... an unremittingly bleak and entirely plausible account of nuclear war and its aftermath'.





### THE CHEESE SHOP: HAS THE CARE ACT GIVEN US ANY CHOICE?

Thu 16 April | 6:30-8:30pm | The Circle | Free  
In partnership with Disability Sheffield

The Care Act offered up a promise of choice and control for disabled people. Has this promise been fulfilled? Or was it, like Monty Python's famous cheese shop, empty? Join Disability Sheffield in conversation with Luke Clements, Cerebra Professor of Law & Social Justice at Leeds University as we explore this issue.



### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Thu 16 April | 7-9pm | Meersbrook Hall | Free

Sheffield has an amazingly diverse and creative voluntary sector and a long, unique history. Yet both are threatened by the increased centralisation of funding and the impact of austerity. Now is the time to rethink how we build on our history and our community spirit. We need to protect our culturally important assets and use them to rebuild and strengthen community life. Doors open at 6:30pm.



### A PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT FOR YORKSHIRE

Thu 16 April | 7-8:30pm | Sheffield Jesus Centre | Free  
In partnership with the Transforming Yorkshire Group

Political leaders have failed the people of Sheffield and Yorkshire as a whole, time and time again. Join us to discuss how a devolved 'People's Parliament' would enable ordinary citizens to influence and be involved in decisions that would transform our county into a better place to live and work.



### DAVID ATTENBOROUGH: A LIFE ON OUR PLANET + LIVE SATELLITE Q&A

Thu 16 April | 7:25-10pm | Showroom Cinema | £12/£10

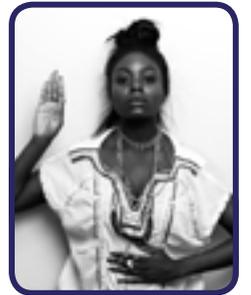
Honest, revealing and urgent, *David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet* is a powerful first-hand account of humanity's impact on nature and a message of hope for future generations. The film will be followed by a Q&A with David Attenborough live from the world premiere at the iconic Royal Albert Hall.



### WE WERE BORN QUEENS: AADAE

Thu 16 April | 7:30-11:30pm | Abbeydale Picture House | £8.10  
In partnership with Euporie Live Events

Aadae's songwriting speaks of family parties spent listening to high life and Afrobeat, and long nights in South London dancing to UK garage. Her music crosses continents to deliver something laced with colour, life and energy. This event will feature a music performance and a special opportunity to hear Aadae talk about her music, creative influences and heritage. Supported by Arts Council England.



### SCHOOL EXCLUSIONS: ARE WE FAILING YOUNG PEOPLE?

Fri 17 April | 5:30-7pm | Sheffield Town Hall, Reception Room | Free  
In partnership with MA Education Consultancy

Statistics have consistently shown that it is often the most vulnerable children who face school exclusion. In Sheffield, over half of the children excluded have an identified special educational need, making them seven times more likely to be excluded. This event will consider the reasons behind the rising rates of exclusions and how we might reverse this trend, with insights from educators, policy makers, children and parents.



### KIDZ THEEZ DAYZ

Fri 17 April | 7:15-9pm | Cast, Doncaster | £12.50/£10 Under-26s

An honest, poetic and politically-charged depiction of what it's like to be a young person today. The story of a boy learning to grow up - navigating friendships and first loves - but also of a generation reclaiming its future.



### DEATH CAFE: SHEFFIELD

Sat 18 April | 12-2pm | The Circle | Donations welcome

Join us for a Death Café, where people of all ages and backgrounds gather to eat cake, drink tea and talk about death. The aim is to break down the taboos around discussing death and to help people make the most of their finite lives. These sessions are facilitated by volunteers, with the conversation led by participants, meaning there is no agenda, no objectives and no foregone conclusions.



"Feminism can't exist in principle. It needs the oxygen of action. We are its life force. If not us, who? If not now, when?" **Deborah Frances-White**



### NORTHERN TOWN: EXHIBITION & TALK

Sat 18 April | 1:30-2:30pm | The Civic, Barnsley | Free

The Northern Town exhibition visually explores the realities and cultural mythologies of life in the hinterland of the north of England over the last 50 years. Join artists Anton Want and Patrick Murphy for a tour of the exhibition, discussing specific themes of Northern identity with opportunity for the audience to ask questions and steer discussion.



### HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? GOSSIP, POWER & HOW POLITICS REALLY WORKS

Sat 18 April | 2-3:30pm | Sheffield Central Library | Donations welcome  
In partnership with Sheffield Year of Reading

Ever wondered why the indiscretions of some MPs make the front page, while others don't? Or how close journalists really are to politicians? Or

how on earth the country is run when British politics is such a mess? Political journalist Marie Le Conte discusses all this and more, including themes from her book *Haven't You Heard? Gossip, Power and How Politics Really Works*.



### MEN UP NORTH SYMPOSIUM: MY AUTHENTIC SELF

Sun 19 April | 2-5pm | Owen Building, Hallam View | Free includes lunch  
In partnership with Sheffield Hallam University, MEN UP NORTH & Happy Humans Club

Join us for safe space conversations in the exploration of authenticity, masculinity and happiness. Yannick Jacob is our keynote. He is an existential coach, positive psychologist coach trainer and supervisor, programme leader of the MSc Coaching Psychology at the University of East London, and part of the teaching faculty at the School of Life. Keynote will be followed by a discussion on happiness. Open to all.



### A FLAG WITHOUT A COUNTRY: THE ROMA COMMUNITY

Mon 20 April | 10am-2pm | Unity Centre, Rotherham | Free  
In partnership with Rotherham Ethnic Minority Alliance

Join an informative workshop led by members of the Roma community, celebrating the recent International Roma Day known as Khamoro. Designed to be discursive, educational and informative, find out more about Roma history, culture & experiences of prejudice and discrimination while enjoying some traditional Roma folk music and an Eastern European food taster.



### ACTIVISM & SOCIAL ACTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Mon 20 April | 5-6:30pm | Star House | Free  
In partnership with Sheffield Futures

This event will give young people up to 25 the opportunity to explore what social action means to them, as well as looking at how they can go about engaging in social action and activism on issues they are passionate about through a series of small group activities culminating in a debate. Key questions will also be addressed. Are young people disengaging in politics? Do you need to understand politics to influence change?



### WHO LET THE DOGS OUT: WHAT REPORTING ON KNIVES & GUNS TELLS US ABOUT THE MEDIA & REPRESENTATION

Mon 20 April | 7-8:30pm | SU Auditorium | £5/£3  
In partnership with the University of Sheffield's BAME Staff Network & Sheffield Students' Union's BME Committee

In 2016, Gary Younge wrote an award-winning book about all the children and teens who were killed by guns in one day in America. Shortly after, he led an award-winning series on knife crime in Britain for *The Guardian*. Both projects revealed how who reports the news has a major impact on what counts as news. Chaired by Santhana Gopalakrishnan.



### DECOLONISING THE CURRICULUM: FROM ABC TO PHD

Tue 21 April | 5:30-7:30pm | Burngreave Vestry Hall | £3  
In partnership with the University of Sheffield's BAME Staff Network & Hallam Race Network

This panel event seeks to explore issues relating to decolonising the curriculum within institutions of higher education and primary and secondary schools, with a focus on highlighting local academic, professional and student perspectives from Sheffield. Organised by the University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University. All ticket income will be donated to the Sheffield Environmental Movement charity.



"Immigrants make Britain great."

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### BRITISHNESS: FILM SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION

Tue 21 April | 6-7:30pm | Millennium Gallery | £8/£5 Under-25s  
In partnership with Museums Sheffield

*Britishness* is a creative documentary that sees filmmaker Eelyn Lee and a group of young writers from Sheffield go on a quest to find out the meaning of Britishness through poetry, interviews and discussions. Following the screening there will be a panel discussion exploring race, identity and belonging, and the decolonisation of museums' collections.



### HOW TO LOBBY YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Tue 21 April | 6:45-8pm | Quaker Meeting House, Room 1 | Free  
In partnership with Sheffield Climate Alliance

Hope for the Future are specialists in training citizens to work effectively with their representatives on climate change. This workshop will cover the structure and operations of Sheffield City Council, potential policy 'asks' to help reach net zero, having effective conversations with councillors, and using events and petitions to support your campaign.



### THE TRUTH ABOUT TRADE AGREEMENTS

Tue 21 April | 7-9pm | Central United Reform Church | Free  
In partnership with the Independent Working Class Education Network

The overwhelming view of the popular media and politicians in the wake of Brexit is that we need global trade agreements. But what are they, who controls them and if they are so good, why did a million people take to the streets to protest against TTIP? This event will trace the history of trade agreements and discuss whether they are a force for good or a race to the bottom. Sponsored by GMB S38 Branch.



### CARE ROBOTS: SAFE IN OUR HANDS OR OUT OF OUR MINDS?

Wed 22 April | 12-1pm | Barnsley DMC | Free

Professor Luc de Witte specialises in the application of technology in health and social care. How can technology, either 'proven' or emerging, help to develop sustainable models of care? One of the topics he studies is the possible use of robots in health and social care. Many people have high expectations from this field but there is also criticism. Many are afraid of robots taking over the roles of people and thus dehumanising care. Come and join our open discussion.



### YES SHE CAN! STORIES OF BRIGHT WOMEN, START-UPS & CHANGE

Wed 22 April | 6-7:30pm | The Diamond, Workroom 2 | Free  
In partnership with the University of Sheffield

An event for budding entrepreneurs, progressive policy-makers and people interested in the interplay between gender and entrepreneurship. Featuring female entrepreneurs and academics, this panel event will engage with the topic of female entrepreneurship and why it is vital for communities and cities to flourish. Featuring short presentations from panellists, followed by an audience Q&A and discussion.



### WHAT MAKES A THRIVING PLACE?

Wed 22 April | 6-8pm | Charles St Lecture Theatre | Free  
In partnership with the Centre for Thriving Places

Hosted by the Centre for Thriving Places (previously known as Happy City), this event will explore what a wellbeing economy is, how it can be measured and the difference it could make to Sheffield. The event will present the Thriving Places Index, a local wellbeing economy framework, with speakers from the Office for National Statistics, Sheffield Public Health and The Active Wellbeing Society.



### DAVID LAMMY: TRIBES

Thu 23 April | 7-8:30pm | Pennine Lecture Theatre | £12/£10  
In partnership with Off The Shelf Festival of Words

Join David Lammy for an in conversation discussion about his brand new book, *Tribes: How Our Need to Belong Can Make or Break Society*. Both memoir and call-to-arms, *Tribes* explores the benign and malign effects of our need to belong; how this need – genetically programmed and socially acquired – can manifest itself in positive ways, collaboratively achieving great things that individuals alone cannot; and yet how, in recent years, globalisation and digitisation have led to new, more pernicious kinds of tribalism.



### GOVERNING OUR CITY: WHICH WAY FORWARD?

Thu 23 April | 7:15-9:15pm | St Mary's Community Centre | Free  
In partnership with Sheffield for Democracy

What governance system does Sheffield need to develop and promote the city in these difficult times? In May, voters in Sheffield will be asked to choose between retaining the existing 'leadership model' or setting up a new 'committee system'. This debate looks at whether those preferences would enable a more transparent, inclusive Sheffield that is fit for the future.





## WOMEN IN POLITICS: PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

**Fri 24 April | 6-8pm | The Diamond, Workroom 2 | Free**

Join Linda McDougall, former *Channel 4* politics producer and author of *Honourable Ladies*, and Sheffield's own Green Party peer Natalie Bennett. More than two decades have passed since the first great rise in the number

of women in Parliament and it has increased steadily to today's figures. It's now time for an assessment. What changes have women made to the UK Parliament? Have they succeeded in modernising and improving procedures?



## WHO OWNS ENGLAND?

**Fri 24 April | 7-8:30pm | Cast, Doncaster | Free**  
In partnership with Doncaster Public Health Team

Who owns England? Behind this simple question lies this country's oldest and best-kept secret. Guy Shrubsole's book details the history of how England's elite came to own our land, an inspiring manifesto for how to open up our countryside once more. Join Guy as he exposes the truth about who owns England – and explores how we can finally take back our green and pleasant land.



## THE SLOW FASHION SHOW

**Fri 24 April | 7-11pm | Theatre Deli | £12/£8**  
In partnership with Girl Gang Sheffield & My Indie Wardrobe

With the fast fashion industry brutalising the planet, mistreating workers and encouraging us to buy, buy, buy, it's time to calculate if there is a slower way to enjoy fashion. Girl Gang Sheffield and My Indie Wardrobe join forces to celebrate the many alternatives with DIY workshops, independent makers, a Common Thread clothes swap, panel discussion and fashion show.



## YOUTH MATTER

**Sat 25 April | 1-4pm | Showroom Workstation | Free**  
In partnership with Chilypep

This event is made by young people, for young people (14-25). It will be a space for meaningful discussions around what matters to young people in Sheffield. This will include talking about mental health and debating our

Young People's Manifesto for Mental Health through workshops and creative activities.



## WRITING OURSELVES

**Sat 25 April | 1:30-4:30pm | Writers Workshop | £18/£12**

Writing can be healing, therapeutic and transformational. Through telling our stories, whether in poetry, fiction or autobiography, we make sense of ourselves and our own narratives. Experienced facilitator, coach and author of the memoir *Dear Blacksmith*, Beverley Ward will guide you through a series of writing exercises to help you to find the right voice and form to record your lived experience.



## TRANSPORTING US FROM A CLIMATE CRISIS TO A GREENER FUTURE

**Sat 25 April | 2-4pm | Sheffield Central Library | Donations welcome**  
In partnership with Extinction Rebellion Sheffield & Sheffield Year of Reading

How do we turn idealism into reality? What can we do to change the shape of Sheffield and get the government and big business to respond urgently to the climate emergency? Join us as we delve into one of Extinction Rebellion Sheffield's targets for 2020: creating a transport system that is well used and attractive to travellers, helping to cut carbon emissions, pollution and congestion in our city. With '20x20' presentations from groups campaigning locally and a chance to discuss one of the ways to address the biggest issue facing our civilization.



## CARNAL

**Sat 25 April | 7:30-9pm | The Kuriosity Shop, Kommune | £5/£2.50**  
In partnership with Unity 34 & Kurious Arts

An autobiographical performance that treats modern chemical addiction and its imbrication with self-centeredness. See one story told that may speak to others. Through an escalating series of constructions and narratives, factual accounts, medical testimony and live humiliation, *Carnal* is for anyone seeking a lens into the actuality of chemical dependence and self-medication. Join us for this instance by witnessing a transformative event and, for a time, allow a little disruption to any 'normal' feelings you may hold of comfort. With live music from Lure of Tropics. Warning: contains unsettling and graphic images and content, and flashing images.



## NATURE CONNECTION: WILD FOOD WALK

**Sun 26 April | 11am-12:30pm | Parkwood Springs | Suggested donation £5-£15**  
In partnership with Unity Edible Gardens & Polite Pruners

Meet at the main entrance on Shirecliffe Road and take a walk around some of the wilder edges, identifying edible plants and connecting to the abundance around us.





## SECOND CLASS CITIZENS: AUSTERITY AND DISABLED PEOPLE

Mon 27 April | 6-7:30pm | The Circle | Free  
In partnership with the Centre for Welfare Reform & Disability Sheffield

From the bedroom tax to the crisis in social care, austerity has fallen particularly hard on disabled people. Join author Stef Benstead and Dr Simon Duffy who will share some of the Centre for Welfare Reform's research on the impact of austerity on disabled people over the last ten years and share their strategies for campaigning in the future.



## BEING A GOOD ALLY: SUPPORTING TRANSGENDER PEOPLE & SEX WORKERS

Mon 27 April | 6-8pm | Sidney & Matilda | Donations welcome

Being a good ally means acting with and for others in the pursuit of ending oppression and creating equality. Join us in a safe, inclusive space for a chaired panel discussion with transgender people and sex workers sharing their life experiences and exploring how intersectional feminism can best support them in the face of sex worker-exclusionary and trans-exclusionary radical feminism, with time for audience questions and reflections. All donations will go to the Sheffield Working Women's Opportunities Project and SAYIT.



## CLOSING THE GAP: HOW CAN WE CORRECT THE IMBALANCE OF INCOME & WEALTH BETWEEN MEN & WOMEN IN SHEFFIELD?

Mon 27 April | 7-9pm | Victoria Hall Methodist Church | Pay as you feel  
In partnership with the Women's Equality Party

Join our panel discussion and workshop to explore what practical action can be taken to bring about income equality in Sheffield. Our panellists will include representatives from UBI Lab Sheffield, Sheffield Women and Poverty Group, and the Women's Equality Party. The discussion will be followed by a workshop to identify actions for change and who needs to be involved to deliver that change.

For more information and ticket links, go to [festivalofdebate.com](https://festivalofdebate.com)  
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"Progress is measured by the speed at which we destroy the conditions that sustain life." **George Monbiot**



## RECOVERY IS JUST ANOTHER FORM OF DIAGNOSIS

Tue 28 April | 6-8pm | Harland Works | Donations welcome  
In partnership with Waypoint

Recovery narratives are seen as empowering individuals, but do they imply illness? Do they imply a half full glass needing filling, something broken needing fixing? This interactive workshop will explore how 'recovery' language may disguise the role of power imbalances in creating emotional distress. Do we blame the individual for the behaviour they have adopted to survive power imbalances? And do services steal recovery stories for their own needs?



## REACHING OUT, GIVING VOICE

Tue 28 April | 6:30-9:30pm | Foodhall | Free  
In partnership with Reach South Sheffield

An interactive exhibition designed by Lab4Living, using findings from the Live Better: Get Connected project to explore social isolation, loneliness and financial hardship in south Sheffield. You will have the opportunity to hear the voices of the people involved in the research, as well as to contribute to a broader debate regarding the need to create services that are more in-tune with the complex and multiple barriers that people face. Exhibition runs until 29 April from 10am-3pm.



## DR ERICA BALLANTYNE: THE FUTURE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN URBAN AREAS

Wed 29 April | 12-1pm | Barnsley DMC | Free  
In partnership with the University of Sheffield

As urban populations continue to grow, so do concerns over air quality. This has prompted the introduction of Clean Air Zones to tackle vehicle emissions. Dr Erica Ballantyne, a sustainable transport researcher from the University of Sheffield, explores how urban areas can achieve efficient and sustainable transport using electric vehicles.



## HOW CAN WE MAKE THINGS EVEN BETTER? WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE FIR VALE

Wed 29 April | 6:30-8pm | Fir Vale Community Hub | Free  
In partnership with Fir Vale Community Hub

What can be done to celebrate the continued success and diversity of Fir Vale while forging ahead with improvements to the area? An open and constructive conversation with members of the community to discuss the area, how it has improved, the challenges it currently faces, what is needed to make change, and the potential for shared, community-led solutions.



# Citizens Advice Sheffield is the city's leading provider of advice and advocacy services and one of the largest Citizens Advice in the country.

Last year our advice and advocacy services helped more than 25,000 people. The majority of people sought our help because of problems with benefits, debt, housing and employment rights. After receiving expert help, advice and support, nine out of 10 people who we helped said that they had found a way forward and would recommend the service to others.

To find out more or get involved, go to [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

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## WOMEN: WHY DON'T WE TALK ABOUT MONEY?

Wed 29 April | 6:30–8pm | The Printhouse | Pay what you can  
In partnership with SheFest

Money. How do you get it, how do you keep it, how do you spend it, and what do you do when you've spent too much? Join SheFest for a frank discussion on money matters and start developing the confidence to broach this minefield in your life. Speakers will discuss money issues before we throw open the floor to questions.



## BLACK WATERS

Wed 29 April | 7:30–9:30pm | Cast, Doncaster | £17/£10 Under-26s

In the 18th century, the owners of the Zong ship attempted to claim insurance on the lives of the 130 slaves they threw overboard. Over 100 years later the Kala Pani prison was used by British colonial forces to incarcerate Indian freedom fighters who spoke out against the regime. Inspired by these narratives, *Black Waters* presents audiences with a wider exploration of how British colonial forces commodified people for gain, and as a consequence saw a blending of cultures and the birth of fragmented identities for whom home has always remained a contested space.



## WORDLIFE PRESENTS FESTIVAL OF DEBATE OPEN MIC

Wed 29 April | 7:30–10:30pm | DINA | £5/£3

Wordlife is one of the leading live literature nights in Yorkshire. Join them for a Festival of Debate special celebrating radical voices in poetry featuring an open mic and book launches from Genevieve Carver and Jonathan Kinsman. Email [joe@weareopus.org](mailto:joe@weareopus.org) to sign up for the open mic. 'A fantastically entertaining evening' (*The Yorkshire Post*).



## DESTINATION DARNALL: A COMMUNITY MODEL OF DEMOCRACY

Thu 30 April | 4–6pm | Darnall Primary Care Centre | Free  
In partnership with Darnall Wellbeing

A Better Way Sheffield conversation hosted by Darnall Wellbeing, exploring what real community-powered democracy could look and feel like in Sheffield, drawing on the insights, experiences and ideas of the Darnall Wellbeing Community.





### WHY SO FAST?

Thu 30 April | 6-8pm | SU Auditorium | Free  
In partnership with University of Sheffield Sustainability Committee

A dynamic debate on the issue of fast fashion facilitated by members of the UoS Sustainability Committee, who will pose questions of ethics and the environment to leading academics, business representatives and activists.

Is there a solution to fashion waste and labour exploitation in the textile industry? How do we satisfy consumer demand sustainably? What are the alternatives and are they worth it?



### CITIZEN JOURNALISM EXPLAINED

Thu 30 April | 5:45-7pm | Burngreave Library | Free  
In partnership with Now Then Magazine & Burngreave Messenger

An entry-level journalism workshop for local people interested in writing for *Now Then Magazine* or *Burngreave Messenger*, whose volunteer citizen

journalists cover neighbourhood news, arts, culture, politics and more. Share ideas for articles, get support and advice, and find out how to become a regular contributor.



### SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO?

Thu 30 April | 6-7pm | XP East School, Doncaster | Free

*Should I Stay or Should I Go?* is a film created by Year 8 students at XP & XP East schools over a number of weeks in the autumn of 2019. Working with the support of the Doncaster Conversation Club and the people they help, the film is about migration and the stories that deserve to be told.



### THE ROLE OF UNIVERSITIES IN 21ST CENTURY SOCIETY

Thu 30 April | 6-7:30pm | Charles St Lecture Theatre | Free  
In partnership with Emerald Publishing

This debate explores how universities can help enhance society by bringing together voices from across the higher education sector to discuss whether

institutions should be putting the economy and quality of life in their home towns and cities at the top of their list of priorities, or if these organisations should instead prioritise being global centres of excellence, seeking to attract the best students and staff from around the world.



### PLANET LOL

Thu 30 April | 7:45-8:45pm | Theatre Deli | £12/£10

A fast-paced, female-led sci-fi about facing up to reality and re-writing your endings. If you discovered life on your planet was being destroyed, what would you do? Nothing?! *Planet Lol* is a comic, upfront, no punches pulled sci-fi epic about the most important question facing us all. Travel with us at the speed of story to Lol, a planet made of solid gold, where the weather is perfect and the inhabitants are happy. But all that glistens...



### DEATH CAFÉ: DONCASTER

Fri 1 May | 2:30-4pm | The Point | Donations welcome

Death Café aims to break down taboos around discussing death, helping people of all ages to make the most of their finite lives. Conversation is led by participants - no agenda, no foregone conclusions. It's not a counselling session. It is a discussion group with tea and cake to share thoughts and experiences. For further info contact bobkiddle@yahoo.co.uk.



### UPGRADED HUMANS

Fri 1 May | 6:30-8pm | Charles St Lecture Theatre | £7/£5

Biohacking is the process of using technology to augment and upgrade the human body. Increasingly more individuals are using implantable and wearable devices to give them new, original and complex abilities. Some claim that these pioneers are weird or dangerous, while others hail them as the prototypes for the future of humanity. Meet the pioneering designers, hackers and enthusiasts behind these early experimentations.



### FOR SAMA + Q&A

Fri 1 May | 7:15-9:30pm | SU Auditorium | £3  
In partnership with Film Unit & Sheffield Doc/Fest

*For Sama* is an intimate and epic journey into the female experience of war. A love letter from a young mother to her daughter, this BAFTA award-winning film tells the story of Waad al-Kateab's life through five years of the uprising in Aleppo, Syria as she falls in love, gets married and gives birth to Sama. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the *For Sama* team. Over 18s only.



"It was a pity he couldn't do an O level in beetle smell. Or rat identification, or birdsong."

Chris Packham

For more information and ticket links, go to [festivalofdebate.com](http://festivalofdebate.com)

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## ROMP

**Fri 1 May | 7:45–9:30pm | The Bridge Inn, Rotherham | Free**

ROMP is an open mic night and gathering for Rotherham's regular community of writers. You are invited to an evening of wonderful words, fabulous beer and exceptional company. Throw your name in the hat and bring your poems, or bring your guitar and sing us a song.



## OUR ALIEN FUTURE

**Sat 2 May | 1–2pm | The Circle | £3**

**In partnership with the University of Manchester's Jodrell Bank Centre for Astrophysics**

Eamonn Kerins is an astrophysicist at the University of Manchester's Jodrell Bank Centre for Astrophysics. He leads a team studying exoplanets – planets around other stars. Eamonn will discuss how game theory might help to maximise the odds of discovering intelligent life elsewhere in the Universe. Humankind is not so far away from harnessing the technologies needed to make our own journey to other stars. He'll also discuss some of these technologies and some potentially unsettling conclusions that we might glean from our emergence as interstellar travellers. With a light-hearted nod to performance art, Eamonn will be appropriately attired for the occasion.



## CROSSING THE M1

**Mon 4 – Fri 29 May | 10am–3pm | Buzz Gallery, Rotherham | Free**

**In partnership with Rotherham Open Arts Renaissance**

A town and city divided by a motorway multiplies the mental distance between them by a factor of 10. Rotherham Open Arts Renaissance is inviting artists from Rotherham and Sheffield to engage in creative responses to the M1 and will be staging an exhibition of the responses received. Please be safe and do not cross the M1.



## JESSICA FOSTEKEW: HENCH

**Mon 4 May | 7–10pm | The Leadmill | £12.50**

Absolute powerhouse and regular host of *The Guilty Feminist*, Jessica Fostekew explores her big strong strength. Have you ever watched a feminist try and take 'hENCH' as a compliment? It's like watching a snake eat but funny. You've seen Jess in BBC sitcoms *Motherland* and *Cuckoo* and BAFTA award-winning drama *Three Girls*. She's also in forthcoming feature films

Gavin Hood's *Official Secrets* and Michael Winterbottom's *Greed*, and she writes for *8 Out of 10 Cats*.



## HOW CAN WE BUILD A SUSTAINABLE FOOD NETWORK IN DONCASTER?

**Tue 5 May | 6–7pm | Real Junk Food Project, Doncaster | Free**

**In partnership with Doncaster Public Health Team**

Food is responsible for approximately one quarter of all climate emissions. Join Fiona Cahill, from Real Junk Food Project Doncaster, Gareth Roberts from Regather Cooperative and Duncan Cameron, Professor of Soil and Plant Biology from the University of Sheffield for a panel discussion on how we can build sustainable food networks. Food will be supplied by the Real Junk Food Project.



## WHY DO WE BLAME THE HOMELESS?

**Tue 5 May | 6–8pm | The Circle | Free**

**In partnership with the Cathedral Archer Project**

Is it fair to say that people choose to live on the streets, or that if a homeless person made better decisions or tried harder then they wouldn't be homeless? Learning how our adult lives are shaped by childhood trauma and PTSD offers us alternatives. Join a panel discussion exploring the need to change the narrative and how to go about it.



## TAKE A STAND AGAINST HATE

**Wed 6 May | 10:30am–12:30pm | Unity Centre, Rotherham | Free**

**Free**

**In partnership with Rotherham Ethnic Minority Alliance**

A collaboration between the Independent Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel, South Yorkshire Police, REMA, Rotherham Muslim Community Forum and others, this workshop aims to open up dialogue around the rise of intolerance and hate crime, focusing on the differences between strands of hate crime, protected characteristics and what action you or your organisation can take to tackle hate and be an ally to protected characteristic communities.



## WAYNE HEMINGWAY: THE GOOD BUSINESS FESTIVAL

**Wed 6 May | 12–1pm | Barnsley DMC | Free**

The Good Business Festival is part of a global movement that believes in the power of business to effect positive change. The festival will bring together the smartest minds from around the world to explore how business can tackle the world's greatest challenges. We invite festival director and acclaimed designer Wayne Hemingway to discuss the key themes of this pioneering new event.





## SOCIAL PRESCRIBING: CARING FOR OUR WELLBEING IN THE COMMUNITY

Wed 6 May | 6-7:30pm | The Circle | Free

Social prescribing is a way for local agencies to refer people to a link worker. Link workers give people time, focusing on 'what matters to me' and taking a holistic approach to people's health and wellbeing. Join James Sanderson,

Director of Personalised Care for the NHS for a keynote and Q&A on the benefits of social prescribing.



## GINA MARTIN: BE THE CHANGE

Wed 6 May | 6:30-7:45pm | Sheffield Central Library | £5/£3  
In partnership with Sheffield Year of Reading

In June 2017, a man took a photo up Gina Martin's skirt at a music festival. The police told her that this was not a sexual offence and that the man would not be charged. Eighteen months later, she had helped change the law to make 'upskirting' a criminal offence. Her book *Be The Change* is an essential handbook for the modern activist, whether your campaign is big or small, local or global, or somewhere in between.

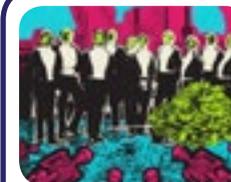


## UBI LAB SHEFFIELD: THE HISTORY OF SOCIAL CREDIT

Wed 6 May | 6:30-8:30pm | Quaker Meeting House | Free

UBI Lab Sheffield invite Dr Frances Hutchinson to their monthly meeting for a talk on the history of Social Credit, a radical form of economics that aims to ensure all citizens have access to the necessities of life. This will be followed

by a strategy and planning session for the group's activities. New people welcome!



## THANK YOU FOR DOING NOTHING

Wed 6 May | 7:30-9:30pm | The Civic, Barnsley | £12/£10/£8

In the near future, so-called 'global warming' has apparently affected most of Britannia's drinking water - if you want to believe the opinions of 99% of experts and their so-called 'science'. But fear not. Our hero and lobbyist for the Big Water Corporation, Molly Pazgan, is here to tell you

that everything is fine. Don't worry about the colour of your tap water, there's no conclusive evidence to suggest it's what's making your kids ill. When evil environmentalists try and push through a Clean Water Bill, Molly will be forced to SAVE THE DAY and take down this ridiculous notion that water is a basic human right.



## DOES POETRY ROMANTICISE MENTAL ILLNESS?

Thu 7 May | 6:30-8:30pm | Kommunity Room, Kommune | £5/Concessions for students

In partnership with the University of Sheffield Poetry Society & Kurious Arts

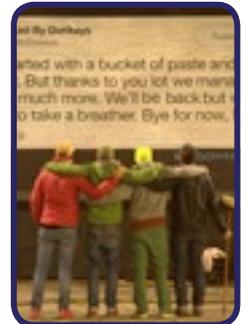
A night of poetry and spoken word with an informal discussion on the complexity of navigating mental health issues through poetry. Featuring performances from local poets, the University of Sheffield Poetry Society and Kurious Arts invite you to listen and share your thoughts on mental health themes in contemporary poetry. Is it a creative source of therapy or a toxic medium of glamorisation for vulnerable individuals?



## LED BY DONKEYS

Thu 7 May | 7-8:30pm | Pennine Lecture Theatre | £10/£8

Led By Donkeys started as an anonymous night-time guerrilla poster campaign by four friends determined to expose the lies, lunacy and hypocrisy of Brexit. Within weeks it became the biggest entirely crowdfunded political campaign in British history. In nine months they put up hundreds of billboards, gained 300,000 Twitter followers and kept the Remain flame burning. Now for one of the first times, to mark the publication of their new book, they're talking about their campaign at a public event.



## WAPPING: THE WORKERS' STORY

Thu 7 May | 7-9pm | Victoria Hall Methodist Church | Free  
In partnership with the Campaign for Press & Broadcasting Freedom (North) & Orgreave Truth & Justice Campaign

Don't miss the Yorkshire premiere of new film *Wapping: The Workers' Story*. It's about a momentous year-long industrial dispute in 1986. Military-style police tactics, new anti-union laws and strike-breaking by the electricians' union led to Rupert Murdoch being victorious. The film's producer Chris Reeves and Ann Field (News International Dispute Archive) will take part in a discussion following the film.



"I'm literally a communist, you idiot."

Ash Sarkar



## CHRIS PACKHAM: THE FEAR OF BEING FRIGHTENED IS COSTING US THE EARTH

Fri 8 May | 7-8:30pm | Octagon Centre | £20  
In partnership with Sheffield Year of Reading

TV presenter and naturalist Chris Packham is a wildlife expert, photographer and author with a passionate concern for conservation and the environment. In a special bespoke event for Festival of Debate at Sheffield's Octagon Centre, Chris will present his talk entitled *The Fear of Being Frightened is Costing Us The Earth*. Doors 6:30pm.



## COOPERATIVES: AN INTRODUCTION

Fri 8 May | 7:30-9pm | Union St, One Space | Free  
In partnership with Principle 5

Across the world, cooperatives are being formed by ordinary people, as a logical, fair and practical way to supply human needs. Cath Muller has experienced working and living in a cooperative, and has visited co-ops in various parts of the world. She will explain the basics of why and how cooperatives work, with time for questions and discussion afterwards.



## COOPERATIVES: ETHICS & CHANGE

Sat 9 May | 11am-12:30pm | Union St, One Space | Free  
In partnership with Principle 5

Tony Webster, academic and author, discusses cooperative ethics and the Co-op Group. This was a global network of trade, manufacturing, farming and services. Now, many Co-op supermarkets have closed. What happened? He is joined by cooperative worker and activist, Cath Muller. She recently took a low-carbon tour of cooperatives in Europe and the Americas, to visit and learn about alternative cooperative economies, radical worker cooperatives and strategies for social change.



## BEATS AGAINST BORIS

Sat 9 May | 7pm-12am | Foodhall | Pay as you feel

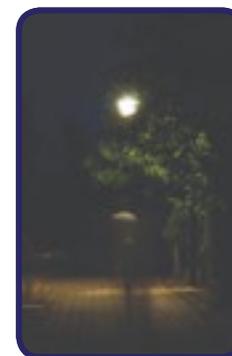
We're stronger together and we come together with a party! Live music, soundsystem, DJs, street food, campaign stalls, speakers' corner, live art and a bar, for everyone who believes another world is possible. If you're involved in campaigns or projects then make this your spring social. Check online for the line-up and how to get involved. Join the Revel Alliance!



## GAVIN BRYARS ENSEMBLE

Sat 9 May | 9-10pm | Crucible Theatre | £14/£10 disabled & unemployed/£5 students & under-35s  
In partnership with Sheffield Chamber Music Festival

Nominated for the Mercury Music Prize in 1993, Gavin Bryars' *Jesus' Blood Never Failed Me Yet* is a deeply powerful and haunting improvisation on a 1971 recording of a homeless man singing on the streets of London, which still has resonance and relevance today. Gavin Bryars performs this masterpiece and other works with his Ensemble, live on the Crucible stage, followed by a short informal jazz set in the bar.



## A. C. GRAYLING: THE GOOD STATE

Mon 11 May | 6-7:15pm | Pennine Lecture Theatre | £9/£7

There is a ticking time-bomb at the heart of our representative democracy and in more than fifty countries around the world. The problem is as large and widespread as it is serious. Politics is too often the enemy of government - at least, of good government. We need proportional representation. We need to lower the voting age to 16. We need a written constitution. We need to separate the functions and powers of the executive, the legislature and the judiciary. Democracy is for all, not some.



## MAKING A CAREER IN MUSIC

Mon 11 May | 7-9pm | Theatre Deli | Free  
In partnership with Sheffield Music Hub

This panel event will draw on the experiences of some of Sheffield's best-known artists, seeking key insights into their approach to making a career in music. They will navigate the positive impact music making can have on young people, the challenges the industry presents to our wellbeing, and how we can help ourselves and each other to better cope. This event will feature Sheffield's Poet Laureate and hip hop musician Otis Mensah, Gina Walters from Before Breakfast and more.



"A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle."

Gloria Steinem



## UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME: THE FUTURE OF WELFARE?

**Tue 12 May | 6-7pm | Cast, Doncaster | Free**  
In partnership with UBI Lab Sheffield & Doncaster Public Health Team

Robots are on the verge of claiming millions of jobs while our crumbling welfare state fails the most vulnerable in society. Could monthly cash payments to all citizens provide an answer? Join us for a workshop hosted by UBI Lab, Europe's leading network working towards a pilot of this radical new idea.



## WHAT KIND OF AUTOMATION UNDERPINS A SUCCESSFUL UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME?

**Wed 13 May | 12-1pm | Barnsley DMC | Free**  
In partnership with UBI Lab Sheffield

A change to the social contract appears to be inevitable. There is much discussion about how a Universal Basic Income paired with automation could lead to freedom in work for many. But what jobs need to be automated? What dangers or risks apply to that automation, and can UBI and automation be considered mutually exclusive?



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## IT'S NOT FAIR

**Tue 12 May | 5:30-7:30pm | Sheffield Town Hall | Free**  
In partnership with the Making Sheffield Fairer Campaign & Citizens Advice Sheffield

Join the Making Sheffield Fairer campaign to discuss what needs to be done to make Sheffield a more fair and equitable city for all and hear first-hand from those who are working to help our residents. What does a fair city look like and what is happening in Sheffield that perpetuates poverty, exclusion and inequality? The format will be a mixture of evidence from those who are experiencing unfairness, poverty and inequality in Sheffield and hard evidence from academics, the Making Sheffield Fairer campaign, Citizens Advice Sheffield, Manor Castle Development Trust and others.



## PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION: AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME

**Wed 13 May | 6-7:30pm | Nice Neighbourhood | Free**  
In partnership with Make Votes Matter

Join Make Votes Matter Co-Chief Executive Klina Jordan and special guests for a lively debate about why we need proportional representation now, more than ever! The legacy of December's general election is a government with a huge majority with less than 44 per cent of the vote. However you voted, this result proves our voting system isn't working. [www.makevotesmatter.org.uk](http://www.makevotesmatter.org.uk)



## A DISCUSSION ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH & VIDEO GAMING

**Tue 12 May | 7-8:30pm | Kommunity Room, Kommune | £8/£5**  
In partnership with the National Videogame Museum & Kurious Arts

You've seen the news: videogames can cause distress, depression and now a 'disorder' according to the World Health Organisation. Or do they? With the help of psychology and gaming professionals, the National Videogame Museum and Kurious Arts hope to gain an insight into how videogames might impact our mental health.



## AUSTERITY, NEOLIBERALISM AND OUR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

**Wed 13 May | 7-9pm | Central United Reform Church | Donations welcome**  
In partnership with Sheffield Save Our NHS & Sheffield Flourish

Take any measures of the health and wellbeing of people living in the UK over the last ten years and those for mental health come out worst. The mental health of our people is a national scandal. This meeting will explore the political origins, social determinants and service provision from the perspectives of a panel of local service users, family members, staff and trade unionists.



"An understanding of the natural world and what's in it is a source of not only great curiosity, but great fulfillment." **David Attenborough**

For more information and ticket links, go to [festivalofdebate.com](http://festivalofdebate.com)  
[facebook.com/FestivalOfDebate](https://facebook.com/FestivalOfDebate) | [@FestOfDebate](https://twitter.com/FestOfDebate)

"I was so bored of brushing off sexual assault and of saying it's just a part of life and getting on with it." **Gina Martin**



## MANDATORY REDISTRIBUTION PARTY FT. ASH SARKAR

Wed 13 May | 8-9:30pm | Kommunity Room, Kommune | £8/£5

*Mandatory Redistribution Party* is a podcast dedicated to radical left lore and repartee formed from the hearts of northern cult comedians Sean Morley and Jack Evans. From summarising Marx to colonising Mars, they offer a deep dive into the ideas of The Left. Our guest for the Festival of Debate live show is journalist and *Novara Media* contributing editor Ash Sarkar.



## GEORGE MONBIOT: SYSTEM CHANGE, NOT CLIMATE CHANGE

Thu 14 May | 7-8:30pm | Octagon Centre | £10

It's clear that we need an economic and political transformation to prevent climate breakdown. People are taking to the streets to make their voices heard about the climate crisis. The stakes are high. Change is urgently needed. But what needs to change, and how? Join George as he makes the case for the radical change needed if we are to protect our future world. George Monbiot is a writer, journalist, political activist and outspoken environmentalist with a weekly column in *The Guardian*. Doors 6:30pm.



## PEGGY SEEGER & CALUM MACCOLL

Thu 14 May | 7-10:30pm | Abbeydale Picture House | £18/£12

In partnership with Flying Donkey Events

Making a very welcome return to Sheffield on her First Farewell Tour, the charismatic Peggy Seeger – singer, songwriter, feminist, icon, Ewan MacColl's partner and muse – is the undisputed queen of folk and political song. Join Peggy and her son Calum MacColl, an exceptional musician in his own right, for a glorious evening of up-close performance. Expect to hear some of Peggy and Ewan MacColl's most loved songs, readings from Peggy's award-winning memoir *The First Time Ever*, plenty of audience participation and lots of relaxed family banter.



## EUGENE

Thu 14 May | 7:45-8:45pm | Theatre Deli | £12/£10

In the not-too-distant future, millionaire and inventor 'Hugh' from Hubris Industries is launching the first superhuman artificial intelligence 'Eugene' which will change the world as we know it. You're invited to the product launch. *Eugene* is a show about what happens when we give technology the power over us, with an anthropomorphic Powerpoint featuring multiple endings and integrated captioning. Think *TED Talk* meets *The Terminator*, presented by Steve Jobs. Over 16s only.



## HONG KONG: WHAT IS BRITAIN'S ROLE IN THIS NEW HUMAN RIGHTS CRISIS?

Wed 15 May | 6-8pm | The Diamond, Workroom 2 | Free

Green Party peer Natalie Bennett, co-chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Hong Kong, will host two speakers to explain the current situation in Hong Kong and discuss what Britain could and should do about its continuing legal responsibilities under the Joint Declaration.



## INOWT PASARAN! FT. FOXDOG STUDIOS & JAIN EDWARDS

Wed 15 May | 7:30-10pm | Theatre Deli | £8/£5

*Inowt Pasaran!* is a live political comedy showcase. We've crammed together some of the finest comics on the circuit to once and for all embarrass The Establishment (or The Elite, or whoever you like really) into submission. Hosted by Jack Evans ("Absolutely the best Noam Chomsky material ever," *The Scotsman*).



## EDIBLE & MEDICINAL PLANT WALK

Sat 16 May | 11am-12:30pm | Heeley People's Park | Suggested donation £5-£15

In partnership with Unity Edible Gardens & Polite Pruners

What is a weed anyway? Meet opposite the Brother's Arms pub and take a gentle walk around the park while identifying plants and learning practical ways of using them as food or medicine. You'll never look at a 'weed' in the same way again.



"Dripping water wears the stone which could not be hammered."

A. C. Grayling

# THE FUTURE IS UNWRITTEN HUB DAY

SAT 16 MAY | 1-5PM | THEATRE DELI | SUGGESTED DONATION £5

The Festival of Debate returns to Theatre Deli for a hub day exploring future solutions to today's problems.



## 1-2PM | CLIMATE CHANGE & WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

If you're concerned about climate change and not sure what you do about it, this joint workshop from Sheffield Climate Alliance and Hope Valley Climate Action is for you. The session will explore the journey from citizen to climate activist and help you find your own 'activist sweet spot' to use your skills and passions to take effective action.



## 1-2PM | THE FUTURE OF WORK

We have entered a crisis of work on a global scale: precarious working arrangements are becoming the new normal across industries, whilst overwork and huge inequalities blight our labour market. In this panel session, participants will discuss the bold solutions that are gaining traction across the world to meet these challenges. Hosted by Will Stronge, Director of Autonomy.



## 2:30-3:30PM | GREEN NEW DEAL: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

It's 2030 and we've solved the climate and inequality crisis. The UK public fought for, and won, a Green New Deal, and transitioned our economy and society to be fair, sustainable and democratic. Come along to find out how we did it and how you could be involved.



## 2:30-3:30PM | DARK DEMOCRACY: DARK MONEY & DIRTY POLITICS

Undisclosed donations have infiltrated British politics, undermined public faith in democracy and fuelled the rise of populism across the West. Join Peter Geoghehan (*openDemocracy*) for an in conversation and Q&A looking at how money has corrupted our politics.



## 4-5PM | IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

The future is unwritten, but is incremental change enough or do we need systemic, far-reaching change now? How can we build a movement for change in today's fast-changing political landscape?



## SHEFFIELD ZINE FEST

Sat 16 May | 11am-5pm | Showroom Workstation | Free

Come along to browse and buy zines and crafts made by local writers, artists and designers and those from further afield - or make your own! Zines are a great DIY way to share your knowledge, feelings or experiences in a way that's more tangible than social media and more immediate than traditional print media. Includes free workshops and an exhibition.



## BICYCLES MAKE SHEFFIELD SMILE: HOW CAN WE CREATE A MORE PEOPLE- FRIENDLY CITY?

Sat 16 May | 2:30-4:30pm | Showroom Workstation | Free  
In partnership with Cycle Sheffield

Bicycles keep mind, body and planet in a lovely state of repair. However, Sheffield could do more to make its streets more people-friendly. This get-together will be a chance to hear stories of how bicycles have benefited individuals from all corners of the city and to explore what we can do to help even more people benefit.



## LIFE DRAWING: THE COMPLEX WORLD OF NUDITY

Sat 16 May | 7-9pm | Yellow Arch Studios | £10  
In partnership with Anomaly Life Drawing

Anomaly Life Drawing hosts a short film screening, figure drawing session and exhibition to document their exploration into the inspiring yet complex world of nudity. Whilst navigating the mixed views of society on nakedness, Anomaly invites you to join the conversation, featuring experiences of life models, mindfulness through creativity and wonderment at the human form. All drawing materials are provided and creative guidance throughout the class is available to help anyone newer to drawing. Refreshments supplied.



## MARK STEEL: EVERY LITTLE THING'S GONNA BE ALRIGHT

Sat 16 May | 8-10:30pm | The Civic, Barnsley | £15

A few years ago, it seemed unlikely that the UK would vote to leave the EU. We had a reasonable opposition to the Tory government, Donald Trump was a buffoon who surely wasn't going to beat Hillary Clinton, and Mark Steel was living the married suburban ideal. Since then it's all gone to absolute shit. But don't worry because Mark thinks *Every Little Thing's Gonna Be Alright*. Over 16s only.



We know too many people in Sheffield are struggling with poor health and wellbeing, and this is not equally spread across our city. We also know that most of the solutions are not to be found within NHS and social care services alone.

Sheffield's Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy sets out a vision to change this, and nine major ambitions for the city, delivery of which would take us a long way down the road to ending health inequalities in our city.

The Strategy takes a Life Course Approach aiming to support healthy ageing from pre-birth through to the end of life. This involves looking at the things that support healthy life, and how these change as people age.

Successful delivery of our Strategy will depend on everyone in the city, not just statutory services or even the organisations around the Health & Wellbeing Board table. If you'd like to be part of the partnerships we'll be building around our ambitions, please get in touch at [healthandwellbeingboard@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:healthandwellbeingboard@sheffield.gov.uk).

You can find a copy of the Strategy here: <http://bit.ly/SheffieldJHWBS>



### IN CONVERSATION WITH GLORIA STEINEM

Sun 17 May | 3-4:30pm | Pennine Lecture Theatre | £12/£10  
 In partnership with Sheffield Year of Reading

Emerging from the radical feminist movement of the 1960s, empowerment icon Gloria Steinem has spent the decades since campaigning relentlessly for gender, social and racial equality through peaceful means. Hear about the influential activist's fascinating and historic journey.



### EXHIBITION: WHAT WOULD EQUALITY FEEL LIKE?

Mon 18 May - Fri 29 May | 10am-4pm Mon-Thu / 10am-3pm Fri & Sat | The Art House | Free  
 In partnership with the Equality Trust

Imagine waking up one day and discovering everyone is equal. You walk out onto the street and feel confident that you are valued as much as anyone else for who you are, as a human being. No more, no less. This exhibition imagines what that world would feel like, produced and curated by artists at The Art House and Cast. **Join us for drinks at The Art House on 19 May, 5:30-6:30pm to celebrate the exhibition's launch.**



### AGEING ACTIVELY IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Mon 18 May | 6-8pm | 38 Mappin Street, Workroom 2 | Free  
 In partnership with Sheffield U3A

We all hope to remain physically, intellectually and socially active throughout our lives. Sheffield U3A and the University of Sheffield's Healthy Lifespan Institute host a panel discussion on the various ways we can promote active ageing in our communities.



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"It's as though the act of journalism is limited to getting the quote and distributing it, and does not extend to verifying it, contextualising it and making sense of it." **Gary Younge**



## IS BASIC INCOME ESSENTIAL TO THE GOOD LIFE?

**Tue 19 May | 5:30-6:45pm | Firth Court, Council Room | Free**  
In partnership with the Centre for Wellbeing in Public Policy

Basic income involves a transformation in social and economic arrangements, but one that could significantly improve our physical and mental health. It also means challenging our understanding of 'the good life' and the roles of work, leisure and citizenship. In this keynote talk from Simon Duffy, we'll take a fresh look at the idea of wellbeing. Followed by a reception.



## IS THE MEDIA FAILING US ON CLIMATE CHANGE?

**Tue 19 May | 6:30-8:30pm | Sidney & Matilda | £3**  
In partnership with Hope for the Future

Covering climate change has brought a new set of challenges for the media and the re-evaluation of journalistic norms, including maintaining balance and reporting on uncertainty. Join climate communication charity Hope for the Future for a panel discussion and workshop on connecting decision-makers and media to tackle climate change.



## THE INNER LEVEL: HOW MORE EQUAL SOCIETIES IMPROVE WELLBEING

**Tue 19 May | 6:30-8:30pm | The Art House | Donations welcome**  
In partnership with the Equality Trust

Public meeting with Richard Wilkinson. In their book *The Inner Level*, epidemiologists Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett find that our society values people more and more by things that are public, such as displays of wealth and beauty, rather than by things we can't see. Richard will discuss the impact of this visible status and inequality on our wellbeing and the possibility for change.



## TINSLEY: A TIME FOR CHANGE

**Tue 19 May | 7-8:30pm | Tingas Tinsley | Free**  
In partnership with Tinsley Forum

A debate about what positive community changes we would like to see in Tinsley. What are the key things people would like to see happen or improved? What can we do to make these changes happen? Topics could include young people, old people, activities needed within the One Stop Shop or any other changes that the community would like to be involved in.



## FAR GONE

**Tue 19 May | 7:15-8:15pm | Cast, Doncaster | £12.50/£10**  
Under-26s

*Far Gone* is a gut-kicking physical performance with humour, poetry and the horrors of being a child soldier. It follows Okumu, an innocent boy living with a good family in Northern Uganda. When his village is attacked by Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army, he and his brother are captured and their lives are forever changed. We follow Okumu through this transformation from boy to child soldier. The boy struggles to fit into the bush life he's been forced into until an unexpected visitor appears.



## MOVE MORE

**Wed 20 May | 4-6:30pm | Advanced Wellbeing Research Centre**  
| Free

Enabling people to move more is one of the biggest opportunities to improve health across Sheffield, not to mention other social benefits. So how active is Sheffield? Ahead of the Move More strategy refresh, join key physical activity leaders from across the city in this workshop to help identify what Sheffield does well, what we could do more of, and what is stopping us when it comes to moving more.



## SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR DATA?

**Wed 20 May | 5:30-8pm | Firth Court, Council Room | Free**  
In partnership with the University of Sheffield

The widespread collection and use of digital data is changing people's lives. The 2018 Facebook and Cambridge Analytica case raised public awareness of what can happen to our data, but should we be concerned about new uses of data and are we benefiting from them? This debate is an opportunity for people to hear about real-life examples of what happens to our data and to voice their own opinions on the topic.



## WHAT NEXT FOR UNIVERSAL CREDIT?

**Wed 20 May | 6-8pm | The Circle | Free**  
In partnership with Citizens Advice Sheffield & Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Amidst reports of rising costs, long delays for claimants and fundamental failings of provision for those most in need, particularly those experiencing disability, this event brings policy and research expertise together with lived experience to explore what is next for Universal Credit. What is the local and national context and what can be done to advocate for change and improvement?





## BUILDING HOSPITABLE ENVIRONMENTS

Wed 20 May | 7-8:15pm | St Mary's Community Centre | Free  
In partnership with ASSIST Sheffield

Indications suggest that the government plans to continue the UK's 'hostile environment' policy for migrants. ASSIST continues to resist the move towards becoming an inhospitable nation for those who seek sanctuary from war and persecution. We will debate the impact of the hostile environment on mental health and wellbeing and how we might build a more hospitable environment in Sheffield.



## TRADE AS IF PEOPLE MATTER

Wed 20 May | 7-9:15pm | Central United Reformed Church | Donations welcome  
In partnership with Global Justice Sheffield

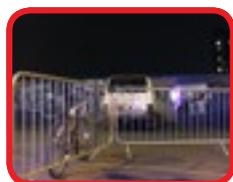
What should be the right balance in international trade between the public interest and the business interest? To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Global Justice Now, founded in Sheffield in 1970, our speaker for the public interest will be our National Director, Nick Dearden, met by a speaker from the business world. The daily lives of the most vulnerable people worldwide, especially in the poorest countries, are at stake.



## ZANNY MINTON BEDDOES: THE ECONOMY, DEMOCRACY & THE MEDIA

Thu 21 May | 5:30-7pm | SU Auditorium | Free  
In partnership with Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute (SPERI)

Zanny Minton Beddoes will give the 2020 SPERI Annual Lecture. She is the first woman to hold the position of Editor-in-Chief of *The Economist*, one of the world's leading weekly magazines. SPERI is an international research institute at the University of Sheffield committed to developing and promoting new analysis and understanding of contemporary capitalism. Tickets are free and will be available from the end of March. Register at [www.sheffield.ac.uk/SPERI](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/SPERI).



## DISLOCATED SPECTACLE: DEVELOPING BRITISH POP CULTURE UNDER AMERICAN HEGEMONY

Thu 21 May | 6-8pm | Venue TBC | £4/£2

Since the turn of the century we've witnessed a strengthened cultural hegemony from the US in the realm of pop culture. This extends into the online world with vlogging and podcasting and into more established pop culture outlets like TV, Netflix streaming and the film industry. Our panel will discuss the difficulties and successes in developing British popular art when American pop culture plays such a massive role in our own culture industries.



## PATIENT DATA SHARING: IN WHOSE INTEREST?

Thu 21 May | 6-8pm | The Diamond, Lecture Theatre 2 | Free  
In partnership with the University of Sheffield

Patient data is a key resource for the effective delivery of NHS patient care. It is also a resource of value to healthcare researchers and commercial companies. Against the background of recent initiatives like Care.data, Project Nightingale and Alexa Healthcare Skills, we invite patients, the public and professional experts to debate the issues raised. We will adopt an ethical approach, and ask: what principles and choices should guide the sharing of our patient data?



## POWER OF CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE

Fri 22 May | 9:30am-4:30pm | The Circle | Delegate pass £75  
includes food & refreshments  
In partnership with the Centre for Welfare Reform & Citizen Network

Speakers from across the UK outline 20 exciting and practical ideas for positive social, economic, environmental and democratic change in 2020. Practical grassroots innovation is not enough; we need to bring about structural change, strengthening rights and redistributing power across our communities.

Representatives from the Centre for Local Economic Strategies, We Share The Same Skies, Barnsley Council, openDemocracy, the Centre for Welfare Reform and the Citizens' Convention on UK Democracy (and many more) cover diverse topics including place-based commissioning, inclusive education, self-managing teams, universal basic income and procurement for common good. Discussions and networking in the afternoon.

This one-day conference is recommended for public, private and third sector delegates interested in constitutional reform, grassroots community action and social innovation – and how all three could fuel radical democratic transformation.



## DAVID OLUSOGA: WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT WINDRUSH

Fri 22 May | 7-8:30pm | Pennine Lecture Theatre | £12/£10  
In partnership with Sheffield Year of Reading

The Windrush Scandal of 2018 didn't come out of nowhere. It is intricately connected to the history of post-war British politics and the longer histories of racism and empire. In this talk, Professor David Olusoga of the University of Manchester places the Windrush Scandal within the context of Black British history. David Olusoga is a British-Nigerian historian, broadcaster and filmmaker.

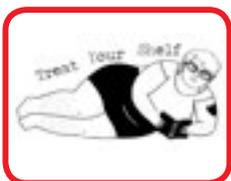




## WE WERE BORN QUEENS: FEHDAH

Fri 22 May | 7:30-11:30pm | Abbeydale Picture House | £8.10  
In partnership with Euporie Live Events

Spiritual daughter of Erykah Badu and Oumou Sangare, Fehdah is a future-Afro-soul vocalist, producer and multi-instrumentalist on the frontline of an emerging Irish hip hop and electronic music scene. She is an eclectic songwriter who draws on her love of Wassoulou music in forging an entirely new take on electro-soul. This event will feature a music performance followed by a special opportunity to hear Fehdah talk about her music, creative influences and her heritage. Supported by Arts Council England.



## TREAT YOUR SHELF BOOK CLUB: DISCUSSING LITERATURE THAT CHAMPIONS MARGINALISED VOICES

Sun 24 May | 4:30-5:30pm | Create Coffee | Free  
In partnership with Treat Your Shelf

Treat Your Shelf is a feminist book, art and self-care subscription box which focuses on representing marginalised people. Join company founder Rosy Morris-Roe to discuss and dissect Oyinkan Braithwaite's book *My Sister, The Serial Killer*. Whether you've read the book or not, come along if you enjoy relaxed conversation and meeting new people. Coffee and cake will be available to buy. Vegan options included.



## MCSTRIKE & THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST ZERO HOUR CONTRACTS

Tue 26 May | 6-7pm | Cast, Doncaster | Free  
In partnership with Doncaster Public Health Team

In the hospitality sector, workers are virtually unorganised and low paid with zero or low hours contracts. Yet at the same time, companies in this sector can make huge profits. Ian Hodson is the chair of The Bakers, Food & Allied Workers' Union, which has been critical in organising workers in this sector, launching the well publicised campaign against McDonalds. Join Ian for an in conversation with Councillor Dave Shaw to hear about his work campaigning against zero-hour contracts.



## DONNA HALL: LESSONS FROM THE WIGAN DEAL

Tue 26 May | 6-7:30pm | The Circle | Free

Public services in Wigan have been through a major process of transformation, based on the idea of building a different relationship with local people. Donna was CEO of Wigan Council for 8 years and developed The Wigan Deal which delivered £160 million savings and improved services and resident satisfaction. She was awarded a CBE in 2009 for innovation in public service and was Transformational Leader in the Northern Power Women Awards 2017.



## DR YSABEL GERRARD: MAKING & BREAKING THE RULES ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Wed 27 May | 12-1pm | Barnsley DMC | Free  
In partnership with the University of Sheffield

Dr Ysabel Gerrard is a lecturer in Digital Media and Society at the University of Sheffield. She researches social media content moderation: the process of choosing and enforcing rules on popular platforms like Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Ysabel has shared her research with outlets like *Wired* and *BBC Woman's Hour*.



## AI: CAN MACHINES BE CONSCIOUS AND WOULD IT MATTER IF THEY WERE?

Wed 27 May | 6:30-8pm | Firth Court, Council Room | Free

Exploring themes from his latest book, *Artificial Intelligence: Modern Magic or Dangerous Future?*, Emeritus Professor Yorick Wilks homes in on the question of consciousness. However intelligent machines are, we never assume they are conscious. But what even is consciousness, and if they did eventually develop consciousness, could we go on exploiting them through automation to do all our work for us with clear consciences?



"Let me speak frankly: separate but equal is fraud. It is the language that tried to push Rosa Parks to the back of the bus." **David Lammy**

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## IS FOOTBALL ADDICTED TO GAMBLING?

Wed 27 May | 7-8:30pm | Nice Neighbourhood | Free  
In partnership with Gambling with Lives

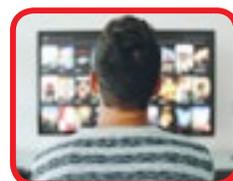
Young people watching football are at the greatest risk of developing gambling addiction and there are an estimated 500 gambling-related suicides each year in the UK. Yet gambling sponsorship is rife throughout all levels of football. You can bet on anything, in any game, in any country, at any time. How did this happen and how is it going to change? Speakers: Charles Ritchie (Gambling with Lives), James Grimes (The Big Step) and Callum Butcher (Headingley AFC).



## WORDLIFE PRESENTS JASON WILLIAMSON'S HOUSE PARTY

Wed 27 May | 7:30-10pm | Abbeydale Picture House | £12/£10

Jason Williamson is one half of Sleaford Mods, one of the most important and politically-charged acts on the UK music scene and beyond. Jason will be reading from his latest book, *House Party*, which includes lyrics from all Sleaford Mods records since 2014, alongside other insights and observations. Support from Salena Godden.



## WHAT DOES REALITY TV TELL US ABOUT SOCIETY TODAY?

Thu 28 May | 6-7:30pm | The Diamond, Workroom 2 | Free  
In partnership with the University of Sheffield

Within this session three speakers will discuss different aspects of reality TV and address the question of whether reality TV really matters, alongside exploring the implications and possible implications of this form of media on society. The speakers will consider what reality TV tells us about masculinity, gender relations, identity, audience consumption patterns and the influence of social media on contemporary reality TV. Speakers: Dr Kitty Nichols, Dr Xavier L'Hoir and Dr Adam Carter.



## WHAT WOULD EQUALITY FEEL LIKE... IN SHEFFIELD?

Thu 28 May | 6:30-8:30pm | The Art House | Donations welcome  
In partnership with the Equality Trust

Workshop with the Equality Trust. Sheffield contains huge inequalities, from communities with resources to spare to those precariously balanced, from families living in luxury to those struggling on the margins, from people who are carefree to those who are over-stressed. This workshop will explore what could be done in Sheffield to tackle inequality.



## MAGID MAGID: THE ART OF DISRUPTION – A MANIFESTO FOR REAL CHANGE

Thu 28 May | 7-10:30pm | Abbeydale Picture House | £10/£8

A guide to being courageous, doing better and disrupting the age-old power structures in work, life and politics. Using stories from his life, and time as Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Green Party Councillor and MEP, Magid Magid, a black Muslim immigrant, launches his first book. 10 commandments that explore how we can all live with hope and do things differently. Special guests TBA.



## FLIM NITE PRESENTS WALL-E

Fri 29 May | 7:30-10pm | Regather Works | £7/£6/£5

What would *Wall-E* look like chewed up and spat out by political thinkers, comedians, theatremakers and writers? Cult hit FLIM NITE comes to Sheffield to spread its unique brand of mischief. Expect games, silliness and a cabaret mash-up of the critically-acclaimed Pixar film that culminates in an energetic (if distorted) live retelling. Over 16s only.



## THE GUILTY FEMINIST

Sun 31 May | 7:30-10:30pm | City Hall | £27.25-£32.90

*The Guilty Feminist* podcast has become a comedy phenomenon, with over 70 million downloads since it launched in late 2015. Comedian Deborah Frances-White and her guests explore the noble goals of 21st century feminists whilst confessing the insecurities, hypocrisies and paradoxes which undermine those goals. Along with some of your favourite comedians, guests and musicians, Deborah will host this joyful celebration of how far we've come – and continue the conversation about what remains to be done.



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“People are just beaten. There is austerity fatigue. They are numb, they are non-responsive.” **Jason Williamson**

# WHAT NEXT? HUB DAY

**SAT 30 MAY | 10:30AM-8:30PM | MILLENNIUM GALLERY**  
 As the Festival of Debate draws to a close, we ask the question, What Next?



**ACTIVISM FAIR**  
 10:30AM-4:30PM | MILLENNIUM GALLERY | FREE

Been energised by an event at the Festival of Debate and want to give your time to join a campaign? There will be 14 stalls from local groups who are looking for volunteers or more members.



**THE COMING DEMOCRATIC CRISIS & WHY WE NEED A CONSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTION**  
 12-1PM | CADMAN ROOM | DONATIONS WELCOME  
 Hosted by Demand Democracy

Should we be concerned when the government says it wants to re-balance rights and power? Under current plans, everything from judicial review to use of royal powers is up for review. What do these changes mean for the future of our democracy? Join us to explore the question of whether the UK is in need of a constitutional revolution.



**GRACE BLAKELEY: STOLEN – HOW TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM FINANCIALISATION**  
 1:30-2:30PM | CADMAN ROOM | DONATIONS WELCOME  
 In association with the University of Sheffield Politics Department

*Stolen* is an accessible guide to our recent economic and political history: the story of how finance capitalism has been allowed to steal our economies, our environment, and even the future itself, and how we can – and must – change course. Join Grace for an in conversation with James Weinberg.



**YOUNG PERSON'S QUESTION TIME**  
 3-4PM | CADMAN ROOM | DONATIONS WELCOME

From increasing political division, a looming climate crisis and a lack of investment in youth centres and education, young people today are facing some of the toughest challenges in a generation. What can those in power offer beyond empty promises? Join us for a panel discussion to get some answers.



**FESTIVAL OF DEBATE DOES QUESTION TIME**  
 7-8:30PM | CADMAN ROOM | £7/£5

In recent years Brexit has dominated the political landscape. Join Michael Jacobs (SPERI), Grace Blakeley (*New Statesman* & *Novara Media*), Louise Haigh MP and more for a Question Time-style event exploring where Britain goes next.

Tue 14 April	RSA Engage: Sheffield	Future Worlds
Tue 14 April	The Science Behind the Climate Emergency	Earth & Environment
Tue 14 April	Everything is Absolutely Fine	Health & Wellbeing
Wed 15 April	Dr Tim Highfield: The Politics of Social Media	Future Worlds
Wed 15 April	Zero Waste Life: One Year On	Earth & Environment
Wed 15 April	The Case for Drug Policy Reform	Health & Wellbeing
Thu 16 April	Threads	Future Worlds
Thu 16 April	François Matarasso: Socially Engaged Community Arts	Fairer Together
Thu 16 April	The Cheese Shop: Has The Care Act Given Us Any Choice?	Health & Wellbeing
Thu 16 April	Strengthening Our Communities	Fairer Together
Thu 16 April	A People's Parliament for Yorkshire	Voice, Power & Democracy
Thu 16 April	David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet + Live Satellite Q&A	Earth & Environment
Thu 16 April	We Were Born Queens: Aadae	Voice, Power & Democracy
Fri 17 April	School Exclusions: Are We Failing Young People?	Fairer Together
Fri 17 April	Kidz Theez Dayz	Fairer Together
Sat 18 April	Death Cafe: Sheffield	Health & Wellbeing
Sat 18 April	Northern Town: Exhibition & Talk	Voice, Power & Democracy
Sat 18 April	Haven't You Heard? Gossip, Power & How Politics Really Works	Voice, Power & Democracy
Sun 19 April	MEN UP NORTH Symposium: My Authentic Self	Health & Wellbeing
Mon 20 April	A Flag Without a Country: The Roma Community	Voice, Power & Democracy
Mon 20 April	Activism & Social Action for Young People	Voice, Power & Democracy
Mon 20 April	Who Let the Dogs Out	Voice, Power & Democracy
Tue 21 April	Decolonising the Curriculum: From ABC to PhD	Fairer Together
Tue 21 April	How To Lobby Your Local Councillor on Climate Change	Earth & Environment
Tue 21 April	Britishness: Film Screening & Panel Discussion	Voice, Power & Democracy
Tue 21 April	The Truth About Trade Agreements	Voice, Power & Democracy
Wed 22 April	Care Robots: Safe in Our Hands or Out of Our Minds?	Health & Wellbeing
Wed 22 April	What Makes a Thriving Place?	Health & Wellbeing
Wed 22 April	Yes She Can! Stories of Bright Women, Start-Ups & Change	Fairer Together
Thu 23 April	David Lammy: Tribes	Health & Wellbeing
Thu 23 April	Governing Our City: Which Way Forward?	Voice, Power & Democracy
Fri 24 April	Women in Politics: Past, Present & Future	Voice, Power & Democracy
Fri 24 April	The Slow Fashion Show	Earth & Environment
Fri 24 April	Who Owns England?	Earth & Environment
Sat 25 April	YOUth Matter	Health & Wellbeing

Sat 25 April	Writing Ourselves	Health & Wellbeing
Sat 25 April	Transporting Us From a Climate Crisis to a Greener Future	Earth & Environment
Sat 25 April	Carnal	Health & Wellbeing
Sun 26 April	Nature Connection: Wild Food Walk	Earth & Environment
Mon 27 April	Being a Good Ally: Supporting Transgender People & Sex Workers	Health & Wellbeing
Mon 27 April	Second Class Citizens: Austerity & Disabled People	Health & Wellbeing
Mon 27 April	Closing the Gap	Fairer Together
Tue 28 April	Reaching Out, Giving Voice	Fairer Together
Tue 28 April	Recovery is Just Another Form of Diagnosis	Health & Wellbeing
Wed 29 April	Dr Erica Ballantyne: The Future of Electric Vehicles in Urban Areas	Future Worlds
Wed 29 April	Women: Why Don't We Talk About Money?	Fairer Together
Wed 29 April	How Can We Make Things Even Better? Working Together to Improve Fir Vale	Fairer Together
Wed 29 April	Black Waters	Fairer Together
Wed 29 April	Wordlife presents Festival of Debate Open Mic	Voice, Power & Democracy
Thu 30 April	Destination Darnall: A Community Model of Democracy	Voice, Power & Democracy
Thu 30 April	Why So Fast?	Earth & Environment
Thu 30 April	Citizen Journalism Explained	Voice, Power & Democracy
Thu 30 April	Should I Stay or Should I Go?	Fairer Together
Thu 30 April	Planet Lol	Future Worlds
Thu 30 April	The Role of Universities in 21st Century Society	Voice, Power & Democracy
Fri 1 May	Death Cafe: Doncaster	Health & Wellbeing
Fri 1 May	Upgraded Humans	Future Worlds
Fri 1 May	For Sama + Q&A	Voice, Power & Democracy
Fri 1 May	ROMP	Voice, Power & Democracy
Sat 2 May	Our Alien Future	Future Worlds
Mon 4 May	Crossing the M1	Fairer Together
Mon 4 May	Jessica Fostekew: Hench	Voice, Power & Democracy
Tue 5 May	Why Do We Blame the Homeless?	Health & Wellbeing
Tue 5 May	How Can We Build a Sustainable Food Network in Doncaster?	Earth & Environment
Wed 6 May	Take A Stand Against Hate	Fairer Together
Wed 6 May	Wayne Hemingway: The Good Business Festival	Future Worlds
Wed 6 May	Social Prescribing: Caring for Our Wellbeing in the Community	Health & Wellbeing
Wed 6 May	Gina Martin: Be The Change	Fairer Together
Wed 6 May	UBI Lab Sheffield: Monthly Meet-Up	Fairer Together

Wed 6 May	Thank You For Doing Nothing	Future Worlds
Thu 7 May	Does Poetry Romanticise Mental Illness?	Health & Wellbeing
Thu 7 May	Wapping: The Workers' Story	Voice, Power & Democracy
Thu 7 May	Led by Donkeys	Voice, Power & Democracy
Fri 8 May	Chris Packham: The Fear of Being Frightened is Costing Us the Earth	Earth & Environment
Fri 8 May	Cooperatives: An Introduction	Voice, Power & Democracy
Sat 9 May	Beats Against Boris	Future Worlds
Sat 9 May	Gavin Bryars Ensemble	Fairer Together
Sat 9 May	Cooperatives: Ethics & Change	Fairer Together
Mon 11 May	Making a Career in Music	Fairer Together
Mon 11 May	A. C. Grayling: The Good State	Voice, Power & Democracy
Tue 12 May	It's Not Fair	Fairer Together
Tue 12 May	A Discussion About Mental Health & Videogaming	Health & Wellbeing
Tue 12 May	Universal Basic Income: The Future of Welfare?	Fairer Together
Wed 13 May	What Kind of Automation Underpins a Successful Universal Basic Income?	Future Worlds
Wed 13 May	Proportional Representation: An Idea Whose Time Has Come	Voice, Power & Democracy
Wed 13 May	Austerity, Neoliberalism and Our Mental Health Crisis	Health & Wellbeing
Wed 13 May	Mandatory Redistribution Party ft. Ash Sarkar	Fairer Together
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Thu 14 May	George Monbiot: System Change, Not Climate Change	Future Worlds
Thu 14 May	Eugene	Earth & Environment
Fri 15 May	Hong Kong: What is Britain's Role in This New Human Rights Crisis?	Voice, Power & Democracy
Fri 15 May	iNowt Pasaran! ft. Foxdog Studios & Jain Edwards	Voice, Power & Democracy
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Sat 16 May	Sheffield Zine Fest	Voice, Power & Democracy
Sat 16 May	Bicycles Make Sheffield Smile: How Can We Create a More People-Friendly City?	Health & Wellbeing
Sat 16 May	Life Drawing: The Complex World of Nudity	Fairer Together
Sat 16 May	<b>THE FUTURE IS UNWRITTEN HUB DAY</b>	Earth & Environment
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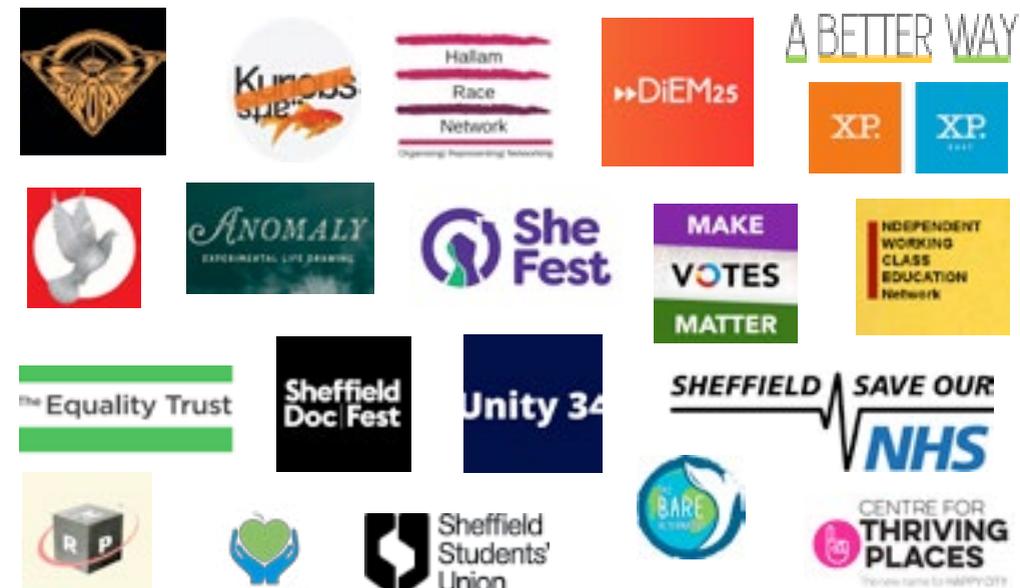
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