



Nottingham
Women's Centre
come on in

What we're offering 2024

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will I need to fill a form in?

Yes, you will need to complete a form. If you need help with this, the facilitator will help you. If you recently completed one you will not need to fill in another one.

If you are doing a course or activity online, we will email a Consent Form for you to complete to agree (or not) to us storing your contact details, otherwise we will ask for your verbal consent to take your details over the telephone.

2. Will my data be safe?

Yes, we are committed to abiding by the General Data Protection Regulations and have strong policies and procedures in place to ensure your data is always safe. These policies are available for you to inspect at any time, just ask and we can email details to you.

3. Can I work towards a qualification?

If you are able to work towards a qualification, this will be stated in the individual course listing.

4. I need some support to access this course; will you be able to accommodate this?

We will always do our best to support women to access our services. Please let us know in advance if you have any special requirements and we will do our best to accommodate you.

There are further FAQ's relevant to each course or activity on individual pages



If you are unable to access a course due to not having the necessary technology, contact us, as we may be able to help with this.

Coffee and Chat

This is the perfect opportunity to visit the Centre if you've never been before, or come and have a social catch-up if you're a regular!

There's no need to book, you can just turn up on the day! It's a very informal opportunity for you to meet and chat with other women, see the Centre, and find out what's going on here.

We encourage you to head up to the top floor of our building to the wonderful Nottingham Women's Library to see the full collection, and to find out more about upcoming learning courses, activities and events whilst you're here.

See you for a natter soon!

Dates & time	9 th July, 13 th August, 10 th September		
Day	Tuesday	Time	10.30 – 12.30
Room	Welcome Space	Floor	Ground
How to register	Just turn up on the day!		

Frequently asked questions

1. Can I just turn up?

Yes, we'd love to see you!

2. How much does it cost?

There's no charge, but of course, donations are always welcome.

Crafty Club

This is a friendly informal group, no special skills are needed, just come along and join in with some of the craft projects on offer. You can also have a chat, a coffee and meet new friends in a warm, welcoming environment.

- Create together, have fun and have a go at making something
- Share skills, beginners welcome
- Dip your feet into the wonderful world of craft
- Learn simple techniques or tackle something a little more complex

Day	Thursday	Time	1.00 – 3.00
Room	9	Floor	First
Facilitator(s)	Our arts and crafts peer support volunteers		
How to register	Booking not necessary		

Frequently asked questions

1. How much does it cost?

It is free (donations are welcome).

2. Do I have to commit to attending every session?

No, simply come along when you can.

3. Do I need to bring anything with me?

You can bring something you've started to make yourself, or you can use our materials to create something new.

EmPOhWER Yourself

This monthly group run by POhWER will be a fun, informal and supportive group teaching self-advocacy skills to people who face difficult issues and want to make their voice heard.

- Learn how to speak up for yourself (self-advocacy)
- Become part of an empowering network

ALL women are welcome, including those who may be feeling lonely or isolated and those who may be experiencing mental health difficulties.

POhWER is a charity providing information, advice, support and advocacy to people who experience disability, vulnerability, distress and social exclusion.

To find out more about POhWER visit their website <https://www.pohwer.net/>

Start date	21 st June	End date	20 th December
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Please note, this course will run on **the 3rd Friday monthly**, actual dates shown below

21st June, 19th July, 16th August, 20th September, 18th October, 15th November, 20th December

Day	Friday	Time	1.30 – 2.30
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Room	1	Floor	Ground
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Facilitator	Sonia – POhWER		
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How to register	Book in advance at Nottingham Women’s Centre Reception, call 0115 9411475 or email reception@nottinghamwomenscentre.com		
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Frequently asked questions

1. Can I just turn up?

Booking is not required but it would be helpful if you could let Reception know if you are coming as spaces are limited.

2. How much does it cost?

It is free.

3. Do I need to bring anything with me?

A pen and paper for taking notes, but these can be provided.

Growing at AMC Gardens

Come along to AMC Gardens community space for a welcoming women's group and a chance to do some growing. You can bring a picnic and enjoy the relaxing outdoor space. There will be tea and cake provided and indoor space in the polytunnel available in case of rain.

Dates	Friday 26 th July Friday 23 rd August Friday 27 th September
Time	10.30 – 12.30
Location	Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens, Kirby Gardens, Nottingham, NG2 2HZ
Facilitator	Rachel – AMC Gardens Community Engagement & Community Gardener
How to register	Book in advance at Nottingham Women's Centre Reception, call 0115 9411475 or email reception@nottinghamwomenscentre.com

Frequently asked questions

- 1. How much does it cost?**
It is free.
- 2. Do I have to commit to attending every session?**
No.
- 3. Do I need to bring anything with me?**
No, everything you need will be provided, but be sure to wear suitable footwear for gardening!

It's All About Drawing

These workshops will focus on self-expression through the use of drawing and exploring the creative potential and innovative ideas of participants.

In a warm and welcoming atmosphere, you will be introduced to a variety of techniques and references, which will allow you to develop your creativity through art.

No previous experience or skill is needed, just an open mind to try new techniques.

All materials will be provided and each workshop is stand-alone so join us when you can.

Dates	Wednesday 10 th July Wednesday 24 th July		
Time	6.00pm – 7.30pm		
Room	1	Floor	Ground
Facilitator	Marcia – www.marciaporto.art.br		
How to register	Book in advance at Nottingham Women's Centre Reception, call 0115 9411475 or email reception@nottinghamwomenscentre.com		

Frequently asked questions

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A pen and paper for taking notes, but these can be provided.

Life Coaching

Does life feel unfulfilling?

Do you want to make changes in your life but don't know where to start?

Are there things you would like to achieve in life but never get round to taking action?

Our new life coaching sessions could be for you

- One to one sessions via Zoom
- No fixed amount of sessions
- Work out your goals and how to obtain them
- Be listened to
- Increase your self-confidence
- Put yourself in the driving seat for your progression

PLEASE NOTE- Life coaching is NOT therapy or counselling

Day & time	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings
Dates	To be arranged by appointment
Facilitator	Amy and Donna - Nottingham Women's Centre volunteers
How to register	Contact Reception, tel: 0115 9411475 or email reception@nottinghamwomenscentre.com and you will be contacted to arrange an appointment

Frequently asked questions

1. Can I just turn up for a session?

No, you must arrange an appointment.

2. How much does it cost?

It is free.

3. Do I have to come to the Centre for my appointment?

No, sessions will be held online via Zoom or Google Meet.

4. What if I don't have the technology available to use Zoom?

Contact us and Amy or Donna may be able to arrange a time to meet with you face-to-face at the Centre.

Nottingham Women's Centre Archive

NWC holds an archive of reference material suitable for researchers, students and anyone with an interest in the history of second-wave and later feminism in Britain.

The collection includes documents relating to women's activism in Nottinghamshire and other areas of the country along with some material from overseas. There are collections of magazines such as Spare Rib along with more locally produced publications, some hand written, covering a wide range of topics such as women's health, women and the workplace, childcare, domestic violence, equal opportunities, sexuality and much more.

A full list of subject areas is available and the archive volunteers will be happy to discuss your particular field of interest to help identify appropriate material.

Day & time	By appointment		
Room	18	Floor	Second
Facilitator(s)	Linda, Val, Jayne - Nottingham Women's Centre archive volunteers		
How to register	Contact Reception, tel: 0115 9411475 or email reception@nottinghamwomenscentre.com to arrange an appointment		

Frequently asked questions

1. Can I just turn up to access the archive?

No, you must arrange an appointment with Reception.

2. How much does it cost?

It is free.

3. Do I need to bring anything with me?

You may find it useful to bring a notebook, pencil (no pens allowed) and a laptop if needed.

Nottingham Women's Centre Readers

This is an informal, friendly and inclusive readers' group who meet once a season. The idea is that the group all read the same book and then come together at the Centre to chat about it over a cuppa. We will be borrowing the books from Nottingham library, so there will be no cost involved.

Date	Tuesday 23 rd July	Time	6.00 – 7.30pm
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This group will meet **4 times per year (once a season)**. Future dates to be announced.

Room	4	Floor	Ground
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Facilitator(s)	Alyson & Helena - Nottingham Women's Centre volunteers
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How to register	Contact Reception, tel: 0115 9411475 or email reception@nottinghamwomenscentre.com to secure your place and find out about the next book choice.
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Frequently asked questions

1. How much does it cost?

It is free. Books will be borrowed from the library.

2. Do I have to commit to attending every session?

No, come along when you can. Meetings are every season, so 4 times a year.

3. Do I need to bring anything with me?

A copy of the book and any notes/thoughts you have about it.

Quilting and Textiles Workshop

This is a friendly informal group, where you can bring your sewing, knitting, textile projects and work on them in warm, welcoming environment. You can also have a chat and share ideas/techniques, have a coffee and meet new friends. There are dedicated volunteers who will share their skills with you and can show you how to use the equipment too.

- Create together, have fun and have a go at making something
- Share skills, beginners welcome
- Dip your feet into the wonderful world of craft
- Learn simple techniques or tackle something a little more complex

Day	Monday	Time	1.00 – 4.00
Room	4	Floor	Ground
Facilitator(s)	Our quilting and textiles peer support volunteers		
How to register	Prior booking with reception is essential, call 0115 9411475 or email reception@nottinghamwomenscentre.com		

Frequently asked questions

1. How much does it cost?

It is free (donations are welcome).

2. Do I have to commit to attending every session?

No, simply come along when you can.

3. Do I need to bring anything with me?

You can bring something you've started to make yourself, or you can use our materials to create something new.

United Voices Choir – Taster Sessions

United Voices Choir is made up of diverse women from all walks of life who meet at Nottingham Women's Centre to find empowerment through singing together.

The choir works towards regular public performances at community events around Nottingham. Choir members learn the songs by ear, including layered vocals and harmonies. A copy of the song lyrics is provided.

Come along to a taster class in July to see what the choir is all about and find out how you can sign up to join the choir in September!

Dates	Monday 15 th July Monday 22 nd July	Time	5.45 – 7.45
Room	9	Floor	First
Tutor	Lorna – WEA tutor		
How to register	Email: lornagracepoole@gmail.com It is not possible to join the session(s) without booking.		

Frequently asked questions

1. How much does it cost?

Coming to a taster session is free. From September, there is a small cost to take part on a sliding scale depending on your household income.

2. Can I just turn up on the first day?

No, to reserve your place, please register in advance (see above)

3. Do I have to commit to attending every session?

Taster sessions are a one off but, should you choose to join the choir from September, weekly attendance is required.

4. Do I need to be able to sing?

Basic skills in singing to music and clapping to a beat are needed to join the choir. If you are unsure, come along to a taster class and give it a go!

5. Do I need to bring anything with me?

A bottle or flask of water, pen and paper or a notebook and a folder or plastic wallet to store your song lyrics.

Women Write at the Centre (Poetry Workshop)

A friendly creative atmosphere, a safe space to have your say, where women are encouraged to explore their creativity to produce poetry, for all levels. We will also look at poetry structures; bring along your favourite published poems to discuss. There are no rules, just respect.

The group meets in person and using Zoom, so you may need to have Internet access and a quiet space to participate.

Day	4 th Monday of the month (except Bank Holiday Mondays)	Time	5.30 – 7.30
Facilitator	Clare and Sue – Nottingham Women’s Centre volunteers		
How to register	<p>No need to register, just turn up</p> <p>If you want to join using Zoom: contact Reception, Tel: 0115 9411475 or email reception@nottinghamwomenscentre.com for the Meeting ID and Password that you will need</p>		

Frequently asked questions

- 1. Can I just turn up or do I need to register?**
No need to register, just turn up.
- 2. Do I need a computer to be able to join these sessions?**
If you want to participate over Zoom you will need a device with Internet access (computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone). See details in ‘How to register’ above.
- 3. How much does it cost?**
It is free.
- 4. Do I need to have anything with me?**
No, but you may find it useful to have a notepad and pen/pencil and of course, your wonderful ideas!

Other Organisations

Nottinghamshire Sexual Violence Support Services

Nottinghamshire Sexual Violence Support Services (formerly Nottingham Rape Crisis Centre) supports women over the age of 13 who have suffered any form of sexual violence – recent or historical. They offer face-to-face counselling sessions and a helpline where survivors can speak to trained counsellors.

Tel: 0115 9410440
www.nottssvss.org.uk

JUNO Women's Aid

JUNO Women's Aid is run by women, for women and their children experiencing or escaping domestic abuse. They offer a range of services including a 24-hour emergency helpline, drop in service, domestic violence awareness training, floating support and outreach support.

Tel: 0808 8000340
<https://junowomensaid.org.uk>

Kairos

This group provides a social network offering emotional support to lesbians and bisexual women who are currently applying for asylum and those refugees who have been granted leave to stay in the UK.

It offers practical support and assistance to members with current asylum applications based on sexuality to help ensure that our members are treated fairly and with dignity during the often inhuman asylum process.

All asylum seekers, refugees and immigrant women who identify as lesbian or bisexual are welcome to join!

For further information contact:
lisg.nottingham@gmail.com / 07938 556788

Nottingham Women's Centre Membership

Membership entitles you to vote at our AGM and gives you access to the Nottingham Women's Library collection to borrow books (one of the UK's last remaining women libraries!) You will also receive regular e-bulletins to keep you up to date with everything happening at the Centre.

There are three tiers of membership fees depending on your circumstances:

- Unwaged – £2
- Students and OAPs – £5
- Waged – £10

To become a member, or if you have any questions, get in touch:

reception@nottinghamwomenscentre.com

07930 825 030 (Mon-Fri: 10am-2pm)

Contact Details

For further information about our courses or to arrange an online welcome meeting, please contact Reception and ask to speak to one of our advisors.

Tel: **0115 9411475**

Email: [**reception@nottinghamwomenscentre.com**](mailto:reception@nottinghamwomenscentre.com)

If you would like to be added to our e-mailing list to receive future course booklets and information about future events, please contact us (details above).

Keep in touch with us!

Find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn:

@nottswomenscent

Find out more about what we're up to and how you can be involved:

[**www.nottinghamwomenscentre.com**](http://www.nottinghamwomenscentre.com)