

NASTY WOMEN UK

Join Nasty Women UK for a weekend of art and creative events in support of women's rights

Nasty Women UK is a free art exhibition and weekend of talks, comedy, spoken word, live music and workshops. The event is part of the Nasty Women global art movement, designed to empower women and raise the female voice, which so far has raised over \$180,000 in aid of women's charities.

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Saturday 23 September – Sunday 24 September

9am till late

Open to Public

The exhibition is free, separate events are ticketed. See www.nastywomenuk.com/whats-on for details.

Stour Space, 7 Roach Road, Hackney Wick, London E3 2PA

The free exhibition includes 2D work, sculpture, sound installations, street art, ceramics, craft, performance, political baked goods and an immersive art installation where visitors will be able to create their own artwork in Virtual Reality. The exhibition also includes a VR experience that re-creates instances of sexism and street harassment and aims to give visitors a visceral understanding of what it's really like to be attacked in the street or on public transport just because you are a woman.

All artworks will be for sale, with prices ranging from £5 to £500. All proceeds will be donated End Violence Against Women, a leading coalition of specialist women's support services, researchers, activists, survivors and NGOs working to end violence against women and girls in all its forms.

A wide range of creative events are happening alongside the exhibition, including panel discussions on gender representation in the arts, art as activism, comedy line-ups from some of the UK's funniest emerging comedians, rousing spoken word performances, live music and DJ sets spanning styles as varied as electro-punk, gospel and soulful jazz.

Artists and creatives who have donated work or will be performing at the event include comedian Ava Vidal, spoken word artists Salena Godden and Joelle Taylor, British/Egyptian poet and author Sabrina Mahfouz, multimedia artist Stacey Guthrie, ceramicist Carrie Reichardt, and Louisa Johnson, the great granddaughter of Emmeline Pankhurst, the founder of the suffragette movement who Time magazine named one of the 100 Most Important People of the 20th Century.

Director Kasia Uscinska explains: "Nasty Women UK is part of a Global Art Movement founded in New York in January 2017 in reaction to the growing misogyny and rampant intolerance towards marginal social groups that has become ubiquitous in the media as well as in government. The name 'Nasty Women' comes from a comment Donald Trump made about Hillary Clinton, interrupting her during a televised debate to mutter the insult into his microphone. The term was instantly reclaimed by thousands of women across social media, and has since become a rallying call for those who stand for gender equality and equity.

Here in the UK, we too have seen countless examples of sexism and bigotry. From the 'Legs-it' tabloid headline following Brexit talks between Theresa May and Nicola Sturgeon to bosses forcing female staff to wear high heels to work or the Conservative government partnering up with the anti-abortion, anti-LGBTQ DUP party, hatred and intolerance have been on the rise and civil rights that generations of men and women have campaigned for are being threatened. This is a pivotal time in politics, culture and our country's history. This is a time to stand up and be counted, to speak out against intolerance in all its forms and to amplify the voices of those that go unheard. This is the time to proclaim that you too are a 'Nasty Woman' and create powerful, positive identities."

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Co-director and curator Antonia Kimbell says “We have received a phenomenal response to our call for submissions from over 100 artists from across the United Kingdom, as well as Europe and the United States. While the majority of submissions are from professional artists, we are delighted to have received work from budding creatives of all ages who feel passionate about gender equality. The common and inclusive language of art unites people giving them a platform for self-expression. Our exhibition aims to inspire and provoke whilst providing a platform for discussion on gender equality and equity, as well as being a celebration of the diverse talents and skills of women.”

For media information, interview and image requests please email: nastywomenuk@hotmail.com

Notes to Editors

About Nasty Women UK

Nasty Women UK is an intersectional movement that aims to bring together people of all genders, races, faiths and LGBTQIA identities through the platform of the arts. It is part of the Nasty Women global art movement, which serves to demonstrate solidarity among artists who identify with being a Nasty Woman in the face of threats to roll back women's rights, individual rights, and abortion rights. The movement, which started in New York, has seen over forty fundraising art exhibitions around the world since January 2017. Nasty Women Exhibitions also serve to support organisations defending these rights, and to be a platform for organisation and resistance.

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www.nastywomenexhibition.org

About End Violence Against Women

EVAW is a leading coalition of specialist women's support services, researchers, activists, survivors and NGOs working to end violence against women and girls in all its forms.

Established in 2005, EVAW campaign for every level of government to adopt better, more joined up approaches to ending and preventing violence against women and girls, and challenge the wider cultural attitudes that tolerate and condone this abuse.

www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk



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About Stour Space

A socially minded organisation offering exhibition, performance and studio space for the development of creative enterprises. Devoted to the promotion and production of art and design, performance and innovative business, Stour Space also works in collaboration with many local enterprises, residents, artists and committees.



Stour Space recognises the significance of creative enterprise in the social sector and public education, believing creative industry skills to be increasingly important to the economy in a world of rapid technological and social change. With a focus on the local neighbourhood, the economy and sustainable regeneration Stour Space endeavours to support and promote the value of creative enterprise and public innovation to people of all abilities and experiences.

www.stourspace.co.uk

About Demiren Steingrüber

Demiren Steingrüber is a design practice based in London, founded by Mina Demiren and David Steingrüber. They are the brilliant creative team behind Nasty Women UK's brand identity.

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The studio takes an experiential approach to create 2-dimensional work by considering the 3-dimensional spaces in which people will encounter and interact with it. Their work is about creating a dialogue between design and its audience; it is informed by who will see it, when, where, why and what should happen next.

This defines their approach across all areas of design and art direction, including identities, campaigns, way finding, print, environments and screens.

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