

# Women's Liberation: 50 Years On – Evening Celebration

Friday, June 21 - 5.30 – 7.00pm

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*To celebrate this important milestone, GENDER.ED, the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH) and Women's History Scotland are leading and facilitating a workshop for the students of James Gillespie's High School on 21 June, which will be followed by an evening celebration event that you are all invited to!*

*This event takes place from 5.30pm – 7pm at James Gillespie's High School and will include a reception, as well as a panel discussion focusing on Legal and Financial Independence of Women.*

*For further information and to register, please visit the link [here](#). We hope you can join us!*

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## Event Information

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To celebrate this important milestone, [GENDER.ED](#), [Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities \(IASH\)](#) and [Women's History Scotland](#) are leading and facilitating a daytime workshop for the students of [James Gillespie's High School](#) on 21 June, which will be followed by an evening celebration event.

We are therefore delighted to invite you to the evening event as part of the exciting "Women's Liberation: 50 Years On" project, which will take place at James Gillespie's High School from 5.30pm – 7.00pm on Friday 21 June. This event will include a reception, as well as a panel discussion focusing on Legal and Financial Independence of Women. This is a free event and is open to everyone!

## Speakers

Confirmed speakers for the panel discussion include:

### Zoe Fairbairns

Zoe is a feminist author, poet and journalist, who was involved in the women's movement in the 1970s (and St Andrews Women's Liberation Group).

<https://zoefairbairns.co.uk/>

<https://literature.britishcouncil.org/writer/zoe-fairbairns>

**Rebecca Mason**

Rebecca is the Research & Policy Lead for the Young Women's Movement, which is Scotland's national organisation for young women and girls' leadership and rights.

<https://www.youngwomenscot.org/about/our-team/>

**Amy Life**

Amy Life is a fourth year French and Philosophy student at the school of Literatures, Languages and Cultures, and one of GENDER.ED's Undergraduate Communications and Events Interns.

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Further speakers have yet to be confirmed – please keep an eye on the event page and the GENDER.ED social media channels for further updates!

[https://www.instagram.com/uoed\\_gender.ed/](https://www.instagram.com/uoed_gender.ed/)

[https://twitter.com/UoE\\_GENDER\\_ED](https://twitter.com/UoE_GENDER_ED)

**Registration**

To register for the event, please click the link [here](#):

This is a free event, which means we overbook to allow for no-shows and to avoid empty seats. While we generally do not have to turn people away, this does mean we cannot guarantee everyone a place. Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note, filming, recording and/or photography may take place at this event. If you have any queries regarding this event, please email [gender.ed@ed.ac.uk](mailto:gender.ed@ed.ac.uk).