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@uniofleicester
#BeBoldForChange
Dear Students and Colleagues,

8 March 2017 marks International Women’s Day. International Women’s Day is a global day of celebration that marks the struggle for gender equality. It provides a forum for celebrating the role of women and their achievements, identifies challenges for the future and campaigns for change. It is a day about women but isn’t just for women. It’s for everyone so we can unite in being part of the solution of solving gender inequality.

International Women’s Day has been celebrated for more than 100 years. Its original aim was to achieve full gender equality for women in the world – an aspiration still not realised. Across the globe, women are still not present in equal numbers in senior positions in politics, business or education and the gender pay gap persists but, more importantly, we know that: two thirds of the world’s poorest citizens are women (UNESCO 2014) and 35% of women worldwide have experienced physical and/or sexual violence in their lives (UN 2015).

The theme of this year’s International Women’s Day is #BeBoldForChange and our University is hosting a programme of free events drawn together by an enthusiastic team of colleagues from the Women’s Forum, each of the Colleges and Divisions, Students’ Union and the Equalities Team.

We are pleased that our programme reflects an increasing awareness of intersectionality – the idea that we all have multiple identities and these will affect our wellbeing and status. Our race, gender, sexual identity and health will all interact to affect our lives, creating overlapping and interdependent systems of disadvantage. Through greater awareness of this intersectionality we can acknowledge multiple forms of discrimination.

We look forward to welcoming colleagues to the exciting and diverse programme of events which we hope will be of interest to all our staff and students. Show your support for International Women’s Day by spreading the news on social media and through word of mouth. Let us all #BeBoldForChange.

Kate Williams
Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor for Equality and Diversity
Monday 6 March

Glass Ceilings or Sticky Feet: Barriers to Gender Equality in Academia

1.00-2.30pm in Centre for Medicine rooms 1.35 & 1.36

Introduced by Professor Philip Baker, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Head of College of Medicine, Biological Science and Psychology.

Professor Louise Kenny (MB ChB (Hons), PhD, MRCOG) is Professor of Obstetrics at University College Cork and a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at Cork University Maternity Hospital. Her work has received international recognition including the Society for Gynaecological Investigation President’s Award in 2005. In 2007, Louise was appointed as a Health Research Board Ireland Clinician Scientist.

One of Louise’s current research projects is investigating gender bias amongst medical professionals. She is a member of the GENOVATE team. GENOVATE - Transforming Organisational Culture for Gender Equality in Research and Innovation - is a FP7 funded action research project which operates over seven European Partner Institutions. The main goal for GENOVATE is to ensure equal opportunities for women and men by encouraging a more gender-competent management in research, innovation and scientific decision-making bodies, with a particular focus on universities.

The event will be followed by a networking lunch.

This is a free event open to staff, students and graduates. No booking is required.
Monday 6 March

Women’s Rights Debate

5-7pm in Belvoir Lounge · Student-led event

Join us for a lively debate centred on women’s rights issues.

For enquiries, contact Sara Sajjad (ss971@student.le.ac.uk)

Tuesday 7 March

Four Women, Five Stories: Film Screening and Q&A with Kajal Nisha Patel and Dr. Melanie Kennedy

6.15-7.15pm in Ken Edwards Lecture Theatre 2

As part of International Women’s Day, Leverhulme Artist in Residence (2016) Kajal Nisha Patel will be in conversation with Dr Melanie Kennedy from the School of Media, Communication and Sociology.

Kajal is a visual artist, working between the UK and India. Having previously specialised in storytelling through documentary photography and filmmaking, she now works as a multidisciplinary artist, practising primarily with recycled Indian fabrics and other vernacular objects. Interests in human rights and social justice have led her to document the marginalised experiences and multiple identities of British South Asian women. She is consequently developing her research on British South Asian women’s working and domestic lives.

During this event, Kajal will talk about her commissioned series of films Four Women, Five Stories, which led to further commissioned projects relating to protest and activism. She will discuss how art, craft, digital activism and storytelling can be used to foster critical discussion and social change.

This event will be followed by refreshments in the Ken Edwards foyer.

This is a free event and no booking is required. All are welcome.

For further information, please contact Angelica De Vido at adv4@le.ac.uk
Tuesday 7 March

Women’s Rights Fundraiser

9am-4pm at Students’ Union Square · Student-led event

Get involved with a fundraiser dedicated to supporting women’s rights causes. For enquiries, contact Sara Sajjad (ss971@student.le.ac.uk)

Wednesday 8 March

International Women’s Rights Day Campaign

9am-2pm at Students’ Union Square · Student-led event

Come and see our visual campaign promoting women’s rights all over the world. For enquiries, contact Sara Sajjad (ss971@student.le.ac.uk)

Celebrating Women of Leicester

Wednesday 8 March - Wednesday 15 March, all day
Various University Campus

Explore the University of Leicester Campus and find out about inspirational women of Leicester. Spanning various topics and subjects, you’ll learn that Leicester has a diverse offering of aspirational and life-changing women.

For more information, visit the International Women’s Day website at www.le.ac.uk/iwd
Wednesday 8 March

**Women of Mathematics Throughout Europe:**
**A Gallery of Portraits**

**Wednesday 8 March - Wednesday 15 March**
in David Wilson Library Reading Room

This exhibition will showcase fourteen portraits offering an unusual insight into mathematics. If the exhibition captures your interest, then you may also enjoy the ‘Women in Mathematics’ talks being provided by mathematicians from the University of Leicester.

A launch event lunch will take place between 12-1pm in the Library Reading Room but if you’d rather peruse the exhibition with a drink in hand, then join the Mathematics Department in the Library Reading Room at 5.30pm.

For enquiries, please contact Katrin Leschke, kl96@le.ac.uk. The exhibition is open to all and is free.
Women in Mathematics

3-5pm in Belvoir Park Lounge

As part of the opening of the exhibition ‘Women of Mathematics throughout Europe: A Gallery of Portraits’, we will celebrate the different facets of mathematical work done by women in mathematics at the University of Leicester. There will be four talks showcasing the wide range of mathematical work spanning topics from pure mathematics to mathematical modelling and actuarial science.
3.00-3.30pm  
**Dr Aihua Zhang: Analysis on Brexit voting pattern**

Higher education is found to be the predominant factor dividing the nation between Remain and Leave. We find that the marginal effect of higher education on the referendum decision is much stronger than any other factors particularly in England and Wales, where most Leave voters reside. An increase of about 3% in the proportion of British adults accessing to higher education in England and Wales could have reversed the referendum result in the UK.

3.30-4.00pm  
**Dr Katrin Leschke: Soap films, quaternions and geometry**

In her talk, Dr Katrin Leschke will give an introduction to her research area: she will explore the exciting link between physical objects and mathematical tools to get a glimpse of modern questions and results in surface theory.

4.00-4.30pm  
**Mrs Leena Sodha: Actuarial Science: Women working in male dominated mathematical professions**

Mrs Leena Sodha will be discussing the increase in female actuaries and the wide range of work that they are involved in. She will also answer the question ‘what kind of maths is actuarial?’.

4.30-5.00pm  
**Dr Sibylle Schroll: Dessins d’enfants and representation theory**

Dr Sibylle Schroll will illustrate one aspect of her research by showing how simple drawings, the so-called dessins d’enfants or children’s drawings, such as stick man drawings, encode many different and complicated mathematical structures.

5.00-5.30pm  
**Poster Session**

Female PhD students will be showcasing their work. Anyone is welcome to attend. No booking is required.
Wednesday 8 March

Resistance and Living Utopia: Women’s Liberation and Democratic Autonomy in Syrian Kurdistan

5.30-7.30pm in Attenborough Tower Lecture Theatre 1

The Rojava revolution in Northern Syria is at its heart, a women’s revolution. The majority Kurdish regions in Northern Syria are undergoing a profound democratic transformation that offers the possibility of peace and freedom with the full participation of women.

Women are involved at all levels and in all areas of the democratic project: in the cooperative economy, in the direct participatory democratic councils and of course at the front-line of the military campaign against ISIS.

Our panel on International Women’s Day will examine the key features of the democratic autonomy project in Rojava including first-hand accounts from an activist and academic perspective.

Opening Speech by Professor Julie Coleman, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Head of College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, University of Leicester

Chair: Dr Omer Tekdemir, Research Associate, School of History, Politics and International Relations, University of Leicester

Guest Speakers:

Isabel Käser is a PhD student at SOAS in London where she is writing her thesis on the Kurdish women’s movement. She has recently returned from a field work in the region, including warzone in Syria.

Elif Sarican is a member of the Kurdistan Students Union UK. She is currently undertaking a Masters degree in Social Anthropology focusing on Economic Anthropology at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Her research interests include transformations in the position of women in Kurdish society and women’s movements in the Middle East and North Africa.

Kimberly Taylor, an activist from Blackburn, is the first British woman to travel to Syria to join the Kurdish forces against ISIS and is now working with the Kurdish Women Protection Units (YPJ) media team. She will be speaking via Skype.

To register please email KISU@le.ac.uk
Thursday 9 March

Film Screening: Hidden Figures

6.30pm: Introductory talks · 7pm: Film screening at Odeon Leicester (PG)

Hidden Figures is a highly acclaimed movie that dramatises the key roles that three NASA employees played in landing a human on the moon, highlighting the forgotten, or sometimes entirely hidden, contributions of African American women to the space programme.

Today, both women and ethnic minorities are still underrepresented in parts of the scientific workforce, and in some of the degree programmes which lead to scientific careers, and the University is committed to addressing this through its diversity programme.

We celebrate International Women’s Day 2017 by giving staff and students the opportunity to view this movie free of charge in a private screening arranged for the University of Leicester.

The movie will be preceded by addresses from Professor Emma Bunce, Department of Physics and Astronomy, and Dr. Jane Pilcher, Department of Sociology.

Tickets are free and available to all University students and staff, but must be booked through our Eventbrite site https://physicsiwd.eventbrite.co.uk and will be issued on a first-come first-served basis.

This event is organised by the Department of Physics and Astronomy and the Equalities Unit.
Thursday 9 March

International Women’s Day Leicester 2017

All day at Curve
See pages 14-15 for event details.

Women’s Rights Film Screening

7-9pm in Attenborough Tower Lecture Theatre 3
All are welcome to join us for a film screening focused on women’s rights.
For enquiries, contact Sara Sajjad (ss971@student.le.ac.uk)

Friday 17 March

Dorothy Jones Lecture
Pascale Cossart: Listeria Monocytogenes: a unique model in biology

12-1pm in Frank & Katherine May Lecture Theatre, Henry Wellcome Building

After studying Chemistry in France and the USA, Pascale Cossart obtained her PhD in Paris in the Institut Pasteur where she is still now, heading the Bacteria-Cell Interactions Unit.

Pascale Cossart pioneered the field of Cellular Microbiology. Her research has led to a series of new concepts in infection biology but also in fundamental microbiology (in particular RNA biology), in cell biology and also in epigenetics.

Refreshments will be served in the foyer after the lecture (1-2pm).

This lecture series is in memory of Dr Dorothy Jones who joined the University as a Research Biologist in 1965, became a Senior Research Fellow and then an Honorary University Fellow. This is a free event open to graduates, students and staff. No booking is required.
Leicester Women in Medicine

1.30-4.30pm with lunch at 12.30pm
in Cumulus Room, Leicester Diabetes Centre, LGH

Attend this event to hear from two inspiring key note speakers:

Dr Sonia Swart, Chief Executive, Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust – sharing observations and telling her story

Steph Morgan, Retired Deputy Chief Constable – talking about her career, the challenges that she encountered and how she worked through these.

Following the speakers, there will be a question and answer session with a panel. This is an interactive session exploring key themes from the key note speakers in order to identify next steps for moving forwards.

Places at this event are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.
Registration: contact lia@uhl-tr.nhs.uk and provide name, job role, contact mobile and email.
Celebrating the achievements, diversity and unity of women in Leicester/shire

International Women's Day Leicester 2017

12.15 – 6.00PM WORKSHOPS £2 per person
30 minute workshops ranging from zumba, salsa and belly dancing to getting your business idea started, personal development and work life balance.

12.15 – 4.15PM SPEAKERS
Listen to women share their experience in business, education, health, law and politics, arts & culture and non-traditional settings (free).

12.15 – 6.00PM PERFORMANCES
Live performances on the Curve foyer stage including singing, poetry, dance, music (free).

12.00 – 6.00PM STALLS
Food, information, activities, promotion and exhibitions.

6.30 – 8.30PM EVENING SHOWCASE
£8 / £6 concessions
Our culmination event bring this year's International Women's Day to a close with an evening of fashion segments, performances, speeches and more.

Book your tickets and come and have a great time with us.

Please contact Curve Box Office to purchase tickets or to book into presentations.
0116 242 3595
www.curveonline.co.uk
www.kainemanagement.org.uk
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Open Mind Training & Development Ltd                          |
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Designed2Live                                                    |
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Bra Sense Advisory Service                                     | Head – Thurnby Lodge Primary                            |
| 1.30 – 2.30pm | Health & Fitness                        | Local Government/Law/Activists                          |
|               | Natasha Garraway                        | Manjula Sood                                            
|               | Sanjaya Pandit                          | Leicester City Council                                   |
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|               | Eugenie Burton                          | Zimbabwe Action in Solidarity                           |
|               | Designed2Live                           | Bhamika Parmar                                          
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Head of Culture (LCC)                                          | Learning For The Fourth Age                             |
|               | Amanda Leandro                          | Jade Foster                                             
Cosmopolitan Arts                                              | Apprentice Maintenance Technician – (LCC)               |
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