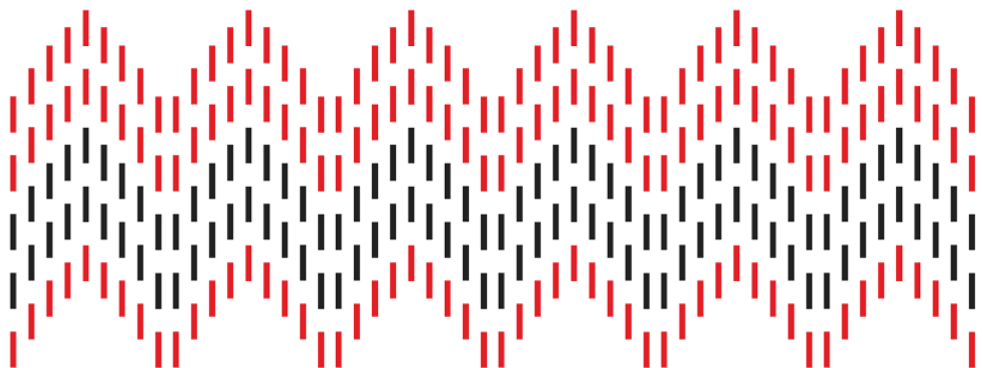




**FREE
ENTRY**

Saturday, 17 February 2018
10 am to 8 pm
IOE – Pulchowk Campus

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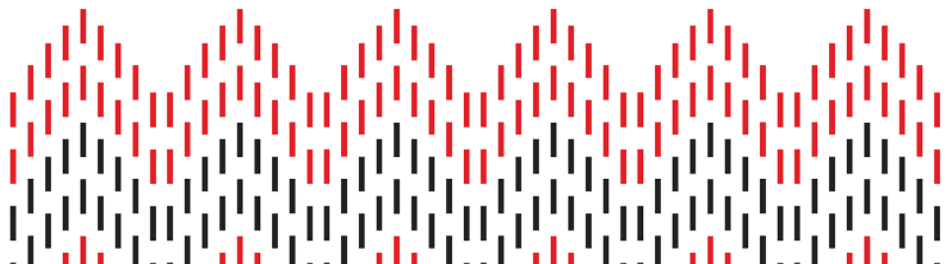
Welcome to WOWKTM 2018!

WOW - Women of the World - is a global movement of festivals and the people who make them. It is a festival of talks, debates, performances, activism, workshops, food, music, exhibitions, mentoring and more. WOW festivals are high-profile, mainstream platforms to celebrate women and girls, and look at the obstacles they face across the world. They are a place where hundreds of women's stories can be shared, feelings vented, minds influenced and fun had. Each WOW is for everyone, bold and broad-based in approach, lively and serious, bringing together of people from all corners of society.

WOW launched in 2010 at London's Southbank Centre and was founded by Jude Kelly CBE, the Centre's Artistic Director. The WOW movement is growing, and is now in over 15 cities across 5 continents – including in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and soon in Bangladesh.

Around the world, individuals and communities, including an increasing number of men, are insisting on the simple proposition that women must have equal rights and asking 'why is gender equality taking so long?'. The global WOW movement is growing at a time when female voices have become immensely powerful as a force for positive change - and they need platforms and to be connected so they can debate the questions and make new solutions together, including on how men and boys can make gender equality their priority. WOW makes that happen - and is changing lives.

Women of the World Kathmandu is organized by the British Council in partnership with Southbank Centre, London.



Event Opening

11.00

by **Claudia Merhej**, Southbank Centre; **Dana MacLeod**, British Council

Panels- Yogmaya Stage

Nepali & English Interpretation Available

11.15-12.15

UNCONVENTIONAL CHOICES

Sharing how to cultivate power within, to make unconventional choices.

Speakers: **Rekha Thapa**, Actor; **Ani Choying Drolma**, Singer-Nun; **Mira Rai**, Athlete; and **Gulalai Ismail**, Activist/Advocate (Pakistan)

Moderated by **Anjana Luitel**

12:30-1:30

WOMEN AND SEXUALITY

Exploring how social and cultural taboos creates barriers to our own sexuality.

Speakers: **Rukshana Kapali**, Transgender Activist; **Dr. Madhurima Bhadra**, Public Health Professional; **Lakshmi Ghalan**, LGBTI Advocate; **Sristi KC**, Disability Advocate

Moderated by **Sumeera Shrestha**

2:00-3:00

GIRL POWER

Young women/girls share their inspiring stories as change agents and trailblazers.

Speakers: **Bipana Sharma**, Asia Human Rights Awardee 2015; **Panchamaya Tamang**, National Climbing Champion; **Shanti Nepali**, Musician; **Sara Pyakurel**, Politician

Moderated by **Mandira Maharjan**

3:30-4:30

WOMEN AND SKILLS

To reclaim women's spaces in creative field and to share stories of change.

Speakers: **Shyam Badan Shrestha**, Crafts Pioneer; **Ashmina Ranjit**, Celebrated Artist; **Sunita Nhemaphuki**, Agricultural Entrepreneur; **Selima Ahmad**, BWCCI (Bangladesh)

Moderated by **Jinita Bishowkarma**

Bites- Savitri Bai Arena

Nepali & English Interpretation Available

12:30-1:30

SESSION 1

Lorina Sthapit /Champa Devi Tuladhar on the changing menstruation culture of Kathmandu
Anjali Shrestha on surviving domestic violence.

Panchamaya Tamang on being Nepal's national climbing champion in her teens.

Kriti Sakya on motherhood and the changes that come with it.

Anil Shah on the importance of being a feminist father.

Selima Ahmad on being a leading Bangladeshi businessperson.

2:00-3:00

SESSION 2

Ranju Darshana on her journey as a young woman politician.

Prabha Amatya on working for two decades in front of the camera.

Preeti Thapa/Saijan Bar Thapa on sharing chores and raising daughters as working parents.

Sristi KC on overcoming social hurdles as a disabled woman.

Fearless Collective (India/Pakistan) on mapping the feminist future.

3:30-4:30

SESSION 3

Deepanjali Lama on religious freedom and the enabling effect of choice.

Radha Poudel on passing the law illegalizing *chhaupadi* tradition.

Belmaya on enduring hardship and surmounting challenges as a dalit filmmaker.

Parvati Rai (interpretation by **Subin Rai**) on preserving Nepal's *jhakri* (shaman) traditions.

Gulalai Ismail (Pakistan) on women as a force for peace building.

Presented by **Malvika Subba**

5:00-5:30

PICK OF THE FESTIVAL

Speakers: **Loonibha Tuladhar**, **Word Warriors**, **Fearless Collective**, **Claudia Merhej**

Presented by **Malvika Subba**

Music Concert
@Yogmaya Stage
5.45 Onwards

Featuring

Ani Choying Drolma
KTM Killers (and B-girls)
Didibahini
Dissonance

Workshops- Begum Rokeya Hall

12.30-1.30

SOLO TRAVEL
by *Nepali Travellers*

On planning a successful solo trip as woman in Nepal or abroad.

2.00-3.00

LEGAL RIGHTS OF WOMEN
by *Forum for Women, Law and Development*
Exploring the constitutional rights of women in Nepal.

3.30-4.30

FINANCIAL PLANNING AND RISK MANAGEMENT
by *Pravin Raman Parajuli, Sandeep Kasaju, Reliance Life Insurance*
On making smart choices with one's income and investments.

Workshops- Aneesa Ahmed Hall

10.00-1.30

THE GIRLS GUIDE TO GRAPHIC NOVEL
by *Dr. Nicola Streeten, UK*
A guide for storytellers and illustrators on starting a graphic novel from an idea.

2.00-3.00

MASCULINITY AND PATRIARCHY
by *Kapil Kafle, MenEngage Alliance South Asia*
Examining the images of masculinity and patriarchy that influence men.
*Workshop designed for men/boys.

3.30-4.30

ONLINE SAFETY
by: *Women Leaders in IT*
On staying safe online using freely available tools.

Workshops- Malalai Grounds

2.00-3.00

UNDER 10s FEMINIST CORNER
by *Luna Bhattarai*
Exploring gender roles and why they exist with children under the age of 10.

2.00-4.00

RIVERS AND WOMEN
by *Kailash K. Shrestha*
Linking women with water bodies through Nepal's religious heritage.

Speed Mentoring- Bi Amma Gardens

12.30-1.30

Mentors: Prabha Amatya; Krita Raut; Rita Bhandari; Jinita Bishwakarma; Geetanjali Allay Lama; Nayanara Kakshapati; Smriti Basnet; Promina Shrestha; Suaparnan Shahi; Rashmila Prajapati; Samira Shakya; Ranju Darshana; Shaguna Shah; Pravina Thapa; Prapti Shah

2.00-3.00

Mentors: Gulalai Ismail; Rekha Thapa; Selima Ahmed; Sumeera Shrestha; Samridhi Rana; Tika Dahal; Indira Ghale; Reetu Bhandari; Samyukta Rupakheti; Kripa Basnyat; Paridhi Acharya; Shivani Shrestha; Dr. Rashmi Pun Gurung; Bipash Tuladhar; Jona Bhattarai

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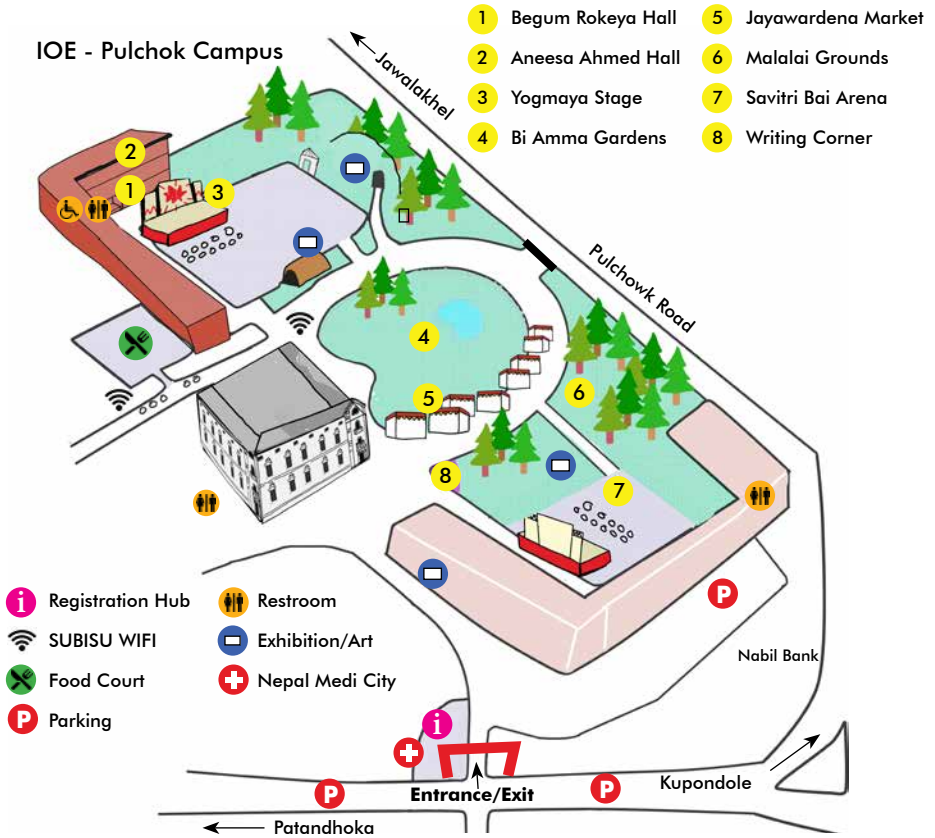
Mentors: Saloni Rajbhandari; Ashmita Sapkota; Niva Shrestha; Akanchha Karki; Sheila Chhetri; Rabina Sherchan; Archana Tamang; Charu Shrestha; Sarojna Rai; Diekie Tshering; Sristi Singh Shrestha; Hima Bista; Neelima Basnet; Suveckshya Rana; Lajja Dixit

Jayawardena Market

All Day

Featuring individually curated products, organizations, services and more...
 Bottles to Beads/Pia/Imageark; Burn Survivors Nepal; Chhori; Creating Heroines; Danfe; Dharti Mata; Doko; Drishti Nepal; Fair Trade Group Nepal; Feminist Dalit Organization; Hamro Chahana Nepal; Hatti Hatti; Jamarko; Liv2Luv; Mitini Nepal; Nepal Knotcraft Center; Nepal Picture Library; Paila Shoes; Project Humane Nepal; Putali Nepal; Quixote Cove; Sabah Nepal; Socio Economic Welfare Center for Energetic Women; Solo Woman Travel Award; Spinal Injury Rehabilitation Center; Ujyalo Foundation; Women Empowerment Nepal; Women in STEM; Women Skill Development Organisation; Yala Mandala.

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Popup Performances

All Day

Art, Poetry, Theatre, Dance, Games, Sports

Morning self-defence class with Women Empowerment Nepal
 Photo booth by Nepal Picture Library; Entertaining games by The Pump
 Outdoor activities by the Infoshop; Vagina Monologues by Katha Ghera
 Live score & storytelling with Creating Heroines artists/Word Warriors/Minu Waiba
 Exhibitions by Photo.Circle and Uma Bista; Installations by Sharmila Shrestha
 Writing Corner with Muna Gurung, Katha Satha; Slam poetry by Word Warriors
 Stand-up by Loonibha Tuladhar; Classical dance by Nepal Dance Academy

All Day

FEARLESS FEMINIST FUTURES

By Fearless Collective (India, Pakistan)

All-day workshop on charting the path of a feminist future.
 * Workshop will happen outdoors.

About the British Council

The British Council is the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. We create friendly knowledge and understanding between the people of the UK and other countries. Using the UK's cultural resources we make a positive contribution to the countries we work with – changing lives by creating opportunities, building connections and engendering trust.

We work with over 100 countries across the world in the fields of arts and culture, English language, education and civil society. Each year we reach over 20 million people face-to-face and more than 500 million people online, via broadcasts and publications.

Founded in 1934, we are a UK charity governed by Royal Charter and a UK public body. The majority of our income is raised delivering a range of projects and contracts in English teaching and examinations, education and development contracts and from partnerships with public and private organisations. Eighteen per cent of our funding is received from the UK government.

WOW Kathmandu is creating a platform for women and girls of Nepal and South Asia to come together for gender equality. WOW Kathmandu's curators are: Abhilasha Subba, Anjana Luitel, Priti Sitoula, Shweta Singh, Sareena Rai and Imageark.

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About Southbank Centre

Southbank Centre is the UK's largest arts centre, comprising three iconic buildings (Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall and Hayward Gallery) and occupying a 21-acre site that sits in the midst of London's most vibrant cultural quarter on the South Bank of the Thames. The site has an extraordinary creative and architectural history stretching back to the 1951 Festival of Britain. Building on this rich heritage, Southbank Centre offers an extensive artistic and cultural programme including annual and one-off themed festivals and classical and contemporary music, performance, dance, visual art and literature and spoken word events throughout the year.

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