

PROGRAMME 10th May 2025 11am - 4pm



Rotherham Town Centre

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WOW Rotherham is part of a Global movement, raising awareness globally of the issues women, girls and non-binary people face and discussing solutions together.



WOW - Women of the World

WOW - Women of the World is a global alliance driving an equal and inclusive future. We deliver impact through festivals, events, leadership and knowledge sharing with these guiding principles:

Creativity is a force for progress:

We believe creativity and expression are transformative tools for sparking joy, creating community, and realising a better future.

We're led by women around the world:

Through our shared Global Partnerships. programmes are locally grown in the places where they happen.

There's a method to our movement:

At the centre of our work is our unique method, rooted in the arts and proven over 15 years, 150 festivals and millions of participants inspired to take action.

We all have a part to play in an equal world: No matter who you are. WOW is for everyone who believes in gender equality.

Children's Capital of Culture

WOW Rotherham is a part of Children's Capital of Culture Festival celebration. In 2025. Rotherham is the world's first Children's Capital of Culture. It is giving every child and young person in Rotherham a chance to shape their boroughs future. To get hands on with creative activities. Be dazzled by performances and art, music, and magic. There will be dance and drama, films and food, exhibitions and events, And there will be a few surprises along the way! We're creating a whole year of excitement, inspiration and fun. And you're all invited!

Created by children and young people. For everyone. Right here in Rotherham.

WOW Rotherham Festival has been brought to you by Rotherham Council's Events Team in collaboration with The WOW Foundation, Children's Capital of Culture, Flux Rotherham, Rotherham Music, supported by Arts Council England, SYMCA, UK Government.

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Flowers Of The **Earth Exhibition**

- 🙎 Saroi Patel
- Rotherham Minster
- 12pm 4pm

Flowers of the Earth will transform Rotherham Minster into a vibrant garden. where each flower - each identity contributes to a flourishing, colourful and harmonious space. Flowers will be suspended from the ceiling in a cascade of vibrant hues, becoming a celebration of connection, and cultural expression inspired by rich traditions of Hindu culture. Experince the sound of temple bells and be invited to pause and reflect in the present moment.

Flowers of the Earth is a response to the vibrant and diverse cultures of Rotherham and the Children's Capital of Culture theme 'Who We Are. Where We Come From' which was developed from children and young people's desire to explore and celebrate our many identities as part this festival year.



The exhibition will be on display until Thursday 29th May. Visitors are welcome during Rotherham Minster's opening hours: Monday to Thursday, 10am - 2pm, and Saturday, 10am - 12pm.



We Are What Flows

- Sushila Patel and Saroi Patel
- Rotherham Minster
- 0 12pm 12.20pm
- **★** Performance

Enjoy a musical performance. We Are What Flows speaks to the invisible yet powerful forces that move through all of us - energy, ancestry, emotion, breath, memory, and sound. The title reflects the understanding that we are not fixed or separate from the world around us, but instead, we are part of an ongoing. ever-shifting current of life.

The full programme of workshops and events will be available throughout Mau. Visit RMBC Events Facebook page for more details.

WOW Big Ideas

So much of the conversation surrounding gender equality and diversitu can feel overwhelming. negative and frankly scary. Big Ideas offers an opportunity to break free of this cycle of negativity, dream big and explore positive solutions to difficult challenges. This year's WOW Big Ideas programme has been co-curated with Children's Capital of Culture, amplifying the voices of our future.

built in partnership with sustainable design studio U-Build, to tackle this challenge head on and create a vision of gender equal future.



Making Spaces: VBSL Conversations for Change



- 🗰 Colette Bailey, The WOW Foundation
- Pupils from Brinsworth Academy, Maltby Academy and Winterhill School
- WOW Festival Hub, All Saints' Square
- 11.30am 12pm

In a year where the gender pay gap remained at a negative 0.5% from women aged 18-21 years old, 41% of UK girls aged 14 to 17 in an intimate relationship experienced some form of sexual violence from their partner, and young people aged 14-16 are more likely than any other age group to report gender diversity - what does gender equality actually look like? Join pupils from Brinsworth Academy, Maltby Academu and Winterhill School in the safe spaces they have designed and -

Adolescence



- K Colette Bailey, The WOW Foundation
- Teachers from Rotherham Schools
- WOW Festival Hub, All Saints' Square
- 12pm 12.30pm

A panel discussion focusing on gender in schools, responding to the recently-released programme, 'Adolescence' and the rise of public figures who promote misogyny.

Teachers from Clifton, Brinsworth and Maltbu Academies will share their experiences of holding spaces in schools for challenging conversations about aender.

The panel members will also share their perspectives about screening 'Adolescence' in schools and about who else should be watching.

The discussions will be chaired by Colette Bailey, MD of WOW Global.

Urgent Conversations

Every day, it feels like we wake up to something new to respond to, a new urgent conversation to have. With the news agenda and world events changing at such rapid speed, our speakers and panels explore the most up to date and recent happenings that affect our communities right now.

Avoid! Avoid! Avoid!



- 💺 Sabbiyah Pervez, BBC Look North
- Director from Apna Haq, Ciara Jenkinson from 'Make Space for Girls'
- WOW Festival Hub, All Saints' **Square**
- 2pm 2.30pm

Avoid travelling alone, avoid walking down paths that are poorly lit, avoid carrying too many things. As winter approaches and 4pm darkness, we worry about ourselves and others getting from A to B. Those power walks to the station, the double look over your shoulder to make sure you're not being followed and the white knuckles from holding your keys in your pocket. The speakers will share their lived experiences on street safety, and what is being done in Rotherham to tackle it.



Dig Where You Stand



- Désirée Reynolds
- WOW Festival Hub, All Saints' Square
- 2.45pm 3.15pm

Dig Where You Stand is a racial justice organisation, based in Sheffield. This panel discussion will feature several participants from their latest series. Alongside DWYS creative director, Désirée Reynolds, they will discuss their experiences of the archives, the importance of women of colour exploring our own heritage, and the power of art to honour lost figures from the past. There will also be a Q&A for audiences to find out more.



Stories Of Care



- Young Care Leavers
- WOW Festival Hub. All Saints' **Square**
- 0 3.30pm 4pm

Join us for a powerful and moving talk led by young people with lived experience of the care system.

In this honest and open conversation, Care Leavers will share their personal stories.

This is a chance to hear voices that are often unheard, and to listen without judgement and compassion. Thank you to all the speakers sharing with us.

WOW Bites

Gather round for a feast of stories. inspiration and a healthy side helping of humour.

A community picnic at the heart of our **WOW Community Village** welcomes you to join women, girls, trans, and non-binary communities from across the borough as share insights into their hobbies, interests, loves and histories.

From dog shows to drummers, flowers and food, Bring Your Own Picnic and join us for a simple celebration of WOW Year Round.

WOW Bites With Hazel Barnes

- WOW Community Village, Minster Yard
- 11.30am 11.50am

Join Hazel Barnes as she talks about her journey to loving dogs, her story of rescuing dogs and running companion dog shows including the much loved section at Rotherham Show.

WOW Bites With Cobalt Tales

- **WOW Community Village**, Minster Yard
- 1.40pm 1.55pm

'We'll Find a Voice'... come and share inspiring stories with Pat and Nuala. Cobalt Tales (Patricia Sherrington and Nuala Keller) return to WOW Rotherham Festival with Tales of wise women. strong women, pirates and crones! A history in song of women through the centuries, their dreams, their struggles and successes.





WOW Rotherham Workshops

WOW Workshop Village

- Forge Island
- 11am 4pm
- Workshop

Explore body positivity with Artist Kate Sully, creating fans to beat off the warm weather, hot flushes and to serve looks. Join Azaria for a day of collage and badge making, celebrate your identity and create your own badges. Calindy at Noon Studios will be providing screen printings onto tote bags, free for you to take home. Expect powerful words on safety, empowerment and joy. Artworks South Yorkshire have a pop-up photo booth, create some props and pose! Capture your memory of the festival. Join Dig Where You Stand with Rotherham Museums and Archives to explore hidden and overlooked stories of people of colour in South Yorkshire's archives. Engage with local histories through writing and image-making. Let your brick-building imaginations go wild in a lego workshop with Rotherham Libraries.



Gallery Town

- **Morag Myerscough**
- **WOW Marketplace, Minster** Gardens
- 11.30am 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 2.30pm
- Workshop

Meet acclaimed artist Morag Myerscough, known for her vibrant use of bold colours and words. Take part in drop-in sessions to create striking patterns that celebrate WOW Rotherham, exploring themes of safety and community. These designs will come together in a giant artwork displayed on a billboard in Rotherham Town Centre as part of Gallery Town.



GalleryTown

WOW Rotherham Performances

From children's theatre celebrating diversity to hip-hop beats, to a quartet of extremely miffed unicorns, aerial hoop performances and workshops and pop-up performances the borough's finest young musicians, we have a bumper programme of performances to keep you entertained.

Rotherham Youth Chair

- WOW Festival Hub, All Saints' Square
- 4pm 4.15pm
- **★** Performance

The Rotherham Youth Choir is a showcase of the talented young voices of Rotherham.



They have performed at previous festivals and events with Children's Capital of Culture and always bring heart, harmony and some well-loved covers.

Rainbow Butterfly

- Ella Mesma
- WOW Festival Hub, All Saints' Sauare
- 12.45pm 1.45pm
- Performance

Inspired by the lifecycle of the butterfly, this children's story invites us to honour our imagination, ourselves and Mother Earth, and to explore what it is to be non-binary and celebrate heroes. Performed by artists from the global majority, this show celebrates how unique we all are using creativity, carnival, aerial circus, beatbox, and Hip-Hop dance!



This show is suitable for children aged 3-7 years old and their families. The show is welcoming and accessible for SEND children and encourages sound and participation.

Community Catwalk

- Yella Brick Road, High Street to **WOW Community Village**
- 12.30pm 1pm
- ♠ Performance

Join Parent and Toddler groups from across Rotherham take over the high street with joy, colour and celebration. Expect pimped up prams, toddlers with homemade instruments dressed up in local businesses clothing Yella Brick Road and Angel's Little Delight. Join the groups with your prams or cheer them on throughout the high street.



WOWsers Headline Act

- WOW Community Village, **Minster Yard**
- 2.45pm 3.15pm
- ★ Performance

WOWsers are children and young people in Rotherham who have been working with Children's Capital of Culture to create a performance piece around LGBT+ communities exploring the theme around 'identity'.

Angie Mack's Hooptatsic Hula **Show & Workshops**

- Forge Island
- Performance time: 12pm - 12.30pm & 2.30pm - 3pm
- Workshop time: 12:30pm - 1pm & 3pm- 3:30pm
- Performance
- Workshop

From death defying stunt hooping to the straight out weird and wonderful world of mini hoop madness. A little bit of magic and the dazzling glitz of circus hula hoops to the jaw dropping giant 6ft hoop leading all the way up to the multi hooping, confetti exploding, human tower of uncertainty! Angle Macks hooptastic, interactive comedy show is jam packed with highly skilled hula hoop tricks, iconic music and a whole lot of heart.

Workshops will last 20-30 minutes.



WOW 2025 Programme Schedule

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12.00pm		Talk - Big Ideas 11.30am - 12pm Future of Gender Equality	Talk - WOW Bites 11.30am-11.50am Hazel Barnes	Workshops 11am - 4pm Emma Wilson - Pimp your ride! Apna Haq - Creative Crafts Frith Space - Activities Taster	Gallery Town 11.30am- 12.30pm Morag Myerscough Workshops		
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3.00pm		Talk - Urgent Conversation	Performance 2.45pm - 3.15pm				Performance 2.30pm - 3pm Angie Mack Hula
3.00pm		Dig Where You Stand	WOWsers Headline Act		Performance 3pm - 3.30pm Pop-Up & Play		Workshop 3pm - 3.30pm Angie Mack Hula
4.00pm		Talk - Urgent Conversation 3.30pm - 4pm Stories of Care	Performance 3:40pm - 4pm YWCA				
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WOW Workshop Village	Pop-Up Performance	Walkabout Performances	Children & Families Programme		Special Evening Ticketed Events		
Workshops 11am - 4pm Noon Studio - Screen Print Tote Bags Azaria - Badge Making Kate Sully - Fan Making Artworks SY - Photobooth Fun Rotherham Museums - Local Histories Rotherham Libraries - Lego Creations		Grumpy Unicorns 25 minutes		Playbox 11am - 3.45pm			
	Performance 12pm - 12.30pm Pop-Up & Play Performance	Bling 'N' Ting 30 minutes					
	12:30pm - 1pm Community Catwalk				Big Fatt Pool Party Rotherham Leisure Centre 6pm - 8pm Book free tickets via Ticketsource		
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WOW Community Village

Celebrating our WOW Year-Round community, from dancers and poets, to drag gueens and bhangra. Join us in the community village to celebrate Who We Are, Where We Come From:

Sudanese Women Drummers

- WOW Community Village, **Minster Yard**
- 1.15pm 1.35pm
- **★** Performance

Refugees from Sudan, now part of Rotherham local community, will energise the village with the powerful sounds of traditional chants and drums.

Pimp Your Ride!

- WOW Community Village, Minster Yard
- 11am 4pm
- Workshop

Join Emma Wilson to pimp up walking aids, mobility scooters and prams and if you fancy, join the community catwalk!

Meet The Makers Is Back!

- Makers Emporium, High Street
- 11am 1pm
- Workshop

Join us for a fantastic opportunity to meet our talented makers. Whether you're looking to network, browse, or shop, this is your chance to explore a world of creativity, with drinks and nibbles.

Ken Lambert **Drag Act**

- WOW Community Village, **Minster Yard**
- 2pm 2.30pm
- **★** Performance

When you're 6ft6 in drag, as my mam would say, you're always going to stand out! Give me a microphone, because singing live is what I do best! So, find me in the middle of the crowd - let's have fun!

Together We Create

- WOW Community Village, Minster Yard
- 11am 4pm
- Workshop

Apna Haq will be sharing craft suitable for multiple generations, so bring the family along and get everyone involved!

Frith Space Taster Sessions

- WOW Community Village, Minster Yard
- 11am 4pm
- Workshop

Pop in to get a taster of what activities we regularly offer at Frith Space. Bring a book to swap, and chat with our lovely team!



YWCA -**Listening Project**

- WOW Community Village, **Minster Yard**
- 3.40pm 4pm
- Performance

YWCA Yorkshire supports women, children and families to create better futures right here in Rotherham.

Through specialist housing and compassionate services, the charity provides safe spaces and trauma-informed support.

YWCA Yorkshire teamed up with poet, author and women's advocate. Rachel Bower, to listen to and record the lived experiences of women through the YWCA Listening Project.

Using workshops, letters, and anonymous contributions, women have shared their powerful, painful and inspirational words to create a series of linked poems called 'Look how far you have come'.

This small book of big poems explores themes of homelessness, relationship breakdowns, abuse and financial hardship. The YWCA Listening Project encourages women to speak up and speak out. The message to all women everywhere is that your story matters. Join the women of YWCA Yorkshire at the Community Stage today to learn more and hear a selection of poems.







WOW Rotherham Walkabouts

Grumpy Unicorns

Performance

As beautiful as moonlight, unicorns hold a special place in our collective imaginations. And it turns out they are real! But they've got beef. "We're Unicorns, get over it. We know what you want: to pet us and take pictures and use our magic. But we have had enough! Just leave us alone." Grumpy Unicorns is what it says on the tin; the magic of discovering unicorns are in fact real(!), and humanity's consequence for failing to take them seriously.

Performances are roaming around the festival site and will last approximately 25 minutes.

Bling 'N' Ting

Performance

Bling and her pal Ting are into anything that sparkles and are full of chat. Complete with complicated handshakes, high fives and coolio greetings, naff street dance routines, break dancing, parkour and gangster rap, these girls are classic British caricatures of 'yoooff culture innit'.

Performances are roaming around the festival site and will last approximately 30 minutes.

Pop-Up & Play

- 🙎 Live Music curated by **Rotherham Music**
- Performance

Discover the sounds of local musical talents at Pop-Up & Play, curated by Rotherham Music. Enjoy a showcase of local musicians, from rising stars to established artists, bringing energy and passion to Minster Gardens and High Street.

9 Minster Gardens

- 11am Lucy Nixon
- 1pm Bridie Sutton
- 3pm Kavya Bhosle

High Street

- 12pm Ellie Human Music
- 2pm Ella Walker
- 3pm Rumbi Tauro

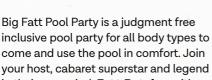


Special Evening Events

Big Fatt Pool Party

- 🙎 Hosted by Fatt Projects
- Rotherham Leisure Centre
- 0 6pm 8pm
- ◆ Free
- 18+ Onlu
- Book Tickets Here





in their own mind, Fatt Butcher with performances from burlesque sensation Coco Deville, interactive silliness from amateur aqua-aerobics instructor Ginnu Lemon (RuPaul's Drag Race UK), and party beats from DJ Fat Britney.

We're pro-fat, pro-femme, pro-trans, pro-disabled, anti-racist, pro-fabulous. Bring your best self, bring your bingo wings, bring your pals, bring your inflatables! Whether you want to make a splash or have a poolside gossip, come join us for a uniquely joyous swim sesh.

Access information is available on the booking link above.



Drag Bingo

- The Three Cranes
- 7pm 10.30pm
- ◆ £7.50 Ticket includes a cocktail/ mocktail on arrival
- 18+ Onlu
- Book Tickets Here



Dianne Whatcock from Parson Cross is a well-known single mum to her 'babbis' in Sheffield.

The local drag artist who kept us entertained through lockdown will be putting on her glad rags and be venturing down to Rotherham for a night of laughter, filth and bingo!

Fach ticket includes a cocktail or mocktail - a delicious way to end our annual WOW Rotherham Festival.



WOW Year Round

WOW Rotherham has become a big part of events and conversations across communities throughout the borough and are proud to announce that we are able to bring experiences to communities throughout the year. WOW Rotherham Year Round work with community groups to programme year-round content. Something might be already happening and need a bit of a WOW Rotherham moment adding to it, some of it is made from grassroots within community groups. WOW Rotherham are proud and loud, we focus on having difficult conversations and finding joy in those situations.



WOW Green And Growing Walk

From Rotherham Minster to Centenary Riverside

Meet at Rotherham Minster Door for a 1.30pm, return to the Minster at 3pm

Join artist Charlie Hill and Flux Rotherham team members to explore Centenary Riverside Rotherham's hidden green space and home of the Metal Henge and the giant deck chair sculptures. Along the route to the site we'll discover more about the plants and shrubs that line our pavements, burst out of our walls and appear in cracks and patches in our urban landscapes.



This will be a gentle walk with time to enjoy Centenary Riverside and work with outdoor creative maker Charlie, who will guide you in gathering some natural materials to make a piece of artwork to take home, give to a friend or leave in the space for everyone to enjoy. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing to suit the weather on the day, bring a drink if you need one and a hat if it's very sunny.



Reclaim the Night

- Across venues in Rotherham **Town Centre**
- 27th November 2025
- 4pm 8pm

Join us for workshops, panels and performances with a parade through the streets of our town centre celebrating the women and girls working hard to make Rotherham a safer place.

Children's Capital Of Culture



In 2025, Rotherham is celebrating becoming the world's first Children's Capital of Culture! We hope you're as excited as we are to enjoy our Festival Year. There will be dance and drama, films and food, exhibition and events with a few surprises along the way! And you're all invited - join us!

WOWsers

- Forge Island
- 🕦 11am 11.30am & 1.45pm 2.15pm
- Performance

In a world where identity is constantly evolving, Children's Capital of Culture's WOWsers programme is all about empowering LGBTQ+ young people to explore and express who they are. Through creativity, discussion, and shared experiences, we have been exploring personal identity in a welcoming and supportive environment.

We are excited to share what we learnt about self-expression and identity in our 'pop-up' exhibition inside the WOW Festival Hub and our powerful performance at Forge Island.

Grimm & Co - WOW Rotherham crafts for under 5s!

- Grimm & Co
- 0 1pm 3pm
- Workshop

Come and join the team at Grimm & Co to celebrate that special someone who 'WOW's you! Grimm & Co are putting on a range of free crafting activities for under 5s. Hope to see you there!



Playbox - Playful **Anywhere**

- Pitch 13
- 🚺 11am 4pm
- Workshop

Get creative with Playful Anywhere as they bring a whole load of fun stuff to get you being creative and encourage your imagination to run wild. Let loose and enjoy play!



Festival Information

FAOs

If you have any more questions about the festival, you can check our FAQ's section on our website here:

wow.fluxrotherham.org.uk/access/

Tickets

All events between 11am - 4pm are free. Make sure you explore the drop-in workshops, talks, and performances, which include live gigs and have-a-go sessions.

There are two special evening events, which require tickets.

To find out more about booking your space visit: wow.fluxrotherham.org.uk



Food And Drink

Local cafes and bars will be open during the day. Find a full list of the businesses on Rotherham Council's Town Centre website here:



Access

WOW Festival takes place across Rotherham Town Centre both indoors and outdoors. There is level or ramped access across the outdoor parts of the site, but some indoor venues have stepped access. Some of the indoor buildings are also old and have some limitations. If you have questions about accessibility on the day, please go to the Festival Hub in All Saints' Square where a member of the WOW Festival team will be able to assist you. They'll be wearing black t-shirts with the WOW logo on. Please stop one of us if you need to ask anything.

You could win a £100 voucher by taking our survey!

Did you have an amazing time at WOW Rotherham? Let us know! Your feedback helps us bring more fantastic events to Rotherham in the future. It only takes a few minutes, and as a thank you, you'll be entered into a prize draw to win a £100 High Street voucher!

Take the survey now



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Stay in touch with WOW Rotherham over the festival for the latest news and updates; and share your thoughts, photos, and WOW Rotherham stories!

All details are correct at the time of print. For the latest updates please visit our social media channels.

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Sign up to the WOW global movement at thewowfoundation.com









This year's WOW Rotherham festival promises to be fully packed with an exciting programme of workshops, talks, performances, art exhibitions and exciting pop-ups.





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