

A Feminist Life: symposium in memory of Roona Simpson

22 March 2018

Glasgow Women's Library
Events Space
23 Landressy Street
Glasgow G40 1BP

A Feminist Life is an event in memory of Dr Roona Simpson. Roona was a lecturer at the University of Glasgow, where she was a founding member of the Gender and Sexualities Forum. Her research and teaching focused on the sociology of intimacy and family life, and were informed by her feminist politics. Roona was also involved in feminist activism, including volunteering for Glasgow Women's Library.

Former students, teachers, colleagues, collaborators and activists will be speaking about their ongoing work and the meanings of feminism in our everyday lives, and reflecting on Roona's life and work.

Confirmed speakers include: Lynn Jamieson (University of Edinburgh), Rosalind Gill (City University of London), Roisin Ryan-Flood (University of Essex), Vanessa May (University of Manchester), Sarah Wilson (University of Stirling), Barbara Littlewood and Kristina Saunders (University of Glasgow) Wendy Kirk and Gabrielle MacBeth (Glasgow Women's Library), Emma Ritch (Engender Scotland).

*This event is **open to all** and is **free to attend**, but spaces are limited, so **booking is essential**. Please book your place at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-feminist-life-symposium-in-memory-of-roona-simpson-tickets-42945825119?aff=erelexpmlt>*

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided, and a wine reception will follow.

The event is jointly organised by the [Sociology subject area](#) and the [Gender and Sexualities Forum](#) at the University of Glasgow, with support from [Glasgow Women's Library](#)

Programme overleaf

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Preliminary programme

1.30 -2.00 pm
Introduction

Tbc (University of Glasgow);

Wendy Kirk and Garbielle MacBeth (Glasgow Women's Library)

2.00-3.30 (Chair: tbc)

Panel discussion - Single women, intimacy and gender

Lynn Jamieson, University of Edinburgh
Reclaiming Spinsterhood and Living Alone

Rosalind Gill, City University London
Mediated Intimacy and the Single Woman

Roisin Ryan-Flood, University of Essex
Online Dating: Gender, Intimacy and the Internet

3.30-4.00

---- *Coffee break* ----

4.00 – 5.30 (Chair: tbc)

Roundtable - A feminist life: remembering Roona and feminist lives today

With contributions from

Vanessa May (University of Manchester)
Sarah Wilson (University of Stirling)
Barbara Littlewood (University of Glasgow)
Kristina Saunders (University of Glasgow)
Emma Ritch (Engender Scotland)

+ Space for personal reflections/memories

5.30 - 5.45

Concluding remarks

5.45 – 7.00

---- *Wine reception* ----