



Scottish Trans Conference 2023:

Care & Community

Saturday 17th June, Dundee Contemporary Arts Centre

Join us for our free, annual conference to learn, share, and discuss how we can best uplift the trans community and our voices.

The conference is open to all trans and non-binary people and our supportive friends, parents, partners, families and allies, who are 18 years old and over.

Service providers and professionals who work with trans people, or want to improve their services for trans people, are also welcome.

Attendees will have the choice of multiple sessions to attend throughout the day, which will be a mix of informative, participatory, and creative sessions to discuss **how the trans community can be best served and supported in Scotland right now.**

Some sessions will be hybrid and allow for remote participation, all workshops will have step-free access, and a free lunch will be included.

Book your free ticket here: bit.ly/3oFO2jY



INTRODUCTION

First of all, thank you so much to everyone who came to our conference this year, either online or in person, and made it such a special and welcoming event. Organising a conference can be a somewhat daunting task, as you're spinning so many plates and trying to find a way to make sure there's plenty of interesting talks, workshops, and panels going on to suit a range of people with a variety of interests and needs.

However stressful this may be in the days and week leading up to the event, it's always 100% worth it to get to see rooms full of trans people and our allies enjoying and expressing themselves, learning and sharing, and making new friends and reconnecting with old ones.

That's partially why we chose the theme of "Care & Community" this year. It would be easy to spend the whole day and all of the sessions reflecting on everything that feels wrong right now, but we wanted to instead focus on how we can look after ourselves and each other while we try and make the world a better place. For this reason, we also wanted to make sure there were a range of different voices that could be heard at our conference, and we're so incredibly grateful to everyone who facilitated or supported a session as it really wouldn't be possible to run these events without you.

We'd also like to thank the wonderful staff at the DCA who hosted us, and were so accommodating and supportive in helping us run this event while also being open to the public at the same time.

It was also great to be able to have a focus on local issues this year, and directly connect trans people with supportive members of their local authorities, and we hope to be able to enable those connections again next year.

While it's always the least exciting part of each event, thank you to everyone who gave us their feedback (both positive and negative!) as it really helps us make sure the conference is as inclusive and accessible as possible, and is incredibly important for ensuring we can keep delivering the conference free of charge. For those who attended online, we've heard your comments about how the hybrid aspects of the conference were not always ideal, and we will do our best next year to improve the integration and environment for digital attendees.

We hope this zine, collated by the wonderful Coin-Operated Press, serves as a reminder of this year's conference, and gives a little insight into some of the sessions you didn't manage to make it to.

See you all next year!
- The Scottish Trans Team

EXPERIENCES OF HEALTHCARE PANEL

A panel event hosted by Esraa Husain with three other trans and nonbinary people based in Scotland, who will share their challenges and experiences when accessing healthcare, including mental health care and wellbeing services including community support groups. The panel includes BPOC and disabled speakers.

“The community session I hosted was designed with the themes of care and community in mind. It was in a form of a panel discussion that allowed trans and non-binary speakers to share their experiences with the healthcare system and with community groups in Scotland.

All of the speakers had agency over what they wanted to discuss. Some mentioned the challenges they experience when accessing support, and the importance of community engagement and peer-support. This space was curated for the marginalized identities in our community to highlight their lived experience which is as valid as sharing research and other forms of data.

It gives me extra motivation to facilitate conversations like this in conferences because I see them as a decolonial approach to learning and to social spaces.”

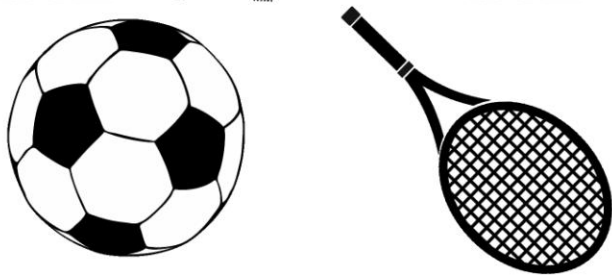
- Esraa Husain



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TRANS WOMEN IN SPORTS WORKSHOP



A chance to discuss the current climate for trans women and transfeminine people in sport, which sports are more accepting, and what can be done to improve trans inclusion in sport. Hosted by LEAP Sports Trans Women Steering Group

"The conference this year allowed us space to discuss the issues faced by trans women in sport."

We talked through the distractions, the hypocrisy of "fairness" against the backdrop of centuries of misogyny. We also talked about the many positive and safe ways that trans women can still participate in sport."

**- LEAP Sports
Trans Women Steering Group**



Stella

WHAT MATTERS TO YOU ABOUT HEALTHCARE IN DUNDEE?

This drop-in session is only open to those living in the Dundee City Council area. Join Siobhan Tolland, Councillor for Lochee Ward at Dundee City Council and member of the Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership, and Joyce Barclay, Senior Officer at Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership, to start a conversation about access to local local community health and social care services, and how things can get better. They want to hear from you about what works, what doesn't, and how you can work together to improve things going forward.

"Approximately 16 attended including Maggie Chapman MSP. Most folk were currently living in Dundee, some in other parts of Tayside and Fife, and this group were so enthusiastic that they conquered the complicated route to get to the workshop room!"

People welcomed a chance to share views and info. It was a busy meeting. (We tried not to be distracted by the assistance dog but they were very tempting!)"

Some common issues of concern are:

- ***The Tayside Pathway to Gender Identity Clinics, and risks when pathway doesn't provide adequate support.***
- ***Remoteness of service and patchy local responses when local action might be possible.***
- ***Would like clear NHS Tayside info about Trans and non-binary - a website could be helpful.***
- ***Mental Health service provision and responses.***
- ***Need for General Health and Social Care Partnership awareness.***
- ***Lack of specific support for trans and non-binary people locally.***
- ***Name changing can be a difficult experience.***
- ***Housing and homelessness is a worrying area.***

"Seven participants from Dundee would like to meet again in July 2023 to discuss how to take things forward. This will be arranged."



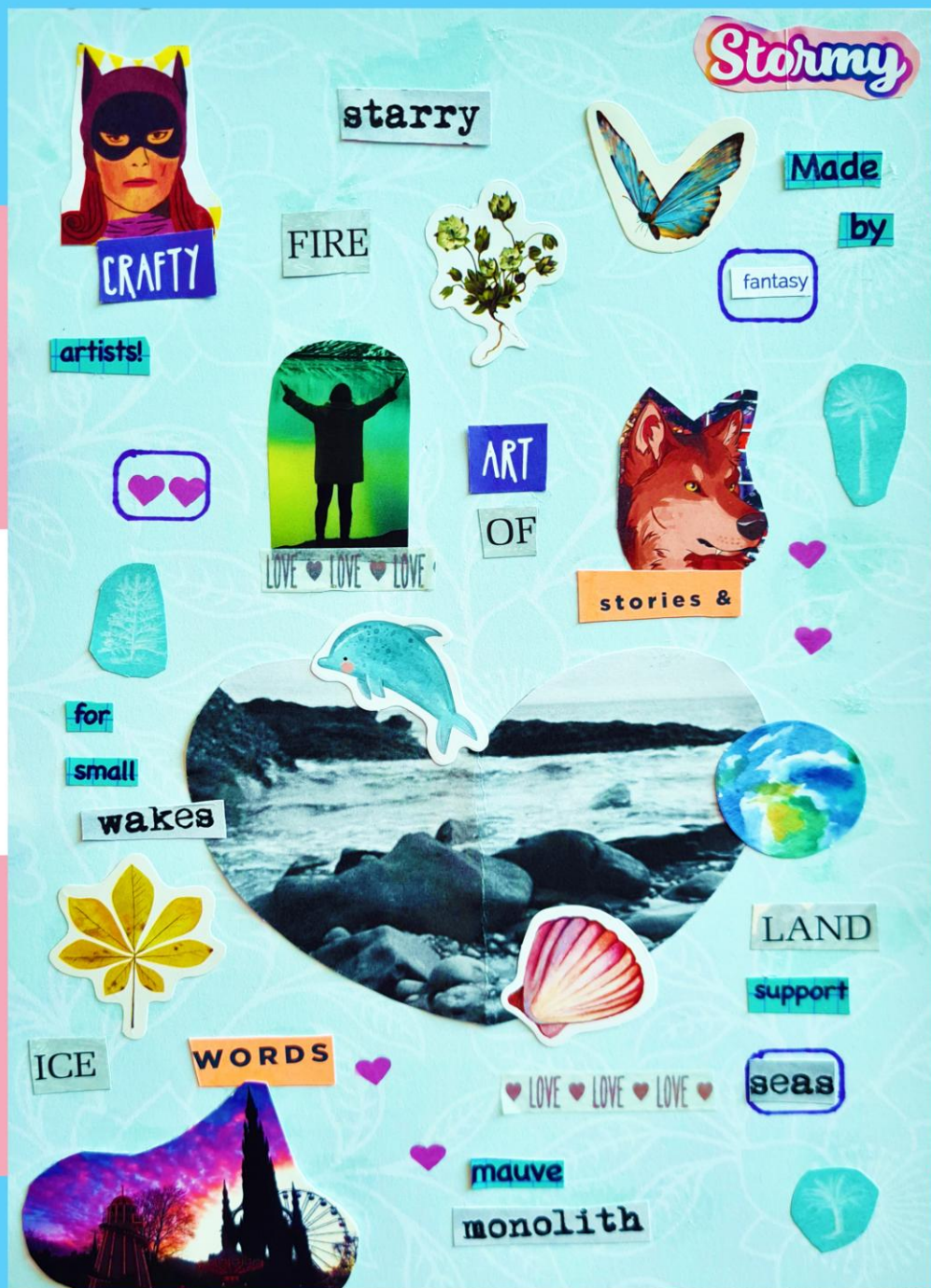
Louise



Coin-Operated Press presents this zine-making workshop in collaboration with Scottish Trans. In this workshop you will be using collage techniques to create pages to go into our zine about LGBTQ+ rights, trans issues, activism and the trans conference theme for 2023: Care & Community. All ages and experience levels are welcome and all materials will be provided by Coin-Operated Press.



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HAPPINESS



SUPPORT ♥



Jamei-Jade

SCOTTISH TRANS



Scottish Trans is Scotland's national project working to improve gender identity and gender reassignment equality and human rights. We are part of the Equality Network.

Our work all aims to make Scotland a better place for trans people. We strive for a world in which a person's gender identity, gender expression or trans status or history doesn't cause them to face discrimination or injustice.

We need your support to continue our work for trans equality in Scotland. Your donations are vitally important and ensure we can continue to help make Scotland a place in which everyone can live free from prejudice and discrimination.

You can donate to us here:

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Coin-Operated Press is a queer-led social enterprise run by Katie McCann and Chloe Henderson. We are based in Scotland, where we host workshops, run zine fairs, create online educational content, and produce, publish, and distribute collaborative zines.



MAKE ZINES WITH US!!!

What is a zine? A zine is a booklet-style artwork that you make yourself, and give away, swap, or sell for the cost of printing. Zines enable adaptable learning and provide a creative outlet that can be accessed by anyone regardless of experience or skill level. We use our talents to help others to develop their own through the power of collaborative support.



We host a variety of zine happenings from workshops to fairs to selling events! Scan the QR code now to check out our latest events and come enjoy the world of zines with us!! We can't wait to meet you!



www.coinoperatedpress.com/events-calendar/



We produce and publish a new collaborative zine on a different theme every single month! Do you want to be featured in the next Coin-Operated Press zine? Visit our website now to check out our latest call for submissions and send us your art and writing to be included in our next zine! We aim to welcome our own community of an open and fluid collective of people of all genders, sexualities, ages, races, abilities, and backgrounds to submit to Coin-Operated Press. We believe everybody is an artist, and all you need are the right tools and a little encouragement to have your voice heard in our inclusive publications.

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WE WOULD LOVE TO COLLABORATE WITH YOU!

If you have any ideas for collaborating on anything in the zine world with us, please get in touch and email us at coinoperatedpress@gmail.com or message us on any of the socials at @CoinOpPress

We can't wait to connect and make a collab zine with you, or host a workshop with you, or table at your zine fair, or distro your zines, or create a zine commission for you, or put on a zine fair in your venue, or be featured in your zine, or guest on your podcast, or curate an exhibition with you, or publish your zines, or speak on your panel, or run a zine-making workshop for your organisation, or table at your event, or any other wonderful idea you have for us all to get creative with zines!

