Activism!
Find your inner radical
Saturday Festival Hub at UCL
Saturday 20 October, 11am - 5pm
FREE
Change the world with UCL and Bloomsbury Festival
Come and explore the city around you, start an activist campaign, and discover the future of art, science and artificial intelligence at the Bloomsbury Festival’s UCL Hub. Drop-in for a workshop, get creative or take part in performance with artists, activists and researchers.

NORTH CLOISTERS 11am – 5pm
Discover how cutting-edge research can transform our lives.
Find out what robots can tell from your facial expressions, try your hand at medical illustration, or volunteer to become infected with an invented disease with our UCL researchers. Get involved with our hackathon about pollution and the HS2 railway, and get competitive with our activist card games about health and wellbeing.
And don’t miss your chance to record the electrical activity in your brain with a MUSE scientific headband, in the Haldane Room next to the North Cloisters too.

SOUTH CLOISTERS 11am – 5pm
Meet artists and get creative with workshops designed to help you find your inner activist. Making a protest sign? Discover how to make it stand out with bold, striking graphics. Or design an activist postcard that makes a difference.

INTERACTIVE EVENTS:
Flatpack Pavilion
11am – 1pm, Main Quad
Help us build a huge structure with the public and UCL researchers. Together we’ll create something impressive and new.

Activists!
11am – 5pm, Observatory
Are you a real life activist? Come and record your story as part of an ongoing Bloomsbury Festival community project.

Speaker’s Corner
1pm and 3.30pm, Octagon Gallery
Make your voice heard with MC artist/activist Dr Naomi Paxton. We want to hear what you think.

Graffiti Wall
11am – 5pm, Main Quad
A chance to join in and make your mark sharing you experiences of the event.

Drawing Inequality
UCL Art Museum
What can objects tell us about inequalities in the built environment? Observe, record and draw using architecture research.

Agnosim / Antagonism
11am – 4pm, North Lodge
This artist installation asks what virtual reality can tell us about the evolutionary phenomena of sexual antagonism and sexual dimorphism.

Guerrilla Art
1pm – 5pm, Main Quad
Find street artist Jonathan Huxley and watch him create a large scale work of art on the Hub’s site over the course of the day.

Objects in Time
11am – 5pm, Whistler Room
Step outside of your own world and into another’s in this installation.

Dermo Fibroblast – In Vitro
2pm – 5pm, Garden Room
This light projection playful makes tangible the microscopic scientific imagery used by researchers in their search to understand dementia.

EXHIBITION:
Disrupters and Innovators
9am – 7pm, Octagon Gallery
Explore journeys towards gender equality at UCL in this exhibition about early twentieth century women whose lives were shaped at UCL.

FILMS IN THE GARDEN ROOM:
Faces of Women in Mathematics
11am – 1.30pm
Be inspired by this short film about incredible women mathematicians around the globe. Join us for a panel discussion about the film at 2.30pm in the Institute of Advanced Studies.

Do You See What I See
2pm – 5pm
A film that asks how changes in the brain cause us to see differently, and what if dementia did not affect your memory but affected your vision?

LIVE PERFORMANCE ON THE STAGE:
St James Garden Project
11am – 11.30am
A Camden People’s Theatre project about the big exhumation at St James Gardens – an extraordinary story in itself!

The Choir with No Name
11.40am – 12noon
TCWN is a Choir for people that have experienced homelessness, and through song and creativity have found a new passion in life.

My Body is Present. Homage to Ana Mendieta. Part III
12.15pm – 11.5pm
Visual artist Adelaide Damao explores the colour black in this live art performance.

Serena Nagha
1.35pm – 1.45pm
Contemporary poetry, exploring spirituality, urbanism and womanhood.

Frameworks
1.45pm – 2.35pm
The buzz of the city explored through sound: rush hour traffic, a museum, a construction site, a street crossing and a public park.

Suffragette Sing-in
2.45pm – 3pm
Come and take part in singing Ethel Smythe’s famous March of the Women in our open choir. Rehearsals are 45 minutes before the show.

Mary, Mary...
3.15pm – 3.45pm
A theatre piece on the life of Mary Wollstonecraft, a prominent advocate of women’s rights.

A Couple of Questions with a Bunch of Answers
4.15pm – 5pm
Through the lens of documentary theatre, Be* wilder Theatre present a tapestry of questions and answers from everyday activists.

TALKS AT THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES:
Fawcett Legacy
11am – 12 noon sign-up, 12 noon – 1pm workshops and 1.15pm – 2.15pm panel discussion
Find out more about the ‘Fawcett legacy’ and how female leadership is pioneering meaningful development and activism in this workshop and guest panel.

Faces of Women in Mathematics
Panel Discussion
2.30pm
Meet the filmmakers behind Faces of Women in Mathematics and ask them about their inspiring film (film screening in the Garden Room 11am – 1.30pm).

Graffiti Art
4pm – 5pm
Join Professor Richard Clay in conversation about graffiti, from ancient daubings to today’s street artists. Part of the Rogue Objects exhibition on display in the North Cloisters.

WALKS & TOURS:
Bricks and Mortals
12noon – 1pm
Meeting point: Warren Street Underground Station
Discover the pivotal role UCL played in establishing eugenics – the science of improving human populations by selective breeding.

Urban Walkshops
Skateboarding and the City
2pm – 3pm
Meeting point: Main quad
Join our creative tours of Bloomsbury to discover something new in a familiar landscape and find out how inclusive our city is.

Hide & Seek: A Queer Tour of Bloomsbury
3pm – 5pm
Meeting point: Jeremy Bentham
From writers and artists to cruisers and boozers, this walk reveals the people and places that have contributed to the area’s queer histories.

Programme information subject to change.
WHY NOT ALSO VISIT...
UCL Museums
Take an adventure through the objects on display at the Grant Museum of Zoology, The Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology and UCL Art Museum. 1pm – 5pm; FREE to all

COMPLETE YOUR DAY AT...
The Bartlett and STEaPP Late
Head to The Bartlett for a special late opening with free life drawing, storytelling radical discussions, urban tours, music and drinks at the bar. The Bartlett, 22 Gordon Street 6pm – 9.30pm; FREE but pre-booking is required for most events

MAP & LOCATIONS:

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