



## The Audacious Women Festival

Audacious Women is an independent collective which aims to empower and encourage women to overcome personal, political and institutional barriers, and to celebrate the achievements of inspirational Scottish women.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Audacious Women Festival will take place 18-26<sup>th</sup> February 2017. It will have three strands.

1. Individual women will be invited to **“Do what you always wish you dared.”** We want to be as inclusive as possible and recognise that what is an audacious act for any woman depends on her own personal circumstances. The idea is to do something that is personally important, but also challenging. This might be done by an individual woman or groups of friends or colleagues.
2. We hope that some events will be arranged by organisations for their members or service users to take part in. (For example, in 2016 one organisation arranged a firewalk for its service users.) These could be closed or open events.
3. We are inviting cultural, sporting and other organisations to arrange public events that are badged as part of the Audacious Women Festival. Some will be women-only participatory events, such as workshops. Non-participatory events, such as exhibitions and performances, may be open to a mixed audience.

We anticipate that organisations will run events that fit within their normal profile, but that have an Audacious Women theme. Rather than run-of-the-mill events, we are looking for those that are more audacious / barrier-breaking / challenging / adventurous etc. Don't limit your creative ideas.

Some examples for an organisation interested in arranging an event include:

- ✓ Reaching out to women who wouldn't normally participate in that type of event (eg singing for women who think they can't hold a tune)
- ✓ Reaching out to their usual audience, members, or service users but doing an activity more challenging or daring than normal
- ✓ Putting on an event or exhibition about a woman / women who were particularly defiant of convention or expectations in their field
- ✓ Supporting one, or a group of, women to overcome their internal barriers so they can fulfil a dream

**DO WHAT YOU ALWAYS  
WISH YOU DARED**

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