

Women Make Cities: A Research Network

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Group of female carpenters building an extension, France, during World War I © National Library of Scotland.

An Interdisciplinary Network

How do we research how women have contributed to the making of cities?

Depending on inflection, **women make cities** can be read as a statement of fact, an exclamation, a question, an invitation or a call to action. This network creates a place where researchers who are interested in approaching this field can exchange knowledge, practices and surprises in inventive and rigorous ways. We are wary of generalisations and aim to challenge inherited assumptions with new insights and evidence.

The network aims to develop original in-depth research with associated interdisciplinary collaborations that acknowledge and build on creative approaches to researching women as 'makers' of the city: through spatial, material, creative and literary practices; through decision-making roles, and through place-based activism.

Researchers in residence

All shadows are alive: narratives of the drying green

Esther Draycott

This project focuses on the Glasgow drying green. A poem by Edwin Morgan is a departure point to explore the ways in which public memory of women's space in the city has been shaped by melancholy, longing and nostalgia.

A city built on baskets

Freya Purcell

Over the 18th and 19th centuries, street sellers played a vital role in cities; through a mixture of court records and visual culture, this project explores how these women shaped the urban space around them.

'Make a space for me': Dreams of a post-war feminist city

Lottie Whalen

Focussing on the archive of writer Joan Ure, this project explores how women in post-war Glasgow reimagined ways of living and making art in an - at times - hostile and violent patriarchal society.

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To join our network or find out more:

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Women Make Cities' visit to the 'Life Support' Exhibition at Glasgow Women's Library. Photograph by Audrey Wilson.