

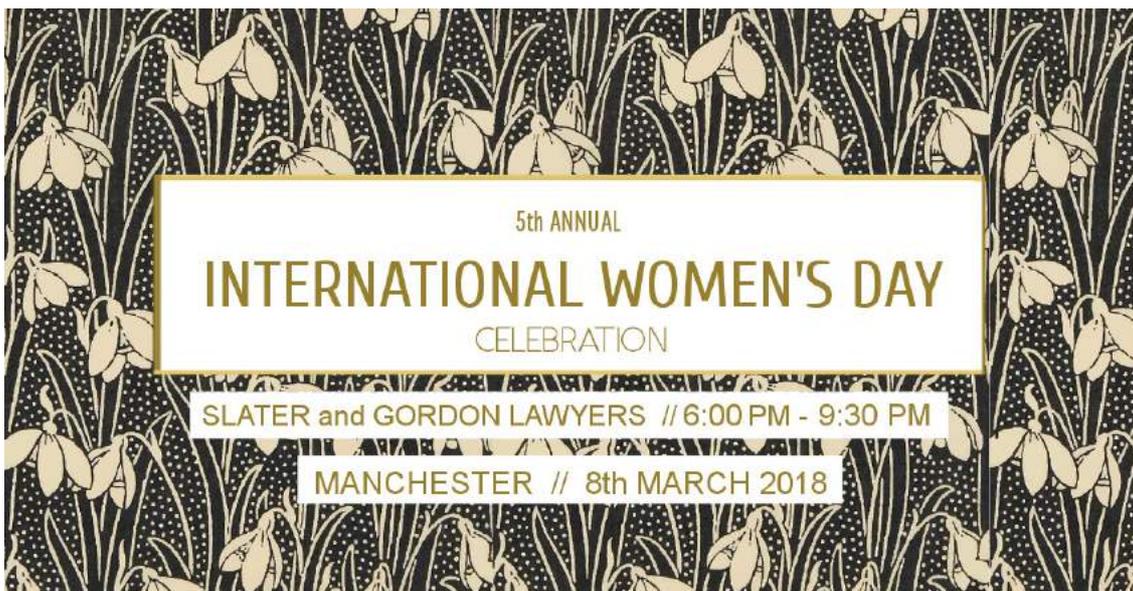


Welcome March!

Dear Friends,

After a long winter, spring is finally here. Traditionally, spring symbolises rejuvenation and new beginnings, so it comes as no surprise that [International Women's Day](#) is celebrated in March! Keep reading to see what we have prepared this year to honour the strong female spirit.

5th Annual International Women's Day celebration



Our Executive Director [Kush Chottera](#) organised the 1st Annual International Women's Day 5 years ago. It started off as a small, internal event for 8 women with chocolates, flowers and chat and has slowly grown over the years. In 2017 the event was opened up to the public for the first time. This year it will be even bigger and more jubilant.

We will kick off with a prosecco reception with nibbles and cakes from the [Polish Village Bakery](#). From there we will proceed to speeches from charismatic representatives of the community, local council and business sector. In addition, there will be a guided business networking session by [Alan Lewis](#) (author of "*Dearest Axeman... 77 Top Networking Tips To Turbocharge Your Business*"), a

special selection of OIPLA animation screening and business stalls by European expats businesses. All our guests will receive a specially handpicked goody bag from [Aga Foods](#).

The event is hosted by [Dr Hannah Wadle](#), researcher, artist, writer, learning facilitator.

Speakers:

[D'zidra Noor](#) (Lawyer, Labour Councillor for Levenshulme)

[Ruta Skudraite](#) (Founder and Events Curator [Art Vanguard](#))

[Ottilia Ördög](#) (Director and Founder [Beat Bazaar](#), Director of [Góbéfest](#))

[Pavla Mataskova](#) (MIS and Examinations Manager [St. Bede's College](#))

[Maria Kompanowski](#) (Public Speaker [Kompanowski Ltd](#), [Dolphin Seminars Ltd](#))

[Catherine Machalinski](#) (Chartered Management Accountant [Prevail Accountancy Ltd](#))

Buy your ticket for £30 [here](#)

*Please Note: All money raised from this year's [International Women's Day event](#) will be used to provide **FREE high-quality training** on how to set up a small business/becoming self-employed to European expat women living in Greater Manchester who face multiple barriers in their day to day lives. This project has been created based on the surveys conducted in [English](#) and [Polish](#). If you or the organisation you work for would like to support this project please donate [here](#).*

Free For Arts Festival



[Europaia Art & Culture](#) is excited to collaborate with [Art Vanguard](#) to bring you the [Free For Arts Festival 2018](#). Free For Arts is a community festival passed on to a different art collective each year. This year, the torch has been passed to the local collaborative arts producer Art Vanguard and its team is beyond excited to welcome some exceptional performers hailing from Lithuania, Birmingham, and

Manchester to take over the FFAF stage alongside an interactive exhibition of local artists and their otherworldly works.

Head over to our [site](#) to read more about the festival.

Free For Arts Festival is FREE, but there is a limited capacity at the venue, so [registration is required](#).

1st Europa Women's Awards



Europa team is still buzzing from the amazing Awards ceremony back in January. We recently received the photos from the event's photographer [Joanna Rajs](#) together with a video filmed by Hannah Wadle on the day.

[Visit our website](#) to see the smiles, the pride, the joy on the faces of our nominees, winners, guests.

Winners of the Inspirational Community Group Award



On the 9th of February [Forever Manchester](#) threw its annual [Birthday Party](#) at the Principal Theatre. We are thrilled to announce that Europaia has won the [Inspirational Community Award](#) in this event. The award, sponsored by [CDL](#), is in recognition of an established community group or project that has made a meaningful and significant impact and has continued to inspire, strengthen and connect local people to make a difference. Thank you!

FREE English Course for Salford residents

ESOL for Life and Work

FREE English course

Eligibility: For Salford residents aged 19 and over.



20 hour **FREE** intensive course to improve English skills

WHERE: Big Local and Mustard Tree community centres.

Hulton District Centre, Little Hulton. M28 0AU

Employability Skills:

- Understanding job adverts
- Preparing a CV
- Getting ready for interviews

Citizenship Skills:

- Looking at everyday life in the UK
- Exploring English structure
- Improving speaking & listening skills

WHEN: Starting 28th February 2018

Wednesday and Friday mornings: 10:00 to 12:30

learn@europia.org.uk

tel: 07832 996498

europia

Empowering - Supporting - Training - Representing
European Expects in Greater Manchester

SALFORD COLLEGE

OF FURTHER EDUCATION

Working in partnership with Salford College of Further Education

Europia Support

- Our [FREE welfare advice session](#) with [Norman Beverley](#) will take place on Saturday the 10th of March. We also offer FREE legal support sessions with our qualified solicitor [Marta Grzelak](#). Get in touch at 07597574863 or support@europia.org.uk to make an appointment.

- If you need support and guidance with your Permanent Residency Application we are [here](#) to help you. Give us a call at 07597574863 or send a message at support@europia.org.uk.



Do you want to gain professional experience, learn new skills, meet people from different countries & backgrounds and give back to your community? Join our volunteer team and help us deliver exciting events that bring Greater Manchester's European communities closer.

We are looking for:

- Admin Assistant
- Events Assistant
- Cultural Consultant

Get in touch: 03333058570 or hello@europia.org.uk

That's all for now, until next month. If there is anything that you would like to share with us, our email is always on at hello@europia.org.uk or you can give us a call at 03333058570 or 07754398007 during our working days.

Thank you to everyone for their hard work, commitment and support this month.

Found something interesting and useful?
[Feel free to share it with anyone who might be interested!](#)

Copyright © 2018 Europia, All rights reserved.

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list.

MailChimp