

“Only when I actually entered a refuge and found openness to start a dialogue, did I begin to imagine creating work that could connect women whose lives had been mostly deeply impacted, with women who could listen and learn from them.”

Susan Meiselas, 2017

In light of the ‘me too’ phenomenon and the many budget cuts to women’s refuges across the country, now is the time to act. Please help us make a real difference and support this campaign. You can:

- buy a book
- attend an event / workshop / talk
- share on social media

To donate to the campaign please visit [gofundme.com/aroomoftheirown](http://gofundme.com/aroomoftheirown)

Or visit us at West Bromwich Indoor Market between 25th and 9th Dec, to gift items of need and to find out more about the exhibition and events.

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#OrangetheWorld

Sandwell Libraries will act as information hubs over the 16 Days and will also display *A Room of Their Own* and other books written by women or about domestic violence.

If you are effected by domestic violence, please call the National Helpline on 0808 2000 247 or visit a Sandwell Library near you during 25 Nov to 10 Dec, 2017.

*A Room of Their Own* is a partnership project with Multistory and Creative Black Country (as part of the Arts Council of England’s Creative People and Places Programme).

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# A ROOM OF THEIR OWN

Susan Meiselas  
with women  
in refuge



A campaign to raise funds for  
women in refuge in the Black Country  
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# A Room of Their Own

During 2015 and 2016, arts organisation, Multistory, and Magnum photographer, Susan Meiselas, collaborated with women who were living in a Black Country refuge. The resulting publication, *A Room of Their Own*, shares the women's experiences of domestic abuse and the process of entering refuge using photographs, first hand testimonies and original artworks.

To book places and for more info on the project and events, please visit [multistory.org.uk/events](http://multistory.org.uk/events)

To mark International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on 25 November 2017, and the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence (25 Nov – 10 Oct), we have teamed up again to develop a 'pop-up' installation accompanied by a series of events, workshops and talks.

Together with our Black Country partners, we hope to raise the issue of domestic violence, inspire activism and encourage people to purchase *A Room of Their Own*, proceeds of which will go to women in refuge in the Black Country.

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## A Room of Their Own pop-up installation

(open daily 10am - 4pm, except Sunday) – FREE  
A pop-up installation showing a selection of digital narratives from *A Room of Their Own* by Magnum photographer Susan Meiselas.

25 Nov – 9 Dec 2017

West Bromwich Indoor Market, Kings Square

Support your local market and women and children in refuge by buying (from the market) or donating from a list of 16 essential items and drop them off at the Multistory workshop space. All items will be donated to refuges in time for Christmas.

Fri 1 Dec 2017, 6 - 8pm,

West Bromwich Town Hall

## An evening with Susan Meiselas & guests

Places are free but must be booked (details below)

Magnum photographer Susan Meiselas will introduce *A Room of Their Own*, her latest work with Multistory. After the talk there will be a panel discussion with project collaborators; a Q&A; and food and music.

Sat 2nd Dec 2017, 11.30am - 12.30pm

West Bromwich Indoor Market, Kings Square

## Susan Meiselas' A Room of Their Own - book signing

Buy signed copies of *A Room of their Own*.

25 Nov – 10 Dec 2017, 4.30pm, Sunday 11am – 4pm)

Wolverhampton Art Gallery (Mon – Sat 10.30am

## Display at Wolverhampton Art Gallery

– A display featuring a single photograph from *A Room of Their Own*. Visitors are invited to respond to the photograph through writing and drawing. The book is also available to buy in their book shop.

Sat 2 Dec 2017, 10am – 3pm

West Bromwich Indoor Market, Kings Square

## Workshops

Places are free but must be booked (details below)

10 – 12.30pm: artist Sarah Taylor Silverwood will lead a workshop to make your own tote bag using DIY printing techniques to create slogans to empower, to inspire activism and to send a message of hope.

1.30 – 3pm: go beyond a 'selfie' with a self-portrait workshop with Alex Nelson, photographer and manager at the Susan Meiselas studio. Participants will make a self-portrait using photography and expand upon the basic image using collage, writing and drawing to represent their many selves.

Mon 4 Dec 2017, 3.30 - 4.30pm

Central Library, West Bromwich

## A Room of Their Own with Emma Purshouse

Free entry; no need to book

Wolverhampton-based writer, poet and storyteller Emma Purshouse and Priscilla, a project participant, will read extracts from *A Room of Their Own*. Tea will be provided afterwards; bring a cake to share.

Tues 5 Dec 2017, 11am – 3pm

West Bromwich Indoor Market, Kings Square

## Feminist Art Workshop with Feminists Work For Change

Places are free but must be booked (details below)

Using a range of creative techniques, artist Sarah Taylor Silverwood will lead this drop-in workshop so you can make your messages into flyers and posters, inspiring solidarity, hope and change.

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## Pop-up portraits

(open daily 10am - 4pm apart from Sunday) – FREE

Have a free portrait taken by photography students at Sandwell College and leave a 'message of hope' to be part of the ongoing conversation around domestic violence.