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Conference theme

Marginalized gender identities - how can intellectual activism transform work and organization?

CALL FOR COLLABORATIVE EVENTS

COLLABORATIVE EVENT TITLE:

Materialities, community, activism and gender

COLLABORATIVE EVENT COLLABORATORS:

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Event purpose/goals:

We seek a session space at the conference to meet as a Network and encourage others to join us who share our interest in developing research on materialities, advocacy, activism and gender. We argue non-human materialities support inclusion of marginal 'Others' yet are also implicated in their exclusion. We want to encourage academic activism by building affective solidarity amongst scholars by inclusive practices that bring forth voices that are not often heard and hitherto unspoken stories. In doing so we want to create room for those voices, to benefit from the sharing of experiences and look deeper into a number of topics.

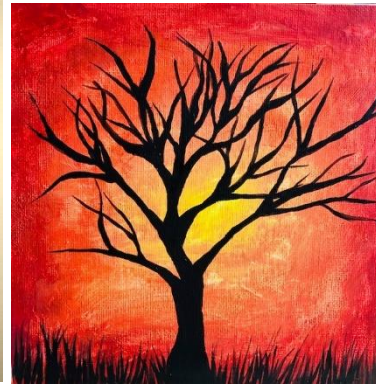
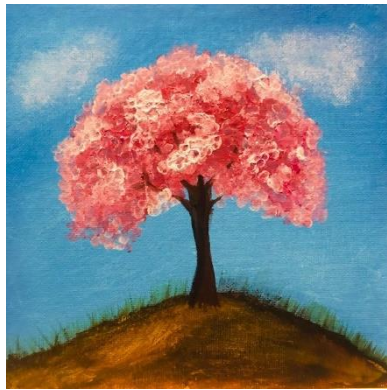
This is what unfolded at GWO 2021 in the Crafts stream, what inspired the idea of creating a group to propose a GWO Network on Materialities which we are keen to develop and support innovative research in the wider area of Materialities, Gender and Activism.

Picture the scene - a group of academics interested in fueling change are together engaged in discussion - the atmosphere is calm, warm and conducive. One person knits with multicoloured yarn, another crochets with a striking green fleece. Others fold paper, colour it, and some assemble lego. The conversation flows gently, offering space for reflections, embodiment, smiles, and different affects. A different kind of rhythm and pattern underlies the discussion that enables more thoughts to be aired from people who might be intimidated by a paper presentation, or the directness of a question-and-answer session. The non-human materialities engage, recede, support, interfere with the rhythms of the human conversation. The participants think about their topics in slightly different ways after the session, having formed new associations and understandings.



What is the network about?

Our network is intended to be a welcoming and vibrant space for any scholar of materialities, gender and activism. We also welcome researchers at any stage of their career, who are interested in exploring new, unconventional ways of thinking and doing research that facilitate healing, embrace vulnerability, and challenge linear academic 'norms'. By bringing marginalised voices to the forefront of academic debate, we hope to amplify hope and solidarity. We aim to be an open and welcoming space that welcomes multiple perspectives and disciplines in order to discuss existing work and develop new research and teaching opportunities that incorporate new materialities thinking.



Who are we?

To find out more about the Network intentions, see our manifesto at https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/pb-assets/assets/14680432/GWO_Network_Materialities-1645800791.pdf

How can you join?

To join our network and learn more about our events and activities, such as workshops, reading group and website please email Lynne Baxter lynne.baxter@york.ac.uk or Amal Abdellatif a.abdellatif@northumbria.ac.uk.

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