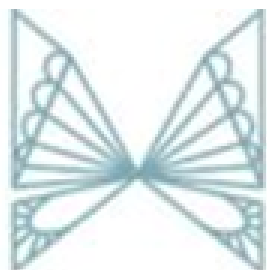


KYRA WOMEN'S PROJECT NEWSLETTER

January 2021- Monthly Email Newsletter



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN KYRA?

BACK ONLINE!

Although we have entered another lockdown Kyra is working harder than ever to ensure we are supporting our members and volunteers. All our sessions are back online using Zoom along with a new selection of courses to pick from. Please see our timetable below.

EVENTS

International Women's Day will still be going ahead, in fact it will be a week long event all happening over Zoom.... for more information see below!

WHATS NEW?

Joining our fabulous volunteers we have a big team of new starters who are raring to go! As soon as they have completed their training they will be ready to make weekly phone calls and support our sessions. If you would like a weekly phone call please get in touch!



NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING FOR KYRA

We are absolutely delighted that the National Lottery Community Fund will be supporting Kyra to help women in York and the surrounding area make positive changes to their lives!

The grant will support our Routes to Recovery programme which will help 240 women over four years to make positive choices, increase their resilience and well-being, and re-establish their sense of self.

Interim CEO Rosemary Cook said: "This is fantastic news – we can't wait to get this programme underway, it will make a huge difference to the lives of so many women. Thank you to the National Lottery Community Fund for supporting us, and thank you to everyone who plays the Lottery for making this grant possible."

THANK YOU

TORQUELAW

We were delighted to receive a very generous £500 donation in December from Torque Law LLP, a York-based firm of employment law solicitors.

The company made the donation in lieu of sending out Christmas cards and gifts. This was a fantastic boost to Kyra at the end of a very difficult year when a lot of our usual fundraising activity was impossible because of the pandemic.

Thank you very much to the partners and staff of Torque Law for this wonderful Christmas gift, which will help us to help women around York make positive changes in their lives.

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Community Fundraising:

Can you help us raise funds for Kyra? Or are you part of a community group or organisation that would like to help raise funds?

We rely on the support of the local community to help deliver our services to women in need every week.

During this lockdown, could you do something to help us?

Maybe you could run, bake, sing, knit, bathe in baked beans, or do your own radical haircut?

You can share the fun with your family and friends online and see how much you can raise for Kyra!

Let us know what you're doing on social media using #doitforkyra or email us on contact@kyra.org.uk.

We'll work with you to create a special fundraising event or activity that suits your particular group or organisation.

Or you can choose to participate in one of the events Kyra runs throughout the year. If you'd like to help us fundraise email contact@kyra.org.uk or call 01904 632332.

DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Kyra - Women's Project with #easyfundraising!

If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,400 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you!

Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kyrawp/>



MONDAY 8 - FRIDAY 12 MARCH

We are pleased to announce that our usual International Women's Day event is still going ahead - but we are now moving it all online and it will cover the whole week!

We will join together through online Zoom sessions to meet with a panel of inspiring women, supporting organisations and Kyra volunteers. You will have the opportunity to Q and A with a variety of women across York.

Kyra members will showcase a selection of creative projects that have been inspired by the year of Covid19. Alongside our own projects we will raise awareness of the fantastic support shown to women throughout the global pandemic.

A full timetable of the week's events will be accessible on Kyra's website and on Eventbrite and we will be sharing these soon. You'll also be find to find our event listed in the York International Women's Week programme.

SESSION TIMETABLE

KEY CODE

If you see Kyra's blue butterfly next to a session it means that the session takes place in person. Otherwise the session is online via Zoom.



MONDAY

Motivational Mondays (Life Coaching)

1st Monday of the month

Book with: Glynis@kyra.org.uk

MODA (Moving on from domestic abuse)

10am – 11am

Book with: Carole.beetham@idas.org.uk

Vibes – Music Therapy

(North Yorkshire Music Therapy)

6PM – 7PM

Book with: laura@music-therapy.org.uk

TUESDAY

Spanish with Ana

Beginners and Improving 10AM- 11AM

Beginners 11:30AM – 12:30PM

Book with: ana@kyra.org.uk

SOFIA

Solution Focussed Interventions for Anxiety

10:30 – 12:00

Book with: contact@kyra.org.uk

Yoga with Daniela

10:30AM – 11:30AM

Book with: daniela@mystillpoint.co.uk

Self Defence

5:30PM – 7:30PM

Book with: laurac@kyra.org.uk

Mindfulness Practise Group

(open to those with previous experience)

2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month,

2PM – 3:20PM

Book with: lis@kyra.org.uk

WEDNESDAY

Rose Project, (18 – 25 yrs)

5PM – onwards

Book with: Sherrie@kyra.org.uk

Kyra Voices

6pm – 7pm

Book with: carol@kyra.org.uk

Cookery – Start date TBC

Once a month

Book with: Sally@kyra.org.uk

THURSDAY

Book to drop in – start date TBC
10 AM – 11AM OR 11:30AM – 12:30PM
Book with: Laurac@kyra.org.uk



Thunk – it – Theatre:
7.30pm – 9pm
Book with: thunkittheatre@ gmail.com

Spanish with Claudia
10:00 AM – 11:30PM
Book with: claudia@kyra.org.uk

Loss Group
Book with: geraldine@kyra.org.uk

Meditation with Julie
7:15pm – 8:30PM
Book with: Julie@kyra.org.uk

Walking Group
Book with: Elaine@kyra.org.uk



FRIDAY

Drama Group
Last Friday of each month
10AM – 12PM
Book with: contact@kyra.org.uk

Well – being Writing
Time TBC
Book with: contact@kyra.org.uk

SATURDAY

Poetry Group
12PM – 1:30PM
Book with: glynis@kyra.org.uk

Walking Group
Book with: elaine@kyra.org.uk



ON GOING

ATI – Action Towards inclusion.
Enquire at: laurac@kyra.org.uk

Weekly contact (waiting list)
Enquire at: contact@Kyra.org.uk

Food Bank Voucher
Contact: contact@kyra.org.uk

Counselling:
Enquire at: ann@kyra.org.uk

My Money Matters
Enquire at:
alison.hodgson@peasholmecharity.
org.uk

Support with ICT
Enquire at: anita@kyra.org.uk

Solicitor Consultation
Book with: sam@kyra.org.uk

SESSION INFORMATION

IN THE TIMETABLE ORDER

MOTIVATIONAL MONDAYS

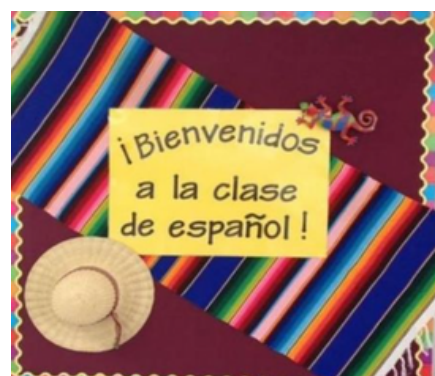
Have you ever set a goal, got so far and stopped? Or maybe you never set goals because you don't think you can achieve them? Some people don't know where to start with goals and plans for the future. Well, if you connect with one of the statements above then coaching is for you! The focus of coaching is to help you help yourself and for us to work together to notice what could be getting in the way of you moving forward. Motivational Mondays are being offered by York based Confidence Coach Jules Wyman. The sessions are an hour long and for graduates of the ESTA programme. The aim is to keep you and your life moving confidently in the direction you want. www.juleswyman.com.



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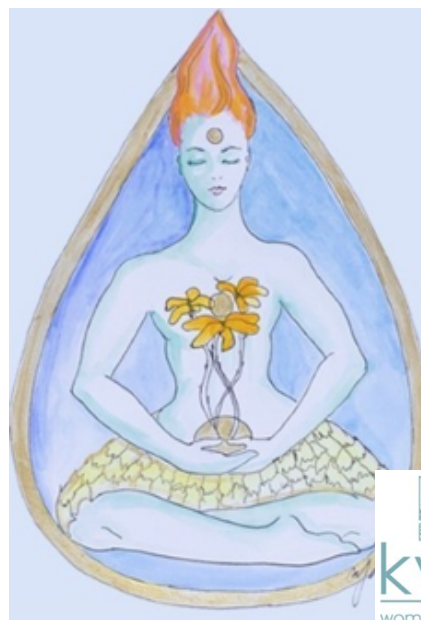
SPANISH

Join our Spanish lessons to learn a new language. Take part in group classes facilitated by professional Spanish teachers. This group not only provides a new skill but also new friends too and confidence.



YOGA

Dru Yoga is a gentle, yet potent style of yoga, with its roots in hatha yoga it includes classical yoga postures (asanas), pranayama (the science of breath) mudras (hand gestures), positive affirmations, empowering visualisations and sequences performed in a flowing way. Dru Yoga is tailored to the level of the individuals within the class, so everyone from experienced to beginners is welcome.




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VIBES

Kyra in music- Vibe Project!
www.music-therapy.org.uk have kindly donated a selection of Zoom music therapy sessions. Join us in group music therapy sessions. These no charge sessions will provide the opportunity to express and explore feelings and emotions through playing and listening to music with others in a supportive environment.



MINDFULNESS

Kyra mindfulness practice group is open to anyone who has attended our 8 week training course or who has similar experience gained elsewhere.

It is a very supportive group that would like to welcome new members, so please mail lis@kyra.org.uk if you'd like to join. Sessions are on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 2pm for 1.5h on Zoom with Alison.

CRAFT GROUP

Join Claudia and other members over Zoom to connect over crafts. Take part in craft work which you can do at home while making friends with other members through Zoom.

DROP INS

Book to attend our drop in sessions in person. You must bring your own drink and socially distance while attending the session. Reconnect to other members face to face in Kyra. Sessions will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday starting in November.

COOKERY

We are hoping to re-start our cooking group in Kyra with Sally. We are taking small steps in ensuring the session will take place safely. To express an interest please email sally@kyra.org.uk. Once we have a gauge of who would like to attend will begin to plan a safe return.

MEDITATION

These guided meditations are inspired by Nature. They are designed to help you to relax and find a greater sense of inner peace and stillness by forming a deeper connection with the Earth and all that surrounds us in our beautiful countryside, gardens and parks.

Meditation can help to:

- Reduce stress, anxiety & depression,
- Improve sleep & increase energy levels,
- Release negative emotions & thought patterns
- Manage & reduce pain
- Improve general health & well-being
- Improve creativity, intuition & concentration

DRAMA

Express yourself! Drama Workshop!
No experience needed and no charge!
Join together over Zoom with York Theatre Royal.

POETRY

Share new poems, old poems, poems from your pen!
"Poetry is the rhythmical creation of beauty in words"
Join together over Zoom to share.

LOSS GROUP

Have you experienced any of the following:

- Bereavement
- Relationship breakdown/divorce
- Loss of health
- Job loss
- Family estrangement
- Any type of loss

If so join Kyra's Loss group. A start to getting your life back on track.

WALKING GROUP

All walks start and finish at Kyra. We meet at 10am for a 10:15am start. No special equipment / clothing required - just comfy shoes / trainers, warm clothes and waterproofs in case of rain.



FREEDOM PROGRAMME

Kyra is the only organisation offering the Freedom Programme in North Yorkshire. The Freedom Programme is a domestic violence course which was created from work with perpetrators of domestic violence. We provide information and learning, not therapy.

The Programme was primarily designed for women as victims of domestic abuse, be that physical, emotional, sexual or financial. The abusers are mainly husbands or partners of either sex, but many women can be abused by mothers, fathers, children and other family members.

The Freedom Programme examines the roles played by attitudes and beliefs on the actions of abusers and the responses of victims and survivors. The aim is to help victims to make sense of and understand what has happened to them, instead of the whole experience just feeling like a horrible mess. The Freedom Programme also describes in detail how children are affected by being exposed to this kind of abuse and very importantly how their lives are improved when the abuse is removed.

ACTION TOWARDS INCLUSION

The aim of the ATI with Kyra is to help Women overcome barriers by supporting you to achieve at your own pace and in a safe environment which believes this is achievable. With flexible help and encouragement. Working one to one with a Key Worker who will help you to progress towards employment, training, education and job-search. Whilst at the same time helping you to combat a range of social issues, including poverty and social exclusion.

WEEKLY CONTACT

Our volunteers have been making weekly phone calls or emails to any member who is in need of a friendly call. Please get in touch if you would like this also.

KYRA VOICES

Do you have a passion for music and singing? If so join other members in weekly singing sessions.

SELF DEFENCE

There's simply no better way to learn real-world self-defence skills than with our Self Defence Classes with Spartans Academy, Krav Maga.



We all know the world can be a dangerous place. Are you prepared to face down a challenge if you or a loved one are threatened? With the help of the Spartans Academy of Krav Maga, you can be.

Boost your confidence, improve your awareness, better your mental health.

Whether your aim is to learn to protect yourself and your family from dangerous situations or just feel better in your day-to-day life, we can help! Learn how to stay safe with the help of our dedicated professional and highly qualified Instructors.

A fun and friendly self-defence class, you'll be given a warm welcome by a great group of like-minded people.

THUNK-IT-THEATRE

Are you 18 to 25 years old and interested in story telling, the arts or women's history? Or are you craving an outlet for creativity? We want to hear from you!

Thunk - It- Theatre presents *Bad Bored Women Of The Rooms* by Sabrina Mahouz as part of positive stories for negative times by Wonder Fools in association with the traverse theatre and in partnership with Kyra.

Over the next few months we will be creating a piece of live performance which will be filmed and shared as part of a national project. You can find out more about this project on the website: <https://positivestories.scot/#page> (If you press the interactive map you can see us on there over York!)

This opportunity is open to everyone, no matter your experience!

Contact: contact@kyra.org.uk to get involved.

WELL-BEING WRITING

A new group is coming to Kyra in February 2021.

Did you know that writing, as little as 15 minutes a day, can have a positive impact upon your physical and mental health?

The Writing Wellness Group will take place over six weeks and will look to strengthen emotional wellbeing and mental health through completing structured writing tasks in a safe and guided setting.

If you are struggling with anxiety or depression, or you are someone who has experienced trauma in your past, or you want to learn more about your self and develop effective ways to cope with the challenges of life, then this group could be for you!

The group will be led by an experienced Clinical Psychologist from the University of York (UoY) alongside Kyra volunteer staff and UoY MSc student group facilitators!

MOVING ON FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE

In conjunction with Kyra, IDAS are inviting you to join a free course... Moving on from domestic abuse.

This is a 6 week course providing information for women about domestic abuse.

Aims of the course:

- To help women understand the beliefs held by abusive men.
- To illustrate the effects of domestic violence on children.
- To assist women gain self-esteem and the confidence to improve the quality of their lives.

ROSE PROJECT

The Rose Project is a well being group for young women to get together online and hopefully in person. Each session is member led focusing on well being topics which the members wish to talk about. During the session you will take part in activities, learn about yourself and make friends!

SOFIA

SOFIA: Solution Focussed Interventions for Anxiety.

This 4 part course will provide you with a tool kit to enable you to-Understand how anxiety is caused in the brain,-And how it affects us-Recognise and turn off anxious thoughts-Stop a panic attack in its tracks-Boost your serotonin (your feel-good hormone) naturally. All you need is to be able to commit to the 4 sessions with Internet access and be able to log onto a Zoom meeting. Please note there is no obligation to turn on your camera or to speak in sessions if you don't want to. But you will be surprised how relaxing and fun the course will be.

The trainer Julie Meakin is a qualified hypnotherapist who specialises in working with clients with anxiety and depression. She is also an approved therapist with Anxiety UK and a lecturer with the Open University.

HOGLETS

Hoglets With Mind is for any mummy who wants to spend some bonding time with their children in a friendly, fun and supportive space.

We combine storytelling, games and songs, designed especially for young children, with an informal and relaxed post-class session where Mums can listen to each other's stories, share experiences, or simply enjoy being with one another in a safe judgemental free space.



HOGLETS WITH MIND

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THEATRE FUN FOR LITTLE FOLKS

The graphic features a watercolor-style illustration of a woman's silhouette holding a baby. A shield-shaped character with a face and the word 'HOGLETS' is positioned in front of them. The background is a mix of warm colors like orange, red, and yellow.

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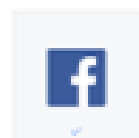
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Please be aware, we have steps to access Kyra

If you have booked a place on a group and you are unable to attend please let us know ASAP to allow for someone else to have a space.