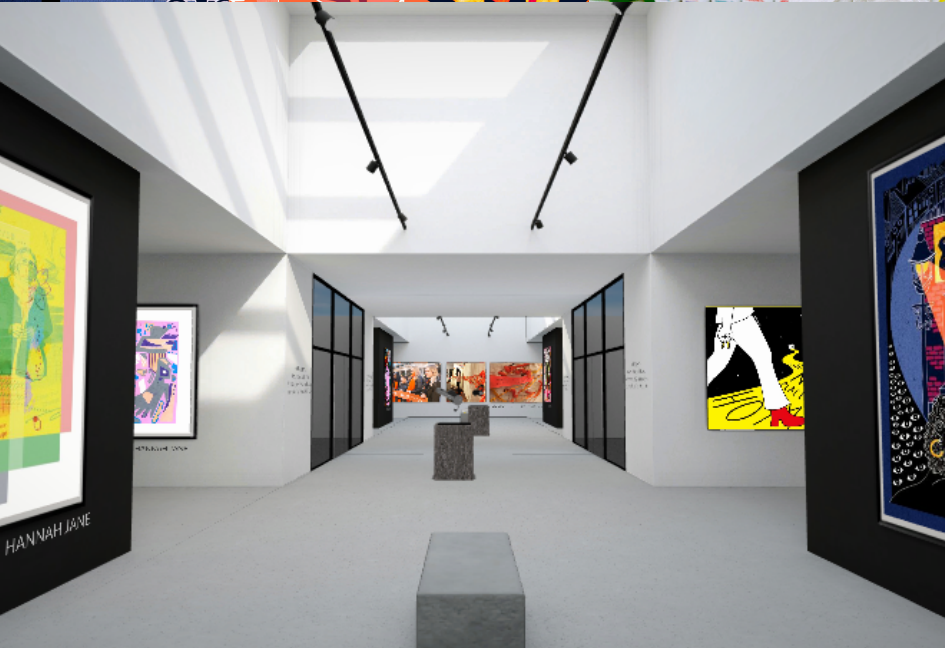


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THE SAFE SPACES NOW PROJECT

A unique project making public spaces safe, inclusive and free for women, girls and marginalised people.

For ten years, UN Women has taken its flagship framework for change, 'Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces' to urban areas around the world, asking local authorities, transport providers and more to transform their spaces to prevent and better address violence and harassment.

In January 2020, UN Women UK launched the Safe Spaces Now project in the UK. So far, over 5,000 women and girls have shared their voices, stories and ideas for change as part of the project.

UN Women UK has taken these ideas and demands to Parliament, local authorities, public services, private companies and more, and asked them to take urgent action.

In its most recent study, commissioned via YouGov, UN Women UK has found that over 70% of women in the UK of all age say they have been sexually harassed. Only 3% of 18-24 year-olds said they had not, and over 95% of all respondents did not report their experiences to authorities.

It's time for this to change. This virtual gallery is a collection of pieces illustrating a better reality, and demanding urgent change to get there. We urge guests to get involved and be part of changing the way the world works for women.

We hope you love the gallery as much as we do!

- Strength and solidarity. Claire Barnett, Executive Director of UN Women UK.

NAVIGATING THE GALLERY

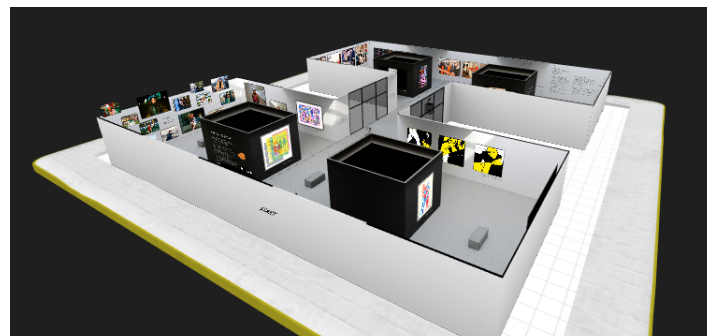
When you enter the gallery, you'll find yourself at the 'start' point. This is the first of three areas you can move around within and interact with.

These areas are:

- **A Safe Space:** original artworks commissioned especially for this exhibition, reimagining public spaces such that women, girls and marginalised groups are able to be truly free, and exploring the ways we can get there.
- **Middle Ground:** the passage between the two main sections of the gallery includes original audio compositions exploring the themes of safer public spaces.
- **Voices of Protest:** creations from the community, speaking out against injustice and the way the world currently works for women. This section of the gallery includes photography, protest banners, original songs, and poetry.

We recommend a Content Warning for the 'Voices of Protest' area of the exhibition (the top section as you look at the image above). Some of the poetry and photography contains strong language and descriptions of sexual harassment or assault, and may not be suitable for younger viewers. The captions (only visible when you click) of Eliza Hatch's photography series also come with a content warning.

If, at any time as you move through the gallery, you feel overwhelmed or like you need to take time out, you can step 'outside' through the glass doors in the middle section to reflect. You will also find interactive 3D objects around the exhibition, including the Poets Versus Sexual Harassment anthology, the opportunity to buy one of Zoe Stromberg's Safe Spaces Now pins designed for this project, and an orange telephone where you can find helplines and how to share your own experiences and creations with us.



Meet the artists

These are the amazing creators behind the pieces you will find in the gallery. Here you'll find a little information about them, as well as their instagram handle so you can find out more about their work. As you go around the gallery, when you click on their works you will find more detailed information there.

SOPHIE BASS

@SOPHIEBASS_ILLUSTRATION

Sophie Bass is a London based Illustrator whose work explores music, mythology, symbolism and social justice. Her main lines of work are within the music industry, designing record covers, and within the Artivism world, creating impactful Political designs. Her work is energetic, powerful and distinctive



HANNAH JANE

@HJ_ILLUSTRATION

Hannah Jane is a London-based illustrator. Her work is imbued with symbolism and interesting narratives. Hannah's work blends together the mundane with more serious matters that are close to her heart. For example, she often depicts images of women and of same-sex relationships as she is a proud bisexual who champions and celebrates LGBT+ representation.



JOSIE DEVINE

@BYJOSIEDEVINE

Josie Devine is a self-taught Scottish artist based in Edinburgh. Working predominantly in acrylics, her practice centres on the shapes, movements and gestures of the female form.



ZOE STROMBERG

@CUTECATCALLS

Zoe Stromberg is a designer and illustrator notably known for her project "cutecatcalls" which she began in 2018. Zoe turns public sexual harassment stories submitted to her anonymously into bright and powerful illustrations to raise awareness, empower victims and drive change.



TARA COLLETTE

@TARACOLLETTE

Tara Collette is a Manchester-based artist, who works predominantly with textiles. She focuses on producing large-scale banners to deliver bold and provocative messages that address social and personal issues.



ROSIE BAKER

@ROZALINDABAKER

Rosie is a painter and is also the co-Founder of youth-led ideas agency LIVING PROOF, working as Project Lead for the Safe Spaces Now work that continues to inspire this gallery.



CAT LOBO

@THECATLOBO

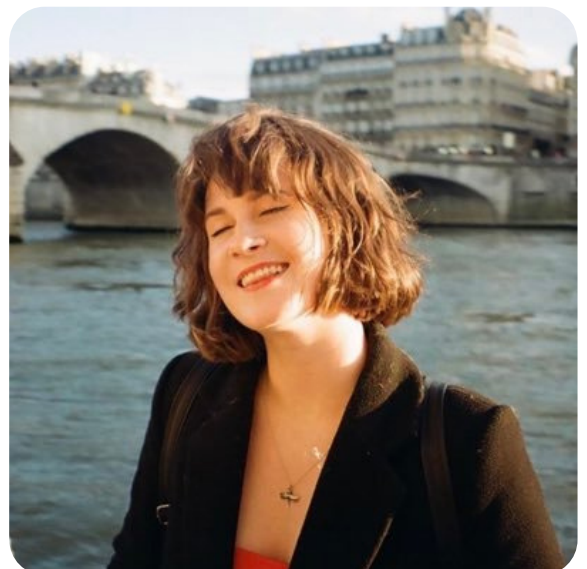
Cat Lobo is a graphic artist, freelance designer, illustrator and art director. Her style is distinctive for its bold slogans, ability to bring stories to life, as well as its fun and empowering style.



FLORENCE WINTER HILL

@FLORENCEWINTERHILL

Florence is an award winning Writer-Director specialising in Comedy and Drama. She is passionate about making character-driven stories that are as cinematic as they are funny. Her film work has made the official selection of BAFTA-qualifying films festivals.



ELIZA HATCH

[@CHEERUPLUV](#) | [@ELIZAHATCH](#)

Eliza is a 26 year old British photographer and activist. Eliza founded Cheer Up Luv in 2017, an internationally recognised photo series, which retells accounts of street harassment. The project combines photography with journalism, activism and social media, and has gained interest from all over the world - reclaiming the space and taking back control of the experience.



HOLLY KHAN

[@HOLLYKHANMUSIC](#)

Holly Khan is a half Guyanese/half British performer, multi-instrumentalist, composer and music facilitator.

Through her projects she works with vulnerable groups, under the belief that everyone should have the experience of creating.



ELENA FEDORENKO

[@ELLEN_PIANOLADY](#)

Elena is a modern Russian composer based in London (UK). She is particularly fond of the instrumental new-age, neoclassical and crossover musical style, which can clearly be felt in my oeuvre. "One must have chaos within in order to see a birth of a dancing star." — F.NIETZSCHE



EMMA NATHAN

[LINKEDIN.COM/IN/EMMA-NATHAN-66615961/](https://www.linkedin.com/in/emma-nathan-66615961/)

Emma Nathan is a Mauritian/Sri Lankan poet, mother and social justice warrior. Passionate about equality and raw honesty, Emma is currently working on her debut poetry anthology which journeys through gratitude, grief, humanity, heritage and radical self-love.



NEELOFER NOVA

[@NEELOFER_NOVA](https://www.instagram.com/NEELOFER_NOVA)

Neelofer Nova is a Poet, Spoken Word Artist and workshop facilitator. Proud of her Pakistani heritage, London born Neelofer, is passionate about empowering all women in our society, identity and mental health.



LOUISE MCSTRAVICK

[@HYPERBOLOU](https://www.instagram.com/HYPERBOLOU)

Louise McStravick is a writer and educator from Birmingham. She has performed her poetry across the UK and abroad and has had her work featured on BBC Berkshire. Her first collection, *How to Make Curry Goat* is Out now with Fly on the Wall Press.



LISA O'HARE

@THELISAOHARE

Lisa O'Hare is a poet & performer from North-West England who only started to share her poetry in her 40s. She has since been published in several zines and anthologies and has been featured on BBC Radio Manchester on several occasions.



RIVER SOLACE

@SOLACERIVER

River Solace's pronouns are They/Them. River is a London-based non-binary, autistic songwriter and poet. They believe kindness is everything and just want to make people feel less alone.



TALK TO COCO

@TALKTOCOCO

Talk to Coco is a 360 multi artist & mental health activist, who works to game-change around the stigmas attached to mental health, the differences in the norms of society and to be a support system for every human around the world.



#DrawALine artists

The orange line you see photographed in Voices of Protest is a collaborative piece created by four artists from the Royal College of Art with UN Women UK, using individual strands of fabric with messages of resistance written on them, submitted by UN Women's community. The line represents solidarity, and the Japanese art of kintsugi - celebrating and accepting women survivors and our stories in our diversity, brokenness and resilience.

KHAVER IDREES

@KHAVERIDREES

Based in London, Khaver's work seeks to blur the boundaries between art and life. Social engagement/participation is an essential element in her research-based practice, embodying the First Law of Thermodynamics. Her socially engaged/participatory work seeks to turn negative energy into positive thus resisting the Political climate.

DANIELA RIVERA ANTARA

@D.RIVERA.A

Multidisciplinary artist and writer from Lima, Peru working on socio cultural issues related to gender, migration, public health and identity. Currently working on a documentary photo project on Venezuelan forced migrants and refugees in Peru (second country with largest population), focusing on gender violence and xenophobia with stories ranging across public harassment and violence.

LUCY BIRD

@LUCYBIRDSTUDIO

Lucy's practice is contextualised within auto theory, improvisational theatre and Queer culture. She works with sculpture, spoken word and writing both individually and collaboratively. The materials she uses such as tissue, water, glue, voice and silence have the potential to tear, seep and break. This allows the work she makes to hold moments of tension and undoing which retain an essential lack of orientation for both herself and the viewers.

GULCE TULCALI

@GULCETULCALI

Gülce is a now London-based artist with an economics background from Izmir/Turkey. She symbolically visualizes women- government relationships, women's manipulated experience to land/nature, the societal expectation of being the "nurturer" and their association to themselves and to their sexuality.



Community contributors

We would also like to thank those who contributed existing work to the gallery. The work of these incredible creators has brought the Voices of Protest section to life - from protest banners to visual histories of vigils in 2021 commemorating the women and marginalised people who have lost their lives from violence.

UN Women UK would like to thank them for their creativity, passion and determination to create change, and make public spaces safe and free for all.

JULIA SMITH AT POETS VERSUS

@ASUMMERSGIRL | @POETSVERSUS

Julia Smith is an author who lives and works in London. We thank her for her work bringing together the Poets Versus section of Voices of Protest, and accompanying anthology, which can be purchased in support of UN Women UK's work at: poetsversus.com/poets-versus-sexual-harassment-an-anthology/

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@DREWMCCUSKER

Don't forget that you can be part of the next release of this exhibition - email us your work and a little about you to safespacesnow@unwomenuk.org

Support UN Women UK

You can support our work to make public spaces safer and more inclusive in three ways.

MAKE A DONATION

As a registered charity, UN Women UK is only able to do its work creating practical solutions for gender equality and the elimination of violence from legislative change to grassroots solutions, with your support.

SUPPORT US: [UNWOMENUK.ORG/CAMPAIGNS/SAFE-SPACES-NOW](https://unwomenuk.org/campaigns/safe-spaces-now)



BUY A SAFE SPACES NOW PIN

Zoe Stromberg, one of the artists featured in the gallery and founder of CuteCatCalls, has created a special enamel pin design that you can wear to show your support for the project. All proceeds support Safe Spaces Now.

GET YOURS:
[UNWOMENUK.ORG/PRODUCTS/SAFE-SPACES-NOW-PIN](https://unwomenuk.org/products/safespacesnow-pin)

GET YOUR COPY OF THE POETS VERSUS SEXUAL HARASSMENT ANTHOLOGY

Poets Versus is proud to present its third volume in partnership with UN Women UK.

This anthology can be purchased by donation to UN Women UK. Minimum donation is just £5 / \$5 / €5. For as little as £15 UN Women provides a mother with a week's supply of food and toiletry for her and her family.

Forward your proof of donation to info@poetsversus.com and we will send you this amazing anthology by award-winning poets.

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An extra special thank you for bringing this exhibition to life, to...

THE UN WOMEN UK ACTIVIST COMMUNITY

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LIVING PROOF

@LIVINGPROOF.WORLD

Thank you to the team, Youth Board and facilitators for taking on UN Women UK and our project as their first client, and bringing the ideas of thousands of women, girls and marginalised people to life with joy and kindness.

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Without whom this project, gallery, and resulting social change would not be possible - our thanks to the whole EFF team.

PERSEPHONE BOOKS

@PERSEPHONEBOOKS

For kindly hosting UN Women UK and our artists back in November 2018, when the first original piece of art in this gallery was born.

MIRIAM KING

@MIMS.KING

For supporting the building of this exhibition through her work at LIVING PROOF, as well as her contributions to UN Women UK's community storytelling and creativity.

MISSING LINK FILMS

@MISSINGLINKFILMS

Heather and Ben Link, as well as the entire cast and crew who brought our 'Imagine a world...' video to life.

EMERGE PR

@EMERGELONDON

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Thank you for coming!