



York International Women's Week 2021: Summary

The theme for 2021 was 'Women in a Time of Plague' and the core Programme ran from 6th -14th March, with some pre-programme events.

There were 17 events in the Programme. Their focus varied: everyday pandemic lives; frontline work; crafts, art, poetry and music; farming; self-care; women's rights; extraordinary York women; and local political responses to Covid.

All were online, and YIWW offered skills workshops for ZOOM activities and video-making, and an in-situ technician for events. This was made possible by a grant of £700 from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation

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We received feedback from 14 event organisers. Attendance numbers varied from over 400 to 2, and all organisers received positive responses from their attendees, and some gained new audiences or members.

Organisers were generally positive about the enforced move to online events. This method enabled the participation of speakers and attendees from various parts of the UK and the world, and not just York, and while the digital 'at home' aspect of events excluded some people it did enable others to take part. Organisers appreciated the technical support offered by YIWW and while most missed the familiarity of in-person events, there were many positive experiences. The enforced experience of online meetings led some organisers to consider future online or 'blended' events.

For details of the events, and organiser contact details, see the [Programme](#) and the '[As it Happened](#)' page on the [YIWW webpage](#).

For details of YIWW2022:

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- visit www.yorkwomen.org.uk in late September 2021 (for the Call for Events) or mid-February (for the Programme)
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