

GRAND UNION

A reading list of books, articles, YouTube videos and other material has been collaboratively compiled with Jamie Crewe to accompany their exhibition *Love & Solidarity*, at Grand Union. This resource expands on ideas raised through Crewe's new work and wider practice.

BOOKS

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Knight, Charlotte. (2016) 'Defending The Well of Loneliness', *Penguin Articles*.

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/2016/defending-the-well-of-loneliness/>

Lees, Paris. (2015) 'On Germaine Greer and the Hypocrisy of the "Left"', *Vice*.

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Germaine Greer is an Australian writer and public figure, who contributed to the second-wave feminist movement in the latter half of the 20th century. She is a prominent voice of the Trans Exclusionary Radical Feminist (TERF) movement.

Long Chu, Andrea. (2018) 'On Liking Women', *Motherland*.

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VIDEOS

Sylvia Rivera: '*Y'all Better Quiet Down*', (1973) Original Authorised Video, Christopher Street Liberation Day Rally, New York City

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jb-JIOWUw1o>

Sylvia Ray Rivera was a Latinx American gay liberation and transgender rights activist, prominent as an activist and community worker in New York. Rivera participated in demonstrations with the Gay Liberation Front and was critical of Pride for being too white and not activist enough.

This video depicts Sylvia's monologue at the Christopher Street Liberation Day Rally in New York City in 1973. In her monologue, Sylvia laments the indifference shown by the predominantly white, middle-class gay community towards the social predicament of lower-class transgender people.

After the original recording was rediscovered and digitalised, it quickly became a major source of inspiration for present-day queer activism.

AN INTERVIEW BETWEEN RANDY WICKER AND SYLVIA RIVERA, NEW YORK CITY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2V1b6cUEtew&t=2028s>

Randy Wicker was a leader of the homophile movement in New York in the 1960's and a gay rights activist during the early days of the gay liberation movement.

Randy was critical of Sylvia Rivera and her activism at the beginning, but over time they became friends. This interview presents an intimate interview between Randy and Sylvia in her home, where she talks about her life experiences and her advocacy for poor and working-class gays made homeless by the AIDS crisis.

FURTHER MATERIAL

THE TRADITION OF WELL DRESSING

<https://georgianera.wordpress.com/2017/05/24/the-tradition-of-well-dressing/>

Well dressing, also known as well flowering, is a tradition practised in some parts of rural England in which wells, springs and other water sources are decorated with designs created from flower petals. The custom is most closely associated with the Peak District of Derbyshire and Staffordshire.

'TISSINGTON WELL DRESSINGS' BY ROD KIRKPATRICK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSvlf7OSmTU>

The tradition is believed to be a celebration of the wells never running dry, giving life and sustaining the village during times of plague.

OLLIE'S RADCLIFFE HALL

https://digital.library.cornell.edu/?f%5Bwhere_ssim%5D%5B%5D=37.830367%2C-122.263736

Ollie's was a Queer Punk bar in North Oakland, California, open from October 1980 to December 1988. Ollie's had a performance space named after *The Well of Loneliness* author Radclyffe Hall.

HOT MOMENT

(Auto Italia, London, 12 January – 14 March 2020)

<http://autoitaliasoutheast.org/project/hot-moment/>

Auto Italia, London, 12 January – 14 March 2020. Curated by Radclyffe Hall featuring Ego Ahaiwe Sowinski, Flora Dunster, Ingrid Pollard, Jill Posener, Taylor Le Melle, Tessa Boffin, Zinzi Minott.

Tessa Boffin, Ingrid Pollard and Jill Posener photographed the lives and experiences of lesbians in 80s and 90s Britain. This group show at Auto Italia shows how their practice spanned all areas of life, including responses to mainstream homophobia and heterosexism, and the public spaces occupied by queer women, such as cabaret stages and night clubs.