**RISE UP FESTIVAL 2024 FULL LISTINGS**

**2-4 MAY**

**THURSDAY 2ND MAY - EXHIBITION**

**Joshua Ekekwe Exhibition & In Conversation with Joshua & Ica Headlam**

**Event:**Exhibition  
**Day/Date:**Thursday, 2 May 2024

**Venue/Room:**The Music Hall, Coda

**Doors:**5pm

**In conversation:**6pm - 6.45pm

**Networking:**6.45pm - 8pm

**Event Description:**For the first time, Rise Up! has programmed an exhibition as part of the festival funded by Aberdeen City Council Creative Pilot See Fund.  
Joshua will exhibit 4 large digital paintings on canvases overlaid with a multi-textural digital collage of items quintessential to how the African diaspora finds home away from home. The paintings will depict everyday life within the diaspora, such as an African supermarket, hairstyling, cooking traditional food at functions, and a joyful church service. Printed postcards of each painting will be available for viewers to write their own letters home.

**Tickets:** Free to attend, invitation only. Please email [hello@weareherescotland.com](mailto:hello@weareherescotland.com) for more details

**FRIDAY 3RD MAY – KEYNOTE/CABARET**

**Keynote & Cabaret**

**Event:**Keynote & Cabaret  
**Day/Date:**Friday, 3 May 2024

**Venue/Room:**The Lemon Tree Lounge

**Doors:**5pm

**Keynote:**6.30pm - 7pm

**Cabaret:**7.40pm - 9.10pm

**Keynote Description:** We’re thrilled to announce that our keynote speaker for Rise Up! is none other than Adura Onashile. An award-winning Glasgow-based theatre artist and filmmaker, her screen debut, "EXPENSIVE SHIT," premiered at BFI London Film Festival 2020 and earned a BAFTA nomination. Adura's debut feature, "GIRL," which she wrote and directed, premiered at Sundance Festival 2023, opened the Glasgow Film Festival 2023, and won the Narrative Feature Prize at the Black Star Film Festival 2023.

**Cabaret Description:** Join us for an eclectic night of artistic exploration and expression! Intertwining spoken word, music, comedy and dance. The cabaret will showcase spoken word, music, and dance. The cabaret showcases the talents of dancer Kristin Weichen Wong, spoken word artist Phoenix Archer, rising comedian Ayo Adenekan and the innovative music of Tehillah Sihlabela, known as 1000Trees. Top it all off with some delicious food courtesy of some special guests and this is sure to be an evening to nourish the soul.

**Tickets:** Keynote - invite only, please email [hello@weareherescotland.com](mailto:hello@weareherescotland.com) for more infomration

Cabaret - <https://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/whats-on/rise-up-2024-keynote-speaker-launch-event-followed-by-cabaret-event/book/851202>

**SATURDAY 4TH MAY – DAYTIME**

**Panels, Workshops & Live Podcast**

**Event:**Daytime programme Panels, Workshops & Live Podcast  
**Day/Date:**Saturday, 4 May 2024

**Venue/Room:**The Music Hall, Various Rooms

**Doors:**10am

**10.30am-11.30am Workshop:** Pass the Mic Presents – Pitching Underrepresented Community Stories with Raisah Ahmed

**Event Description:**Are you a storyteller from an underrepresented community looking to bring your unique voice to the film and television industry? Join us for an empowering workshop, "Pitching Underrepresented Community Stories” where Raisah Ahmed will explore the importance of sharing our authentic narratives and navigating the industry as newer voices.

**Book your free place** - <https://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/whats-on/rise-up-2024-pass-the-mic-presents-pitching-underrepresented-community-stories/>

**11.30am-12.30pm Panel:** Activism & Art

**Panel Description:**Attend this engaging panel discussion, where panellists will explore the powerful intersection of art and social justice. Discover how artistic expression can raise awareness, catalyse change, and shape public discourse through an interactive discussion.

Host: laya-roxanne hill

Panellist: Amira Al Shanti

Panellist: Ade Adesina

Panellist: p a t s y

**Room:** Big Sky Studio

**Book your free place** - <https://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/whats-on/rise-up-2024-activism-art-panel>

**11.45am-2.45pm Workshop:** Zine Making with Kumi McKenna

**Event Description:**Zines are self published works that have a long history of platforming marginalised voices to reclaim narratives, challenge dominant ideologies, and foster community. Dive into the world of self-publishing and grassroots activism by joining us for this hands on zine-making workshop. Zines are free from the conventions and expectations of traditional art and media - so anyone can make them! All ages welcome.

**Room:** Rondo

**Book your free place** - <https://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/whats-on/rise-up-2024-zine-making-workshop/>

**12.30pm:** Lunch (45 mins)

**1.15pm-2.15pm Panel:** Black-owned Spaces

**Panel Description:**Explore the importance and impact of Black-owned creative spaces in reshaping Scottish creative landscape. Our panel will discuss the challenges, opportunities, and significance of fostering inclusivity and supporting diverse voices through Black ownership in creative environments.

Host: Pete Preston

Panellist: Gig Cowboy

Panellist: Timi Adegunwa

Panellist: Natasha Ishaq (The Good Store)

**Room:** Big Sky Studio

**Book your free place** - <https://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/whats-on/rise-up-2024-black-owned-spaces-panel/>

**1.45pm-3.45pm Workshop:** Screen Printing & Badge Making with Rudy Kanhye & Lauren La Rose

**Event Description:**Get creative in this hands-on screen printing and badge making workshop! Rudy and Lauren will guide you through designing and creating your prints and badges, sharing tips and tricks suitable for all skill levels. All materials provided, just bring your imagination and leave with your custom creations and newfound skills. All ages welcome.

**Room:**Tutti

**Book your free place** - <https://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/whats-on/rise-up-2024-screen-printing-badge-making-with-rudy-kanhye-lauren-la-rose-workshop/>

**2.45pm-3.45pm Panel:** Designing Inclusion

**Panel Description:**Explore the overlooked aspects of disability inclusion in creative communities with this panel of guests. C practitioners will share insights on identifying barriers, fostering accessibility, and embracing inclusive design to inspire a more equitable future in the creative sector and prompting the question, what have we not thought about?

Host: Sanjeev Mann

Panellist: Ash Harper

Panellist: Myla Corvidae

Panellist: to be announced

**Room:** Big Sky Studio

**Book your free place** - <https://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/whats-on/rise-up-2024-designing-inclusion-panel/>

**3pm-4pm Workshop:** Podcasting with Halina Rifai

**Event Description:**Dive into the world of podcasting with this immersive workshop! Learn the essentials of structuring a podcast, recording techniques, editing skills and more. Whether you're a beginner or looking to enhance your podcast, this hands-on session will provide you with the tools and knowledge to create. Participants do not need to bring any equipment and a summary of the workshop will be given or sent to attendees following the workshop.

**Room:** Rondo

**Book your free place** - <https://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/whats-on/rise-up-2024-podcasting-with-halina-rifai-workshop/>

**4.15pm-5.15pm:** **Live Podcast** with Black Scot Pod

**Panel Description:**Join best friends turned co-hosts of Black Scot Pod Suzie Mwanza and Shirley Mcpherson for a live podcast special.

Hosts: Black Scot Pod

Guest: TBC

**Room:** Big Sky Studio

**Book your free place** - <https://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/whats-on/rise-up-2024-live-podcast-with-black-scot-pod-panel/>

**SATURDAY 4TH MAY – EVENING**

**Event:** When Mountains Meet

**Times**: 6.30pm – 7.45pm

**Room:** Studio

**Event Description**: A breath-taking blend of Scottish and South-Asian inspired music and storytelling.

**When Mountains Meet** is a captivating, cross-cultural tale following the true story of musician Anne Wood, as she meets her father, family and heritage for the first time. An international cast of storytellers and musicians set forth on an unforgettable voyage from the Scottish Highlands to the Himalayas.

My mother is Scottish. My father was Pakistani. In my early twenties I found the father I’d never met … but I was taboo in a culture to which I longed to belong.” Conceived by Anne as a conversation between Scottish and South-Asian music, the vibrant live score combines alap, raag, reel and strathspey, as well as English, Gaelic and Hindustani vocals.

This tender, surprising and heart-opening show offers an immersive audience experience, summoning majestic mountains, mesmerising sounds and mouth-watering tastes. More like being invited to a party or a wedding than a show, When Mountains Meet offers an experience that stimulates all the senses. It is richly visual, musically complex, tactile and tasty. Drawing on the tradition of generous Pakistani and Scottish hospitality, audiences experience a warm, intimate, almost village-hall style friendliness, while simultaneously being offered superb entertainment.  
**Tickets** - <https://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/whats-on/when-mountains-meet/>

**Main Event:**Bemz with support from Rebecca Mani + FIZA  
**Day/Date:**Saturday, 4 May 2024

**Venue/Room:**The Lemon Tree Lounge

**Doors:**7.30pm

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**Tickets:** <https://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/whats-on/rise-up-2024-bemz-plus-support/book/852402/>