

Islington4Women to create inspirational book after series of successful Women's Walks

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The Islington4Women on their 5th walk. Photo credit: Twitter @Islington4Women¹

Islington4Women is publishing an inspirational book of women's stories from the borough which will be distributed across schools and local libraries.

The book is inspired by a series of guided Women's Walks, which were organised to make the borough feel safer and give women a chance to explore the neighbourhood on their own terms. Fatima*, a local mother, said: "I hadn't done anything for myself in a while, but then I found this. It's been really great!"

Titled *#Bold, Brave, Wonder Women of Islington*, anyone can nominate a "wonder Woman" they think is inspiring on the Islington4Women website until 31 October, 2021.

Islington4Women was set up in 2017 after Radio 4 Woman's Hour described Islington, "as the worst place to be a woman." Local residents Suzanne Lee and Anita Grant did not agree and therefore co-founded the organisation. Suzanne explains: "The report mentioned a high number of single women and mothers living in Islington and described it as a bad thing. But what if it's simply because Islington is a great place for single women to live? We needed to tell the story in a different way."

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Local police officers joined the walks so that women had a chance to voice concerns about areas that don't feel safe. In Holloway, for example, there were 34 reported cases of sexual offences this past year, according to the [Metropolitan Police statistics](#). One Islington police officer said that the numbers are likely higher as assault is often difficult to report since "misogyny is not officially a crime."