

Here is what's happening at Felicity House in April



April Calendar of Events

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Event Descriptions

World Autism Awareness Day at the United Nations, Thursday, April 5th 8:00am-1:30pm

Community members are invited to celebrate Autism Awareness Month with Felicity House by joining us at the United Nations for a conference about "Empowering Women and Girls with Autism." Our Executive Director, Beth Finkelstein, will be presenting as part of a panel about gender disparity in the diagnosis process. Community members will meet at Felicity House at 8:00 am to take the bus to the

UN and will return at 1:30pm though participants are allowed to leave on their own. There will be no additional programming following the event and participants will not re-enter the townhouse. Space is limited for the bus so we won't have additional room for guests. Please note that this event will include long spans of quiet sitting. A Government-issued ID (Driver's License, State ID, etc.) is required to enter the UN.

Open Hours: Fridays, April 6, 13 & 20, 1pm-5pm & April 27, 3pm-5pm; Tuesday, April 10, 6-8pm

Open Hours are opportunities to use the lounge, quiet lounge, art studio, and other public spaces in Felicity House to socialize or work on personal projects. A guest artist will be available during all open hours to help with any art projects you would like to work on. During Open Hours participants are asked to adhere to the different room usages described in the handbook.

- On April 10th, check out our Writer's Room, a casual space where community members can go to write poems, stories, plays, or anything else they want. A facilitator from Gotham's Writing Workshop will also be there to provide writing prompts.

SIG: Book Lovers, Friday, April 6, 2-3pm

For this month's meeting, we'll discuss the classic coming-of-age novel, *The House on Mango Street*, by Sandra Cisneros. The story follows protagonist, Esperanza Cordero, a young Latina girl living in inner-city Chicago. Through a series of short stories, the book follows Esperanza's sometimes joyous, sometimes heartbreaking journey from childhood to adulthood. No need to read the book in advance.

SIG: Anime, Tuesday, April 10, 4pm-6pm

Participants will watch episodes 7, 8 and 9, of *Recovery of an MMO Junkie*. In this anime series, Moriko Morioka is a 30-year-old successful career woman who decides to quit her taxing corporate job and find a more fulfilling life. She joins an online MMORPG and creates a male character named Hayashi as her avatar. In the game Hayashi meets another character Lilly and the two become close friends. Meanwhile, in the real world, Moriko has a chance encounter with Yuta Sakurai, who may have ties with her online life. For future group meetings, participants are encouraged to recommend animes and participate in the anime survey.

Circle Meetings:

Circles are closed, social meetings organized by staff contacts. Their purpose is to cultivate richer interactions for participants of Felicity House. In this setting, participants have the opportunity to meet other women and socialize over a shared activity. Please see your staff contact if you have a question about these meetings.

- **Circle 1**, Tuesday, April 24, 3:30pm - 5:00pm
- **Circle 2**, Thursday, April 12, 4:30pm - 6:00pm
- **Circle 3**, Tuesday, April 17, 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- **Circle 4**, Thursday, April 19, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- **Circle 5**, Friday, April 13, 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Workshop: Sip & Paint: Thursday, April 12, 6pm-8pm & Tuesday, April 17 3pm-5pm

Come join us for an evening of mock cocktails and painting. The instructor will provide step-by-step instructions to make painting easy for anyone. All levels are welcome. Even if you've never picked up a paint brush, you'll walk out the door with a painting to be proud of.

SIG: LEGO, Friday, April 20, 2pm-4pm

Inviting all LEGO enthusiasts to this monthly special interest group. We will discuss our love of LEGOs and build together. Individual bricks and advanced LEGO sets are available for any level of building or spectating.

Fitness: Hip Hop, Friday, April 13, 4pm-5pm

Learn the technical and fundamental techniques of Hip Hop with acclaimed dance instructor, Ms. Vee. This class is mostly for fun and fitness so there's no pressure to be a great dancer and no dance experience necessary. Workout clothes and sneakers are mandatory.

Opera Performance, Thursday, April 26, 6pm-8pm

Curious about opera? Come watch a performance with professional opera singers, Toby Newman and Michelle Jennings as they perform some of the greatest hits of soprano and mezzo duets. An opera (the Italian word for 'work') is a story told through words and music. Toby and Michelle will bring the story to life by singing text (known as the 'libretto') alongside a musical score. The performance will be accompanied by a pianist and will include an intermission.

Movie Night: Hidden Figures, Friday, April 27, 5pm

Hidden Figures tells the incredible untold story of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson – three brilliant African-American women working at NASA during the launch of the US space program. These three incredible women were part of the brains behind sending astronaut John Glenn into space. Pizza and Popcorn will be provided.

Felicity House at the United Nations

On April 5th, The United Nations will celebrate World Autism Awareness Day by hosting a conference with a focus on women and girls with autism. This is in response to the UN General Assembly's 2017 resolution to draw attention to the challenges women and girls face regarding the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).



The panels will discuss issues that affect women with autism, including various forms of discrimination, and include speakers like Dakota Fanning and Julia Bascom. Felicity House's Executive Director, Beth Finkelstein, will participate in a panel on gender disparity in diagnosis. Other panels include topics like "Women with Autism in Film" and "Ableism, Sexism, Racism...How They Intersect." The goal of the event is to "focus on the importance of empowering women and girls with autism and involving them and their representative organizations in policy and decision making to address these challenges."

Community Members are invited to travel to the event with Felicity House, though space is limited on the bus. Since this is a public event, family members, service providers, or anyone else who would like to experience the conference, can RSVP through the UN [here](#). Community members can leave the event any time they wish.

Pictures from the The Japanese Folk Dance Institute of New York's performance for Felicity House:



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