



FRESHERS



2024



### **Staff Meet and Greet, 11am, The Vic**

Come grab a cosy morning hot drink and a biscuit with your elected Sabbatical Officers and the rest of the staff at the GSASA, for a relaxed chit-chat, all welcome! This is your opportunity to ask us anything: how we represent you, how we can help you, what activities and societies there are and how you can get involved. Whether you're new to Glasgow, or GSA, or well-seasoned and just want a chat, we're here to answer your burning questions.

No booking required, just come on by!

### **Green Spaces Workshop, 2pm, Stow Garden**

Launching GSA's freshest society, GSA Green Spaces!

The aim is to increase the quality of all GSA green spaces, providing beautiful and useful spaces for students and staff to enjoy.

- Areas for socialising, enjoying the sun (clouds), munching lunch and taking some time to relax in.
- An extension of studios; muse/sketch/discuss plein air.
- Take part in and/or hold workshops.
- Join in with the monthly meet ups, get your hands dirty planting and harvesting – flowers for dye, developer and your tummy; and
- Opportunities to show your work in Stow Gardens with regular exhibitions!

Join the workshop on the 16th at 2pm to explore the newly improved Stow Gardens and take part in some Green Space workshops.

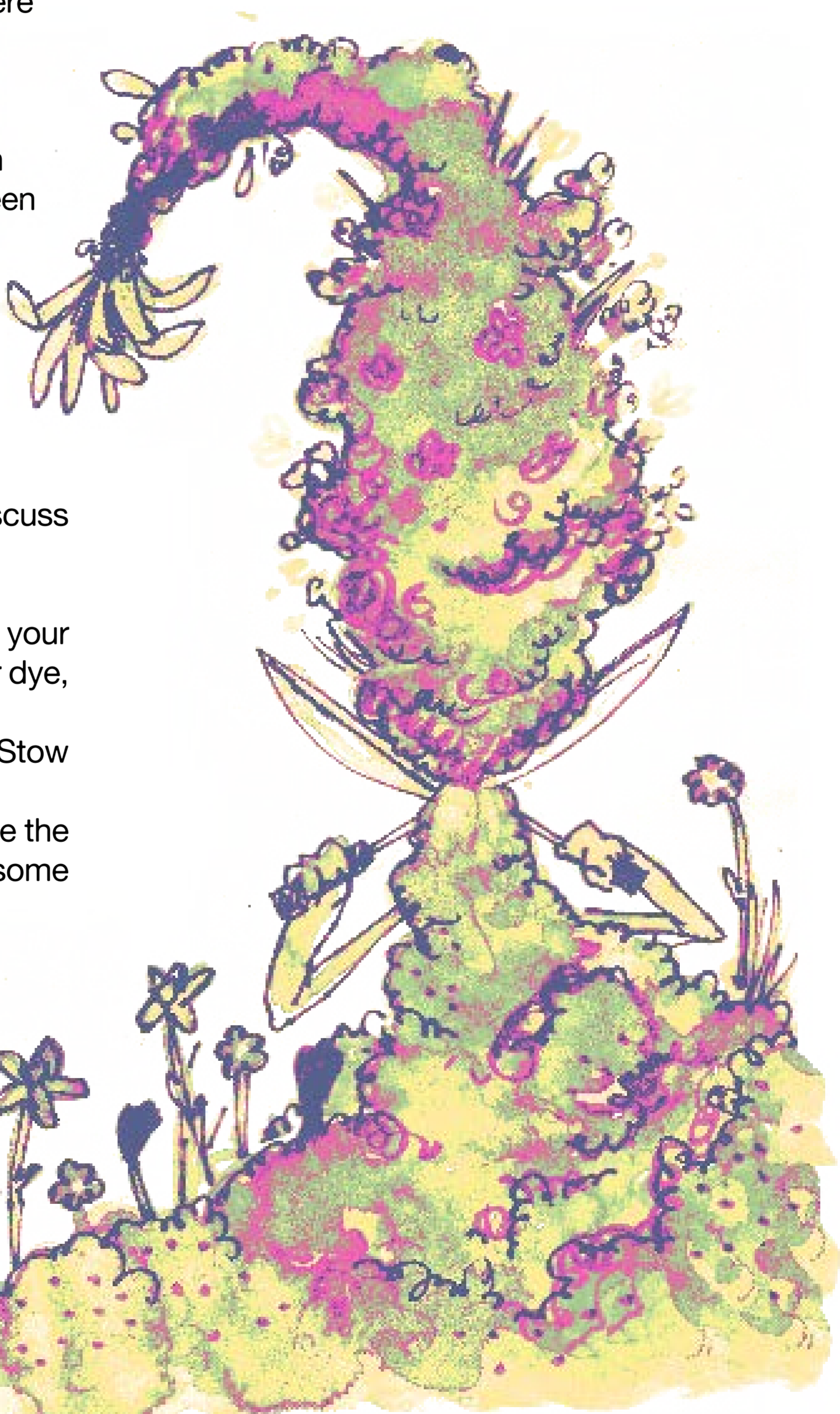
### **Yoga, 3.30pm, Assembly Hall (BOOK)**

Come join Ema, our long-standing Yoga teacher for GSASA, for an hour-long in-person Vinyasa session, to get a taste of the regular Yoga classes that run in the Assembly Hall throughout the year.

### **Knotting Workshop, 4pm, Project Space 1 (BOOK)**

An artist talk and workshop with Saoirse Amira Anis where Saoirse will discuss their practice and how its themes have evolved since leaving art school, shaped by personal experiences, socio-political climates, and the communities that have supported them. Focusing on the importance of community, care, and integrity, Saoirse will guide participants in creating a toolkit to navigate the worlds of art institutions and the broader art sector without succumbing to the pitfalls of careerism.

This event is part of the Race, Rights & Sovereignty 'What Will Be the Cure?' strand. 'What Will Be the Cure?' is a programme strand geared towards artists and practitioners who wish to collectivise, experiment, and conspire towards transformative change. Drop ins welcome after 5pm!



# tuesday

## **Smell Freshers: A Perfume Writing Workshop, 12pm, Project Space 1 (BOOK)**

Come along for a relaxed and cosy writing workshop all about perfume. In this hour-long session, you will be using different fragrances as writing inspiration. We will be writing about the importance of smell in our daily lives, and how this under-appreciated sense is connected to art writing. All materials will be provided, with no creative writing or perfume experience necessary.

## **Beaded Brooch Workshop, 2pm, Project Space 2 (BOOK)**

Join us for a workshop where you will make your own embroidered food themed brooch! In this session, you will be led through several embroidery and beadwork techniques that combine to create a little wearable art piece.

Draw your favourite food and bring it to life with threads and beads, make it into a brooch and wear it home!

Suitable for everyone, from complete beginners to textile experts.

## **Craft Pottery, 2pm, Craft Pottery Cafe (BOOK)**

If you are in need of some creative mugs, or plates to fill your new kitchen then come along to craft pottery located in the scenic Glasgow Riverside, to paint your own pot! So come along, relax and let your creative juices flow. This event is free but there are limited places so if you reserve a ticket and can't make it please let us know.

## **Queer Meet-Up and Board Games, 4pm, The Vic**

While we're still looking for students to form a queer society, we'll be having a meet-up for new and returning students, as a safe space to meet each other and hang out. We'll have refreshments and board games to break the ice! No booking required, just come on by!

## **Karaoke, 8pm, The Vic (BOOK)**

Karaoke at the Vic is back, with incomparable entertainer, host, and GSA graduate Jacob Raymond. Come down and experience one of our most requested events for yourself in the Vic, to enjoy tunes by Mr Raymond himself, your peers, and even... YOU?



# Wednesday

## **Freshers Fair, 12pm, The Vic/Assembly Hall**

For many, this is one of the main events of Freshers' Week – come down to the Students' Association to see stalls from societies, sports clubs you can join, and have an opportunity to meet local community groups, charities, arts organisations and galleries! Be sure to keep an eye out for GSASA staff and your elected President and Vice President and chat to us to find out more about your Students' Association. Drop-in event, no ticket required.

## **Open Studio, 12pm, Hill 52 production office (2nd floor of Assembly Building)**

Passion for all things music? Love to be creative? Come up to the Hill52 studio (above the Assembly Hall), hang out and see what they are all about. Try your hand at broadcasting your own show, playing some of your favourite music, or just have a nosey at the studio. If you're curious to learn more about what they've got to offer, visit their stall at the Freshers' Fair for a chat and some stickers.

Drop-in event, no ticket required.

## **Map Making, 2pm, Project Space 2 (BOOK)**

Every place in this city is a poem. Do you love poems? Have you ever used a map?! You should join in for an interactive map-making workshop where you will have the opportunity to create a scannable poetry map of your favourite places in Glasgow. Whether you're brand new to the city or a local, this workshop promises a relaxed space to chat and develop creative publication, poetry and interactive geographical skills.

## **Film Society Pub Quiz, 7pm, The Vic (BOOK)**

Join the Film Society in the Vic for a movie-themed Pub Quiz night. Whether you're a film buff or a casual movie goer, this will be a fun night for everyone to win prizes and learn more about the Society's regular screenings throughout the year.



# Thursday

## **Improv workshop, 2pm, Assembly Hall (BOOK)**

This is a taster session into the world of improvisational theatre. Improv is unscripted theatre that is made up on the spot, using prompts from an interactive audience.

This beginner's workshop will outline the key tenets of improv and will explore acceptance, collaboration and embracing "failure" through fun, interactive exercises that act as ice-breakers and teach you about thinking on your feet. You will have the opportunity to practise building characters and generate spontaneous and hilarious scenes with your fellow improvisers.

This is a two-hour session with a 10-minute break in between. No prior experience is required; just bring yourself and an open mind!

Since a lot of the exercises are movement based, wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

## **Yoga, 4pm, Assembly Hall (BOOK)**

Come join Ema, our long-standing Yoga teacher for GSASA, for an hour-long in-person Yin session, to get a taste of the regular Yoga classes that run in the Assembly Hall throughout the year.

## **Master's Student Social, 5pm, The Vic**

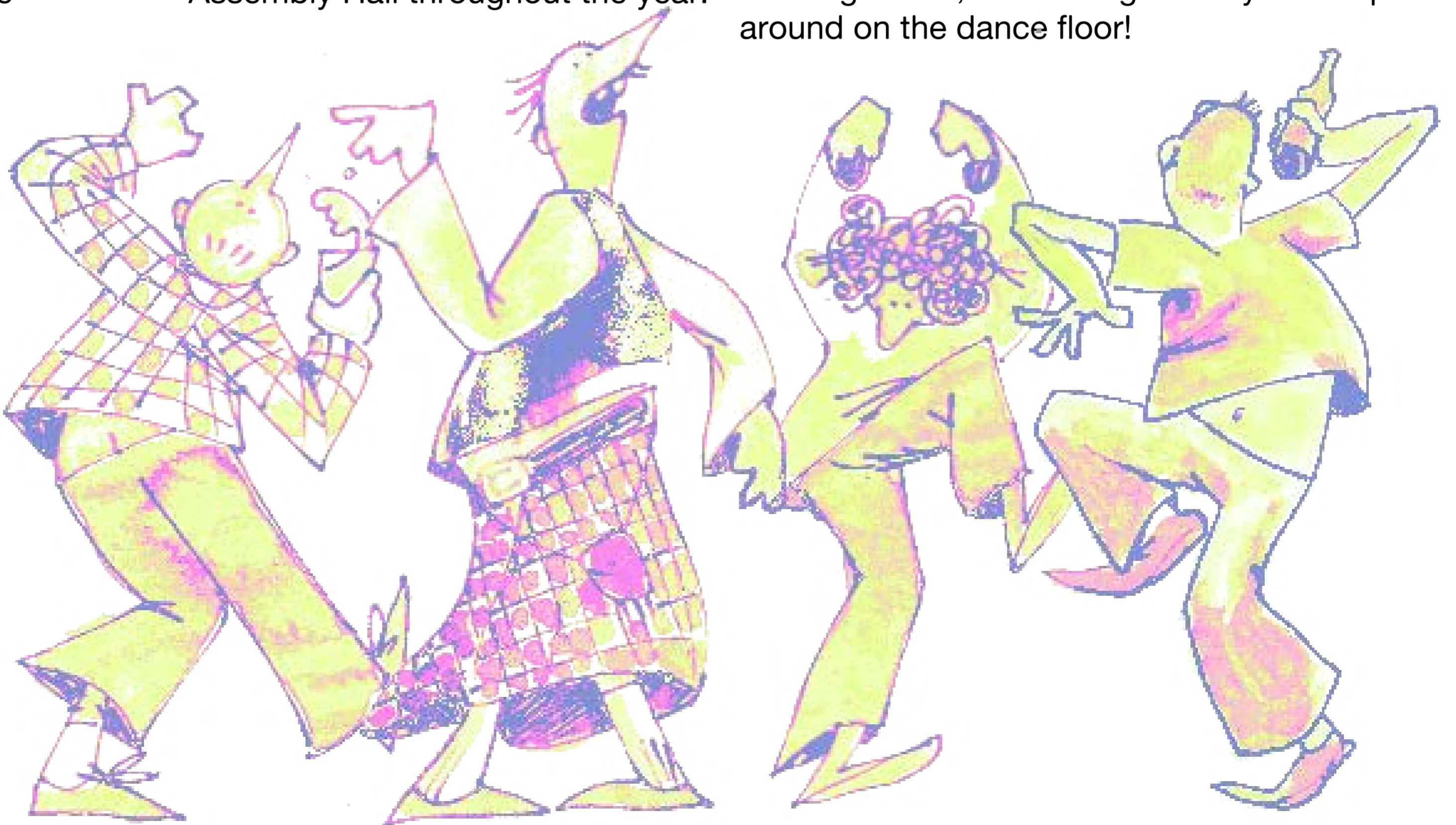
Come down to the Vic Bar for a

relaxed evening with other Master's students from across the Art School. Often as a Master's student it can be difficult to meet people outside of your program, so we've booked out some space to make connection and "intellectual" discussion.

No booking required, just come on by!

## **Ceilidh, 8pm, The Vic (BOOK)**

Come and join in for a night of traditional Scottish dancing, with The Royal Conservatoire's very own ceilidh band. The Art School ceilidh crowds have been described as 'the most energetic in town' so bring your best dancing shoes, a kilt and get ready to be spun around on the dance floor!



# FRIDAY

## **Movement workshop, 12pm , The Vic (BOOK)**

Move To Feel is a practice which connects you to intuitive movement, creativity, and wellbeing. Imaginative live guidance alongside an eclectic mix of music via silent disco headsets, will transport you into an immersive experience which helps to stimulate imagination and regulate your nervous system.

Whether this sounds right up your street, or way out of your comfort zone, it is for you! There's no choreography to follow, you do not need rhythm or lycra, just yourself and an open mind.

This session will be facilitated by Ailsa Lochhead, founder of Move To Feel, Somatic Coach, and Visual Artist.

## **Bunting Workshop, 2pm, Project Space 2 (BOOK)**

A fun way to add colour and comfort to your new accommodation. In two hours you will learn how to sew triangular bunting with seam and/or raw pinked edge. You will use bias binding and ribbons to make the bunting neat and durable. Every element will be second hand and reused, and you are encouraged to bring your own fabric/ unwanted clothing to cut up. You will pick the fabric cut and sew to create a string of colourful bunting you can drape and hang in your room. You are also welcome to sew patches or beads on the bunting to fully customise.



There will be everything needed to create something to decorate your space.

## **Roller Rink, 8pm, Assembly Hall, Book (BOOK - £10)**

Yes sir, YOU can boogie, at the GSASA Roller Disco! We'll have four hour-long slots and skates for hire, so you can roll to your heart's content to the stylings of Hill52 Student Radio, as the disco balls twirl overhead. The Vic Bar will be open all night, but no open drinks will be allowed in the Assembly Hall where the skating will take place.