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**CAMILA BATMANGHELIDJH COLLABORATES WITH NATION'S BIGGEST
ALL-FEMALE EVENT AT WESTMINSTER OVER EASTER**

Camila Batmanghelidjh, the founder and director of two charities, The Place 2 Be (now national) and Kids Company, which transforms the lives of some of the most traumatized children in London has announced that she will speak at the Women on Fire event at Westminster Central Hall on Saturday 23rd April 2011. <http://womenonfire.co.uk/>

Designed entirely around women, and open to everyone regardless of age or background, Women on Fire is a one day fully interactive community event, bringing together some of the world's most clear sighted female leaders within their own field of expertise. An all-female parliament of speakers sees Women on Fire inspire and debate issues around ecology, human rights, environment, science, business, film and art, whilst initiating confidence, and providing new resources, skills & support.

Joined by some of the world's most influential women in the world such as biologist Elisabet Sahtouris, international lawyer Polly Higgins, peace campaigner Scilla Elworthy, human rights campaigner Hafsat Abiola-Costello, social entrepreneur Azul-Valerie Thome, journalist and broadcaster Angela Saini, and founder of Women on Fire Judith Seelig to name a few, Camilla Batmanghelidjh will share her know-how around fundraising and how best to inspire generosity.

The all-female environment will encourage a mass of collaborative energy to which attendees also contribute. In addition, speakers at the event will donate their time to discuss and debate key issues with attendees in a more intimate setting in the round.

This event will take place at Westminster Central Hall, where on Easter Saturday 23rd April 2011 from 9AM - 7PM and will include many more remarkable, informative women, plus music, art, film previews, storytelling, guidance and the chance to learn a practice to resource creativity and happiness.

Women on Fire is a non-profit organisation funded to date by donations, private loans and gifted skills. It's been set up to promote and develop confidence in female intelligence, instinct and leadership, without the loss of tenderness. There will be a one minute silence at the event for all the women around the world who have no voice, no choice in how they live led by founder of Women on Fire, Judith Seelig.

Judith Seelig, comments:

"The world today can seem grim. We are drowning in stories and images which testify to the arrogance and greed of politicians and corporations, the brutality of war and destruction of communities. But there are bold, clear sighted women who offer hope for a better future. This remarkable event brings many of them together, and will give all the opportunity to ignite their own optimism and power."

Judith goes on to say:

"There is an increasing need for all women across the world to feel a sense of empowerment and to be able to draw upon quiet self-authority from a shared foundation. Women on Fire is a one day community for all, regardless of age or background, to learn new skills, gain fresh insights, share experiences, and take away more wisdom and serenity than they came with. We aim to encourage collaboration on a vast scale not just at the event on Easter Saturday, but also we hope to continue the energy of our work as it flows, across the world."

Tickets can be booked in advance by visiting the website <http://womenonfire.co.uk/pg/pages/view/20/tickets> or calling the hotline 0844 330 1236

For an audio link please visit:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xu0FH9kIcOo>

For a video link please visit:
<http://www.youtube.com/user/Womenonfireuk>

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SELECTION OF SPEAKERS:

CAMILA BATMANGHELIDJH is the remarkable founder and director of two charities, The Place 2 Be (now national) and Kids Company, which transforms the lives of some of the most traumatized children in London. Camila and her team have raised over £60 million for Kids Company. She has received numerous awards as businesswoman and social entrepreneur.

Fellow of both the World Wisdom Council and World Business Academy, **ELISABET SAHTOURIS** is an evolutionary biologist and futurist who informs governments and large organizations. She shows how we're at the adolescent stage of aggressive competition before maturing into the cooperative diversity that's found, for example, in a mature rainforest.

Environmental lawyer **POLLY HIGGINS** was voted by the Ecologist as one of the "Worlds Top 10 Visionary Thinkers" for advancing the Universal Declaration of Planetary Rights and nominated "The Planet's Lawyer" by the 2010 Performance Awards. She is currently campaigning to make ecocide a crime in international law.

SCILLA ELWORTHY founded the Oxford Research Group to develop dialogue between nuclear weapons policy-makers and their critics, and Peace Direct to work with peace-builders in conflict areas. Three times nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, she advised Peter Gabriel, Desmond Tutu and Richard Branson in setting up "The Elders".

HIGHLIGHTS

- One minute silence for all the women in the world who have no voice, no choice in how they live
- Everyone gets a free copy of the book *Be The Change* by Tenna Cormack (normally £12.99), a collection of interviews with inspirational women and men
- Event includes exhibition of contemporary women artists, all work for sale as originals, prints or postcards
- **Women on Fire** knickers hand made by couture lingerie designer Emma Kidd from up-cycled t-shirts (new life for unloved clothes) for sale, or sew your own from a hand-tailored kit (£12 per kit plus p&p)
- Influential women are invited to sponsor a seat or elect a representative. Ticket price, £55, goes to Kids Company.
- **Light the fire** Firing up creativity by "plugging in" to the fire at the earth's core (no fire at the earth's core, no life on earth, for together with the rotation of the planet it creates the atmosphere that deflects out into space most of the ferocious solar heat)

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23rd April 2011 is when Easter Saturday coincides with St George's Day, a rare event. The springtime celebration of renewed vitality in the earth (easter time) occurs on the day when England commemorates its patrons saint St George, who famously killed the dragon that in many cultures symbolizes the very same life force in the earth. **Ticket prices** max £55 (concessions £35) limited issue tickets £5 for women aged 23 and under.