Movements: Protest, Politics and Activism in the 21st Century
Nottingham Contemporary, 6th July 2018

Movements is a one-day, interdisciplinary conference, which platforms academic and non-academic work on social and political movements in the arts and humanities, social sciences, and beyond. The event is supported by the Midlands3Cities DTP (M3C) Cohort Development Fund.

Deadlines for submissions is Friday 20 April 2018

There will be no fee charged for presenting at, or attending, this conference.

All abstracts should be sent to movementsconference2018@gmail.com
Individual abstracts should be 250-300 words for a 15/20 minute long paper or creative piece Please include: Paper Title, Speaker Name, Speaker Contact Email

Protest, activism and political/social movements have been a consistent and dominant feature of the political landscape in the 21st century. On 15 February 2003, millions of people across seven continents took to the streets (and ice) to demonstrate against the impending invasion of Iraq. Ever since, political protests and movement mobilisation have become a key feature of the political topography across the world: from the Arab Spring to Occupy, from the anti-austerity demonstrations in Southern Europe and the UK to the world-wide Women’s March, protests, movements, and other forms of dissent have punctuated political developments all over the world and have become a key and identifiable marker of both progress and regression.

This interdisciplinary conference will provide a space in which to discuss the impact that protest, activism and political/social movements might have on the contemporary political landscape. We invite proposals for papers that offer both critical and creative responses to activism, movements and protests from both a theoretical and empirical point of view. Potential topics could include, but are not limited to:

Women’s movements
The Iraq war demo now
Technology, social media, and activism in the 21st century
Re-reading earlier movements
Queer activism
Protest in the globalized era
Neo-right protests and counter-demonstrations
Environmental movements
Democracy, protests, and movements
Class politics and movements
Black activism, protest, and movements
Art and activism
Anti-corruption protests
Anti-austerity activism
Activism and cultural production
This conference also invites contributors from political parties, the cultural sector, the media and activist groups. Sessions will take the form of workshops under the banner of ‘what counts as activism?’

There are a limited number of bursaries for unfunded students and early career researchers available. The bursary offers up to £50 to cover transport costs to and from the conference.

Funding for the bursary will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. Successful applicants will be sent the agreed funds upon receipt by the organising committee of: proof that the conference was attended and original receipts (these can be scanned in and emailed to us).

Please indicate in your abstract submission whether you would like to be considered for a travel bursary.