

TARANA BURKE

#MeToo activist



Tarana Burke has dedicated her life to social justice and working with survivors of sexual violence. In 2006, she founded the MeToo movement to raise awareness of the pervasiveness of sexual abuse and assault. A decade later, the phrase and hashtag picked up a global following on social media. Tarana continues her activism, and published the book *Unbound* in 2021.

ANGELA SAINI

Science journalist and author



Angela Saini is a journalist, lecturer, and broadcaster. Her work focuses on the interaction between science and society, and how it affects marginalised groups. Angela campaigns around misinformation and bias and is the author of four books. Her latest, *The Patriarchs: How Men Came to Rule*, was a finalist for the Orwell Prize for Political Writing.

MALALA YOUSAFZAI

Survivor and activist



Malala Yousafzai came to the world's attention when, as a teenager, she was shot in the head by the Taliban for her activism promoting girls' education in Pakistan. Based in Britain after the attack, she set up Malala Fund to continue the global fight 'for a world where every girl can learn and lead'. Aged 17, Malala became the world's youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner in 2014.

LOLA OLUFEMI

Feminist writer, researcher and activist



Lola Olufemi's writing has been published in magazines and newspapers. She speaks out on issues including climate justice, racism, gender inequality and sexism. Author of *Feminism, Interrupted: Disrupting Power*, Lola is undertaking a PhD project at the University of Westminster, focusing on the uses of the imagination in revolutionary cultural production.

MAXINE LOOBY

President Elect of the UCU



Maxine Looby is a lecturer, Branch Secretary at Oldham College, and will become the first Black president of the UCU. She believes in constantly challenging injustice, and holding employers to account, to improve the working lives particularly of women, Black, disabled, LGBTQ+ and migrant Union members, and those with caring responsibilities.

ELLEN CLIFFORD

Disability activist



Disability consists of the barriers that a person with impairment experiences as a result of the way in which society is organised that excludes or devalues them

Ellen Clifford has spent decades fighting for the rights of disabled people, aiming to challenge and inform government policy with her role at Disabled People Against Cuts. Ellen works with disability charities and has experienced first-hand the impact of cuts to services. Her book, *The War on Disabled People*, won the 2021 Bread and Roses award for radical publishing.

AFUA HIRSCH

Writer and broadcaster



Afua Hirsch became a journalist after a career as a barrister. She has worked for The Guardian in West Africa and for Sky News. Afua is a presenter and contributor on television shows, documentaries and podcasts, and her book *Brit(ish)* was a Sunday Times bestseller. She has been cited as one of the most influential people of African descent in Britain.

ASH SARKAR

Journalist and activist



Ash Sarkar is an editor, lecturer, and writer whose commentaries are published in The Guardian and The Independent. Her views are feminist, anti-imperialist, anti-fascist, and libertarian communist, and she has taken part in protests - including a hunger strike. In 2023, Sarkar was ranked forty-fifth on the New Statesman's Left Power List.

KUCHENGA

Journalist and writer



Kuchenga Shenjé is a journalist, writer, and speaker. She has contributed to Vogue, Stylist, and Gal-Dem amongst other publications and campaigns. Kuchenga writes about her own lived experiences and realities as a Black trans feminist, and is currently working on her first novel, *The Library Thief*.

GRETA THUNBERG

Environmental activist



Greta Thunberg inspired students across the globe when she led school strikes for climate activism in Sweden. She has become a leader within the climate activist community, having challenged world leaders and spoken at international conferences. In 2019, Greta was awarded Time Magazine's youngest ever Person of the Year.