

LIFT AND FINANCIAL TIMES PRESENT, AS PART OF LIFT THE CITY

# DEMOCRACY FROM WHERE I STAND

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**An evening of provocations,  
poetry, live music and  
performances from leading  
women from around the world.**

In 2024, half the world's population will head to the polls in national elections. In the UK, people will be asked to vote in a General Election on 4 July. Democracy is being put to the test in an unprecedented way. LIFT would like us all to have a chat about it.

*Democracy From Where I Stand* promises an evening crackling with discussion and connection. Leading women from around our city and around the world speak out on the state of government, representation, rights and freedom. In a year where 62 countries vote in national elections – 49% of the world's population – LIFT is reflecting on what democracy means. No better place to do it than in The City of London – the world's longest-running municipal democracy.

Host:

**Brenda Emmanus**

Speakers:

**Aditi Mittal**

**Fetuma Hassan**

**Lola Shoneyin**

**Dr Michelle Johansen**

**Rosie Holt**

Featuring:

Live music by:

**Baque Luar**

Visual art by:

**Osheen Siva**

Film by:

**Margaret Atwood**

Stage Manger:

**Vanshika Rajeev**

Dutch Church:

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With Thanks:

**Juliet Riddell, Financial Times**

**Tia McPhee, Financial Times**

**Sarah Sansom**



## WANT MORE?

Explore an incredible series of four films on democracy by Margaret Atwood, Aditi Mittal, Elif Shafak and Lola Shoneyin at [ft.com/democracy](https://ft.com/democracy). Directed by Juliet Riddell with creative consultancy on the film series by Kris Nelson, these films have set the stage for talks, lectures, articles and provocations on democracy here and around the world.



# LIFT (London International Festival of Theatre) has been bringing joyful, daring and unforgettable theatre from around the world to London for over 40 years, using the whole of the city as its stage.

LIFT's mission is to create powerful, invigorating experiences that challenge artistic, political and social conventions; to champion artist advancement at home and abroad; to lead sustainable internationalism; and to celebrate and connect London to the world. We engage and create communities around ideas and projects, connect leading artists to locals, connect international artists and local artists to London, and together make incredible art happen.

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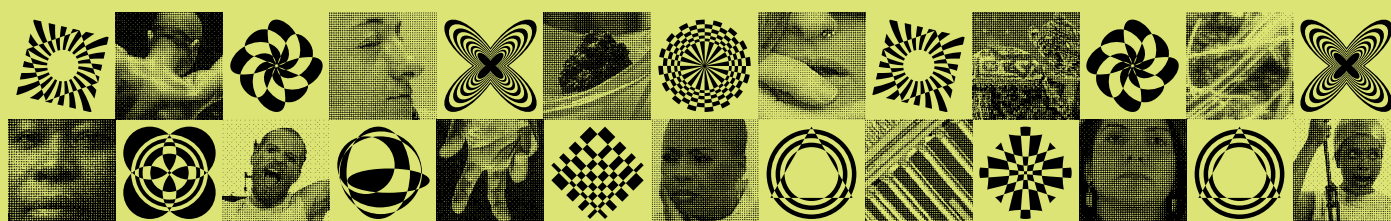
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