LOCATING WOMEN IN ‘THE FOLK’:  
Perspectives on women’s contributions to folk song, folklore, and cultural traditions.  
UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX, 9TH JUNE 2018

CALL FOR PAPERS

Women have always been central to the study and practice of folklore, arts and cultural traditions - as tradition bearers, performers, authors, collectors, storytellers and scholars. However, their contribution hasn’t always received the recognition it deserves; this symposium aims to redress the balance. We are inviting 20-minute papers/presentations and A1 poster presentations on relevant topics, which may include:

- Singers, dancers, musicians, storytellers, and other performance roles
- Performance styles, repertoire and source
- Facilitators, revivals and teaching
- Contributions to scholarship
- Legacies and archives
- Gender relations in folk cultures
- Life narratives, autoethnographies, biographies, and oral histories
- Depictions of women as subject matter in song and story
- Portrayals of women, gender roles, and identity
- Perspectives on the future for women in ‘the folk’

We welcome applications from all levels within academia, as well as from independent researchers, writers and enthusiasts.

Please send proposals of 250 words, a short biography, and the mode of presentation (paper; presentation, poster) to lizzie.bennett@sussextraditions.org by January 7th 2018.

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The fiddler is Richard Sharp of the Bognor Tipteers and the ladies are dancing ‘The Black Nag’ in the garden of Richard Sharp’s house in Chichester.