

## Women's day marked at city festival

RESEARCH ON gender equality, the portrayal of women wearing wigs through cancer treatment on film and feminist stories of religious change will be presented as part of a festival celebrating International Women's Day.

The University of Sheffield's SheFest, which got under way last night, will see the public invited to a series of talks, workshops, exhibitions, live performances, film and comedy at locations across Sheffield during this week.

Research presented for the first time includes that by Dr Seán Williams, from the University's School of Languages and Cultures, who last night revealed the results of his research entitled *Wigs and Women's Stories of Cancer On Screen*.

He examined clips from television shows such as *Sex and the City* and *Desperate Housewives*, through to independent short films such as *Cancer Hair*, to determine how critical they are as representations of mainstream 'cancer culture'.

He said that while many are stereotypical, and heavily heterosexual, they can at times be "radical" in how they portray the cancer experience.

To see a full programme of events at the festival, visit: [https://issuu.com/shefestsheff/docs/shefest\\_2018\\_brochure](https://issuu.com/shefestsheff/docs/shefest_2018_brochure).