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The Rosemary Bechler Inaugural Memorial Lecture at Marylebone Theatre on January 21st

Sunday, January 21st at 17:00

Marylebone Theatre

35 Park Rd, London NW1 6XT

[Tickets available here](#)



DiEM25 in the UK is proud to announce **The Rosemary Bechler Inaugural Memorial Lecture** that will take place at Marylebone Theatre on Sunday, January 21st at 17:00.

The event will open with **Neal Lawson, Director of Compass**, who will deliver the keynote address inspired, but not restricted, to the celebration of Rosemary's role in UK progressive politics, followed by *Activism as Art*, a new lecture presentation created by **Gus Mitchell**, that will explore what art-making and political action have in common, and how we can reimagine ourselves as actors, in a world in crisis.



Rosemary Bechler (1951-2021), was an editor for Open Democracy, specifically Can Europe Make It? and one of the founding members of DiEM25. Rosemary held a doctorate in English Literature from Cambridge University, remained passionate about literature and music in particular and was a strong advocate of creative commons. She also edited several books of essays for the British Council and coordinated the partnership network of the Convention on Modern Liberty. Deliberative democracy was her bi-word. Her considerable intellect was equalled by her activist credentials and she exploited both these qualities to influence, motivate and provide weight to the room. Peace and progress towards social justice were her twin drivers.

But more importantly, she was a beloved member of DiEM25, uncompromising in her own political values and beliefs, with a talent to lead us in the reflection, reassessment and critical examination of political processes.

Rosemary was also one of the most passionate supporters of our MERA25 'electoral wings', as the vehicles for the movement's policies to overreach physical borders. As DiEM25 is preparing to run for the 2024 European elections, although the UK is a non-participant, its transnational activism is even more important to promote and support the electoral bid.

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Note to Editors

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DiEM25 is a pan-European movement of democrats, united under the conviction that the EU will only survive if it is radically transformed. The environmental, economic and coronavirus crisis have shown that real solutions for the majority and not the minority can only come about if we join forces across borders. This is the mission of DiEM25: through a coordinated effort, across Europe, to unite citizens and create enough energy to save the EU from itself.