

Press Release



## Fashion Question Time 2021

in partnership with the V&A

*Rights, Relationships and Revolution*

On Monday, 19th April 2021 Fashion Revolution's annual *Fashion Question Time*, the third in partnership with the Victoria & Albert museum, will continue using last year's digital format. The event will be live-streamed from 1pm - 2:30 pm BST on Fashion Revolution's YouTube channel and available for later viewing. Chaired by Baroness Lola Young, co-chair and cross-bench peer for the UK's All-Party Parliamentary Group: Ethics and Sustainability in Fashion, the event will follow a BBC Question Time format, facilitating the opportunity for industry professionals and members of the public to pre-submit questions to our panellists.

This year's event follows the overall theme for Fashion Revolution Week 2021: *Rights, Relationships and Revolution* is a pressing one for all of our futures, because living on a healthy planet should be a fundamental human right, and urgent action is needed from the fashion industry. Human rights and the rights of nature are interconnected and interdependent; we need a revolution in our relationships with each other, within fashion supply chains, and with the natural world, for our own prosperity and wellbeing, and the health of our earth and our oceans. A diverse range of leading experts from across government, academia and the fashion and textile industry will take a selection of questions aligned with this topic and explore interconnected solutions at a cultural, industry and policy level.

The panel discussing this year's theme will include:

- Nicole Rycroft, founder and executive director of [Canopy](#).
- Nazma Akter, a Bangladeshi trade unionist, founder of [AWAJ Foundation](#) and Somnilito Garments Sramik Federation.
- Lara Wolters, a Dutch politician and member of the [European Parliament](#)
- Dr Vandana Shiva, an Indian author, scholar and environmental activist and founder of [Navdanya](#)
- Sunny Dolat, a stylist, production designer and creative director, co-founder of [The Nest Collective](#) and member of [Fashion Revolution Kenya](#).

We are delighted to welcome Tristram Hunt, Director of the Victoria & Albert Museum, who will open the event with a few remarks.

The first Fashion Question Time was instigated and hosted by Mary Creagh, then MP for Wakefield, at the Houses of Parliament in 2015. Over the years our guests have included a plethora of industry professionals,

from committed spokespeople such as Lily Cole and Livia Firth to industry leaders such as Claire Bergkamp, Sustainability Manager at Stella McCartney and Jenny Holdcroft, Policy Director of IndustriALL Global Union, and politicians such as Arne Lietz MEP and Anas Sarwar, the newly-elected Leader of the Scottish Labour Party.

**Fashion Revolution's co-founder and creative director, Orsola de Castro says:**

*"Fashion Question Time has grown to become our signature event during Fashion Revolution Week, bringing together a select group of experts to answer tough questions on intricate topics. Rigorous, serious and forward thinking, FQT sets the barometer for the year to come."*

**Edwina Ehrman, Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the V&A:**

*"Alongside the V&A's founding principles to be a space for debate and discussion, and to champion all forms of human ingenuity, we care for the largest and most comprehensive collection of dress in the world. To this end, we are delighted to partner with Fashion Revolution for the third year running on their landmark annual Question Time event - this year in digital form. Calling for a representative and inclusive fashion industry rooted in the principles of transparency, social equity and environmental justice, Fashion Revolution are bringing together speakers from across the world to provide a global perspective on these important issues. We are honoured to support this event and the fashion industry and encourage as many people as possible to take part."*

Fashion Revolution Week, the annual global campaign calling for a fashion industry that values people and the planet over growth and profit, will run from Monday 19th – Sunday 25th April 2021.

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**When:** Monday, 19th April 2021 1pm – 2.30pm BST

**Where:** <https://youtu.be/ADx9CNgE604>

**Event hashtag #FQT**

**Event information and tickets** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fashion-question-time-rights-relationships-and-revolution-tickets-146605716645?aff=erellivmlt>

**To submit a question to the panellists, please email [RSVP@FashionRevolution.org](mailto:RSVP@FashionRevolution.org)**

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[i] Boucher and Friot, 2017