

Supporting Act



Join Swedish author Agnes Lidbeck and translator Nichola Smalley in conversation with Helen Charman about Lidbeck's new novel *Supporting Act*, a compelling exploration of the complexities of motherhood, identity, and patriarchal expectations.

About This Event

The social contract is non-negotiable. The woman must be a mother. The woman must be desirable. The woman must be a caregiver. When Anna gives birth, she surrenders completely to motherhood, reshaping her body, identity and purpose, shielding herself from the burden of her own desires. But as her marriage crumbles and her children grow independent, she needs a new role. An affair with an ageing writer, Ivan, offers her a new narrative, a way to rewrite herself. But no role lasts forever, and sooner or later Anna must confront the woman beneath the performance. After the conversation there will be an opportunity to ask questions, buy books and have them signed. To book your place, please visit:

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Accessibility Information

Event Time

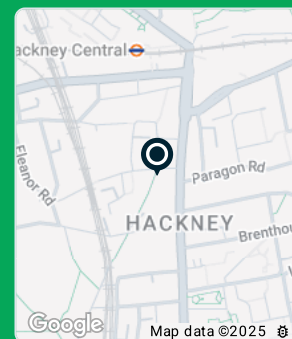
Thu,
19th Jun
2025
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Event Price

Free

Event Location

Hackney Central
Library
First Floor,
Technology and
Learning Centre, 1
Reading Lane,
London,
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