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What is a Zine ?

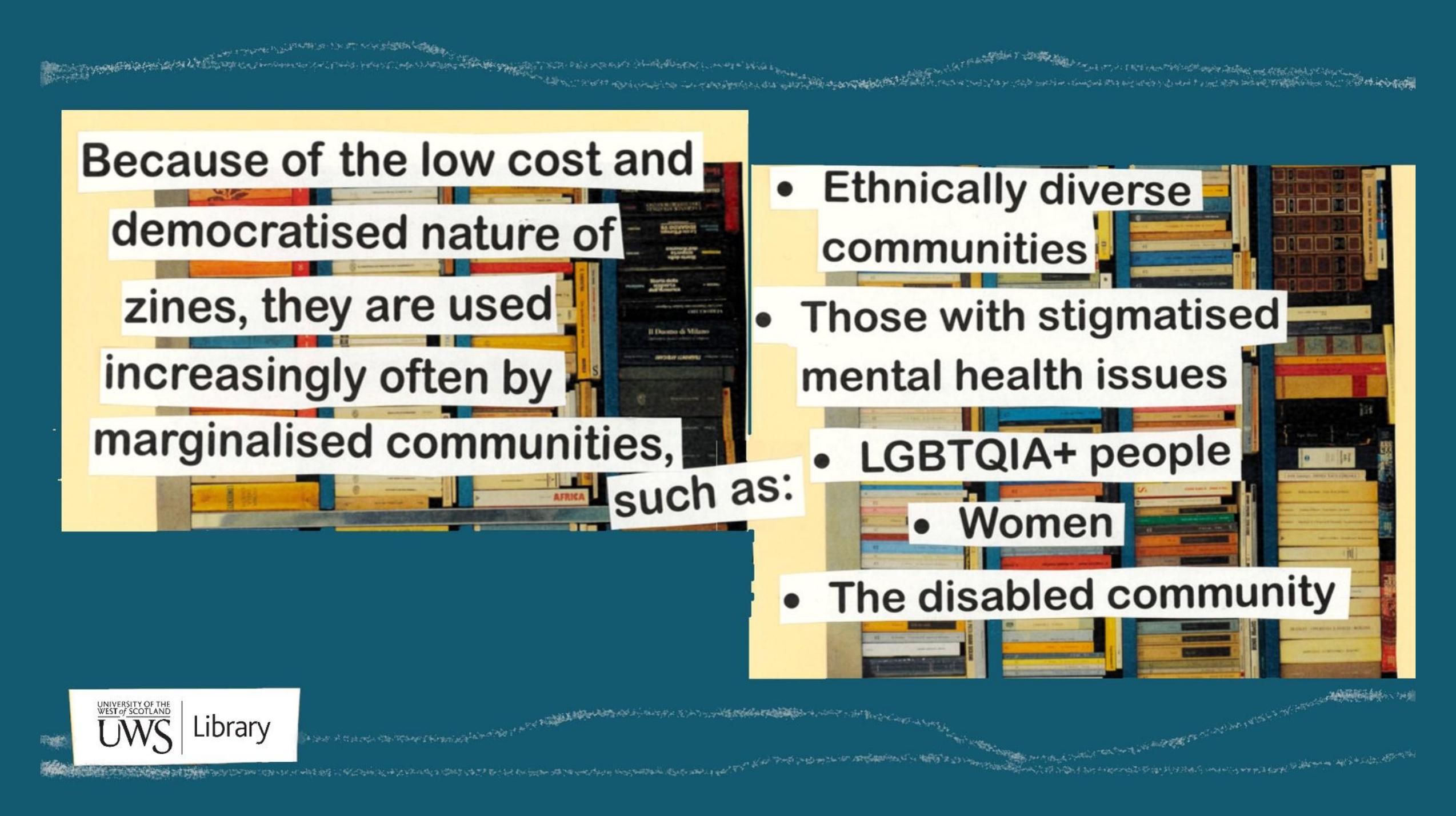
**Zines are short, self-
published and (often)
handmade booklets
which are sold or
traded in a limited
circulation.**



The name is derived from the term 'Fanzine' which is a DIY publication shared by enthusiasts of any topic you can imagine.

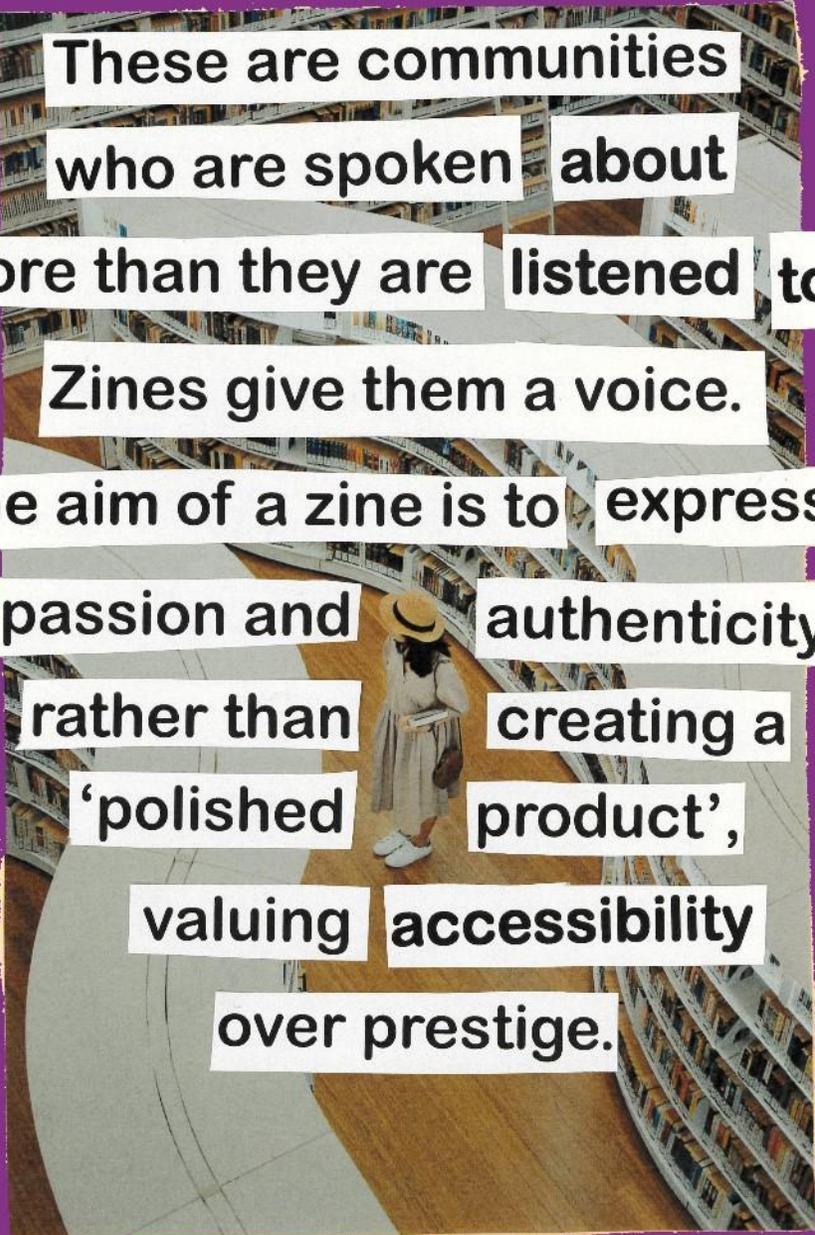


Zines rose to prominence in the politicised environments of the 70s, 80s and 90s—discussing punk music, feminism and other social issues.



Because of the low cost and democratised nature of zines, they are used increasingly often by marginalised communities, such as:

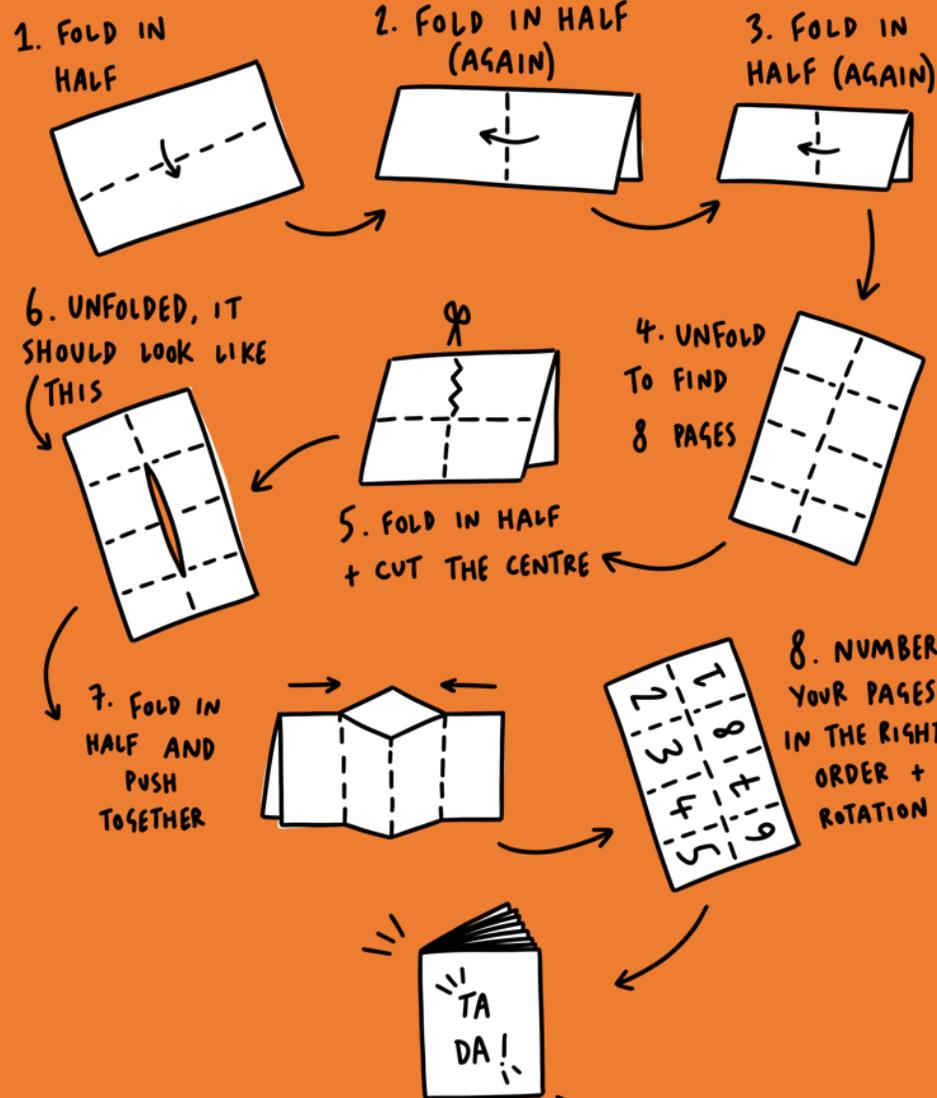
- Ethnically diverse communities
- Those with stigmatised mental health issues
- LGBTQIA+ people
 - Women
- The disabled community



These are communities
who are spoken about
more than they are listened to.
Zines give them a voice.
The aim of a zine is to express
passion and authenticity,
rather than creating a
'polished product',
valuing accessibility
over prestige.

- Say what you want to say
- Make what you want to see
- Reach out to the people you want to connect with

HOW TO MAKE A ZINE



Prompts

- **Your favourite item in the library**
- **A day in your life**
- **Your favourite book and why**
- **Describe your hobby to an alien**
- **Strangest question you've ever been asked**
- **Favourite research project**
- **Travel blog best/worst holiday ever**
- **Your dream house - no budget**
- **Everything your pet does in a day**
- **A biography of an ancestor**
- **Something you would protest about**
- **A secret thought**
- **A book/film you can't forget**
- **Someone who inspires you**