

welcome!

Refugee Week is a UK-wide programme of arts, cultural and educational events, celebrating the contribution of refugees to the UK and encouraging a better understanding between communities.

Refugee Week 2010 takes place from 14th – 20th June and everyone is welcome... you can get involved or just come along to see what's happening.

To find out more about Refugee Week, visit www.refugeeweek.org.uk



All details are correct at time of going to print. We apologise for any changes which may be necessary. For the latest updates and details of additional events, visit the HATNEWS website at www.hatnews.org, who will also be reporting on events throughout the week.

www.refugeeweek.org.uk



Refugee Week



Leicester

Celebrate our communities with a week of arts, cultural and educational events for everyone!



14th-20th June 2010

Leicester City of Sanctuary 'Simple Acts' Challenge

Throughout June 2010

Various activities including: a film night, 'my refuge' competition, 'we all smile in the same language' photographs, and 'cook and eat' sessions, to encourage participation in one or all of the 20 'Simple Acts'. More information on www.refugeeweek.org.uk/simple-acts/ and full details of all our activities are on our website:

www.refugeeweek.org.uk/simple-acts/

Venue and cost depending on activity

Further details: Gill Buttery on: 07716 073403 or Leicester@cityofsanctuary.com

International Football Tournament

Saturday 5th June 2010 - 9.00am - 5.00pm

St. Margaret's Pastures Sports Centre. Cost: Free

Come and support your team! A six-a-side tournament to be enjoyed by the whole family, so bring them along too! Fun and games for the children and access to Abbey Park playground nearby.

Further information contact Santok Odedra or Mo Odifa at Refugee Action on 0116 261 6200

www.refugee-action.org.uk

Quakers Stall

5th and 6th June

Riverside Festival, Bede Island

Look for the Quakers stall where there will be an activity around children seeking asylum.

Further information: Web:<http://supportkurds.org>,

Email: info@supportkurds.org, see also: <http://qarn.org.uk>

Poetry for Refugee Week Workshop

Wednesday 9th June - 12 -2pm

Central Lending Library, Belvoir Street, Leicester, LE1 6QL

Explore the themes of asylum and exile with Leicester Libraries' Book Doctor Alison Dunne. Come along and share a poem or a piece of writing and help create a poem for Refugee Week in Leicester.

British Red Cross – Different Pasts, Shared Future Celebration

Saturday 12th June 2010- 11.00am - 4.00pm

Town Hall Square, Leicester. Cost: Free

A fusion of talented musicians, dancers and performers, drumming up noise for Refugee week.

For further information contact Gemma/Kerri 0845 054 7171

CareFree Barnardo's and Refugee Action in Partnership with Leicester City Schools

14th-18th June 2010

A series of talks and information sessions on the lives of refugees and young carers taking place at various schools in the area.

For further information contact Josie Bevin-Nicholls at Barnardo's

CareFree on 0116 286 7182 or 07824 820741 or at

carefree@barnardos.org.uk and Santok Odedra at Refugee Action:

0116 261 6200, www.refugee-action.org.uk

Braid Women's Group

Wednesday 16th June 2010 - 11.00am - 1.00pm (Meets every Wednesday)

Sure Start St Matthews, Children's Centre, 34 Vancouver Road, St Matthews, Leicester

Braid Women's Group meets on Wednesdays at Sure Start St Matthews. It is an informal session where newly arrived women, including refugees and asylum seekers, meet to share and learn arts and crafts skills, socialise and receive health advice. Soft Touch works in partnership with Assist and Sure Start St Matthews to run the group. There is a crèche for children from 6 months to 5 years old.

Further information contact Tove at Soft Touch Arts Ltd:

tove@soft-touch.org.uk, 0116 270 2706. For venue details:

St Matthews Sure Start, Children's Centre, 0116 242 6370

Centre Project and Catch22 presents "Live Music and Art from around the World"

Thursday 17th June 2010- 2pm - 5pm

The Centre Project, 1 Alfred Place, off Granby Street, Leicester, LE1 1EB

Cost: Free

Please come along on the day.

Further enquiries: 0116 255 4013

Leicester City of Sanctuary – quiz and film night!

Thursday 17th June 2010 - 6pm - 9pm

Attenborough Film Theatre, Attenborough Building, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, LE1 7RH

(head for the tallest building on campus) Cost: free, but donation towards our 'destitution fund' very welcome

A quiz to find out what you really know about asylum seekers and refugees, and a film to broaden your understanding!

Plus displays and information about local projects, including those in need of additional volunteer involvement.

Full details on our website www.cityofsanctuary.com/leicester

Please email to reserve places

Further enquiries: Gill Buttery on: 07716 073403 or

Leicester@cityofsanctuary.com

Launch of Leicester Voluntary Sector Forum (LVSF) Destitution Report.

18th June 2010 - 10:30am - 12:00

British Red Cross, 244 London Road, Leicester, LE2 1RN

Cost: Free

Launch of the annual LVSF destitution report.

Booking information: Contact Amanda Soraghan at

Refugee Action for booking details.

Further enquiries: Amanda Soraghan – 0116 261 6209

Escape to Safety

18th-25th June 2010

Venue: Newarke Houses Museum, The Newarke, Leicester, LE2 7BY

An interactive exhibition that takes you on a simulated journey, during which you walk through 8 stations inside a 40ft trailer. You are accompanied by the voices of refugees from Rwanda, Afghanistan and Palestine, and live through their experiences as they cope with border guards and immigration officials. You witness their treatment at the hands of the media.

Further enquiries: Brian Booi: 0116 252 7367 / 07976 347 104

brian.booi@leicester.gov.uk

An Introduction to Community News

Monday 21st June - 10 am - 12pm, Phoenix Square Cafe, Midland Street, Leicester, LE1 1TG

Come along and meet John Coster, Editor of Citizens' Eye Community News Agency, and Simon Parker of Leicester Libraries. Find out more about citizen reporting and see how you can get involved in improving community news and information across Leicester.

Follow up event...

University of Leicester Clinical Psychology Conference

Tuesday 21st September, 9 am – 4.30pm.

Being Heard: human rights and asylum

How do different asylum stories support or impact on social justice and the human rights of those involved in seeking asylum?

For more details contact: 0116 223 1639

Special screenings at Phoenix Square...

Last Resort + Short (15)

15 Jun - Start time: 6.30pm - End time: 21.30pm

When a Russian woman arrives in Britain she expects to be met by her English boyfriend. But he abandons her and she applies for political asylum. She then enters the surreal hell of the UK Immigration Service. Introduction by Amanda Soraghan (Refugee Action) + panel discussion after the film.

Moving to Mars + Short (12A)

16 Jun - Start time: 6.15pm - End time: 8.15pm

This fascinating and unique insight into the effects of migration, dislocation and sheer amazement charts the epic journey of two Burmese families from a vast refugee camp on the Thai/Burma border to their new homes in the UK. Emotional but at times hilarious this is a refugee's-eye-view of our world.

Lilja 4-Ever + Short (18)

17 Jun - Start time: 6.15pm - End time: 8.30pm

A brave and still startling expose of the trade in young women from the so-called 'New Europe', 16-year old Lilja is persuaded by her pretty boyfriend to come from Estonia to Sweden where she becomes a trafficked sex slave. Introduction by Ryan Nelson (Leicester Refugee Action)

Utopia + Short (U)

19 Jun - Start time: 1pm - End time: 2.30pm

Laurel and Hardy's final film together is a strange affair. Made in France, with a physically tired Stan and Ollie caught up in a satire about an island paradise invaded by greedy governments, this is a rare, rare public screening.

Phoenix Square, Film and Digital Media 4 Midland Street, Leicester, LE1 1TG.

Cost: Adult £6, Concessions £5.10

Box Office: 0116 242 2800, Book Online: www.phoenix.org.uk

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