

16th -23rd of June 2014



Refugee Week is a UK-wide programme of events celebrating the contribution of refugees to the UK. During Refugee Week hundreds of events take place across the UK.

These range from small community and school activities to art exhibitions, political debates, film screenings, conferences and major music festivals.

Come along and see what's happening here in Norwich!

Different Pasts, Shared Futures

Photograph by Tobias Madden

Featured events

Monday 16th June

REFUGEE WEEK LAUNCH

Refugee Week is for everyone. Come along and join us for the launch event!

LOCATION: City Hall

TIME: 5-8pm

ADMISSION: Free

SUITABILITY: All

Organising Institutions:

Bridgeplus, Red Cross and Norwich City Council.

Tuesday 17th June

PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS WITH CHALK CIRCLE

Set the mind free from the everyday, look at the world and attempt to see things from different angles, invoke the imagination, play. These workshops will introduce you to Augusto Boal and the Image Theatre. Come along for some fun.

LOCATION: Wellbeing Centre, 15 Chapelfield East, NR2 1SF.

TIME: 1-3pm

ADMISSION: Free

SUITABILITY: 16+

Organising Institutions: Chalk Circle and The Wellbeing Centre

FROM REFUGEE TO SHERIFF - TALK WITH JOE STIRLING

Meet Joe, a remarkable man, who rebuilt his life in Norwich having fled Nazi persecution. An event not to be missed.

LOCATION: Norfolk and Norwich Millenium Library

TIME: 6pm

ADMISSION: Free, advance booking required, email: millennium.lib@norfolk.gov.uk, or call 01603 774774



Wednesday 18th June

FILM SCREENINGS

See documentaries and films celebrating the lives of refugees in Norwich.

LOCATION: City College

TIME: 10am

ADMISSION: Free

SUITABILITY: All

Organising Institutions: City College

CONGO -REFLECTIONS ON POLITICAL LANDSCAPE OVER TIME

Come along to this talk given by a Congolese student at City College.

LOCATION: City College

TIME: 2pm

ADMISSION: Free

SUITABILITY: All

Organising Institutions: City College

REFUGEES IN NORWICH - WHAT IS LIFE LIKE HERE?

Find out about the experiences of refugees in Norwich today: the challenges they face when moving to a new country, the welcome they have received by the people of Norfolk.

LOCATION: Norfolk and Norwich Millenium Library

TIME: 2-4pm

ADMISSION: Free

SUITABILITY: All

Organising Institutions: City Reach and Norfolk and Norwich Millenium Library



TALK WITH MILLY ITURRA ON CHILEAN REFUGEES

The Amnesty International group invites you to a talk with Milly Iturra on Chilean refugees.

LOCATION: Charing Cross Centre

TIME: 7:30pm

ADMISSION: Free

SUITABILITY: All

Organising Institutions: Amnesty International

Thursday 19th June

COMMUNITY CUISINES

Meet and share a meal with people from around the world - An opportunity to make new friends.

LOCATION: Bridgeplus, Norwich Social Centre, Catherine Wheel Opening (St Augustine's Street), Norwich, NR3 3BQ

TIME: 12pm

ADMISSION: Free. Contact office@bridgeplus.org.uk 01603 617 076

SUITABILITY: All

Organising Institutions: Bridgeplus



HORA CHILENA - FILM

Come along to this screening. The film was made to mark the fortieth anniversary of the 1973 Chilean coup that led to the death or disappearance of thousands and forced hundreds of thousands more to flee the country, Hora Chilena is the previously untold story of those who sought refuge in Cambridge.

LOCATION: New Routes, Norwich Social Centre, Catherine Wheel Opening, St Augustines St NR3 3BQ

TIME: 5pm

ADMISSION: Free

SUITABILITY: 12+

Organising Institutions: New Routes

Friday 20th June

MEET THE GROUP AT NEW ROUTES

An invitation to come and learn more about the work this organisation do by joining them for the opening of New Routes' International Social Centre.

There will be presentations of projects and lunch.

LOCATION: Norwich Social Centre, Catherine Wheel Opening, St Augustines St NR3 3BQ

TIME: 12-2pm

ADMISSION: Free

SUITABILITY: All

Organising Institutions: New Routes

WANDERING SOULS - POETRY EVENING

A night of performance poetry and music in celebration of Refugee Week by Muslim poets from across the UK.

LOCATION: The Well-Being Centre,, 15, Chapelfield East, Norwich, NR2 1SF

TIME: 6pm

ADMISSION: £4

SUITABILITY: 16+

Organising Institutions: The Wellbeing Centre, 15 Chapelfield East, NR2 1SF.

Saturday 21st June

A CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP - ART AND MUSIC SESSION

Come along to this art and music event for a postcard art workshop with artist Ian Brownlie and Kora playing from the wonderful Sefo Kanuteh.

LOCATION: Norfolk and Norwich Millenium Library

TIME: 2-4pm

ADMISSION: Free

SUITABILITY: All

Organising Institutions:

Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts in partnership with Norwich City Reach and Norfolk and Norwich Millenium Library.



Sunday 22nd June

NORWICH, CITY OF REFUGE - A WALK

Join Frank Meeres of the Norfolk Record Office, author of 'Strangers: A history of Norwich's incomers', for a walk through the centre of Norwich, looking at the lasting impact made on the city landscape and environment by refugees over hundreds of years.

Norwich has many fascinating stories to tell about refugees in its past, come along and hear about them.

The walk starts at the Forum and ends at the at Norwich (Anglican) Cathedral.

LOCATION: Norfolk and Norwich Millenium Library - The Forum

TIME: 2pm (Total duration 90 mins)

ADMISSION: Free

SUITABILITY: All

Organising Institutions: Norfolk Record Office

Monday 23rd June

LEAVE TO REMAIN - FILM SCREENING

Leave to Remain is a film based on the real stories of teenagers coming to the UK seeking asylum. A panel discussion will be held after the screening.

LOCATION: Cinema City

TIME: 6:15pm

ADMISSION: Adults £9.50, Members £7.50, Student / Retired £8.50, Student / Retired Members £6.50

SUITABILITY: 15+

Organising Institutions:

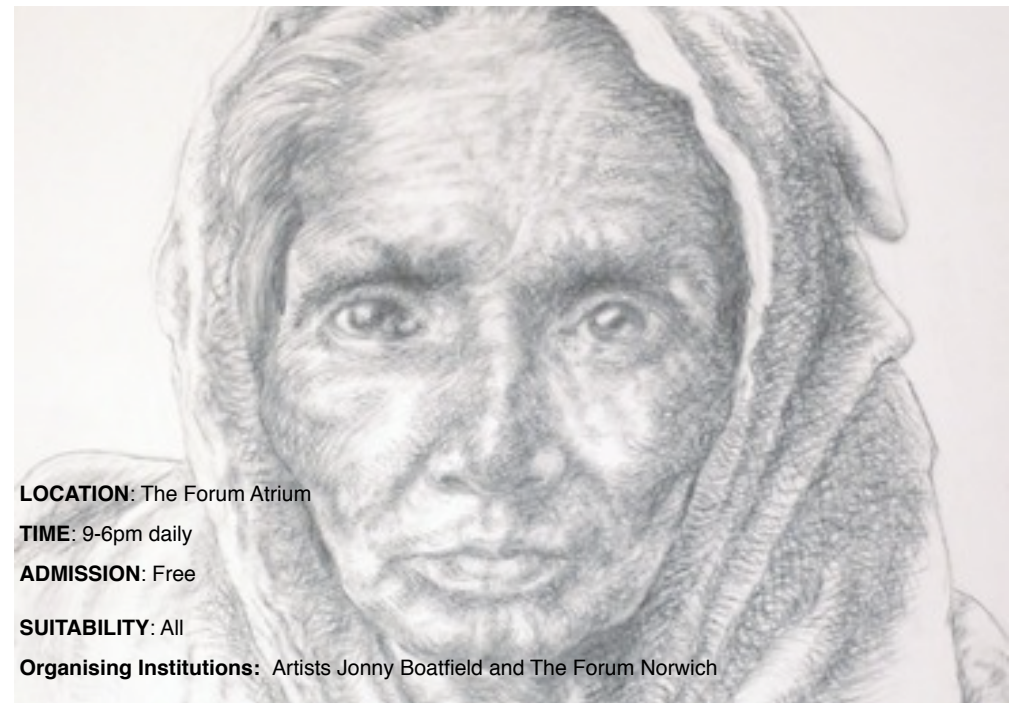
Cinema City and Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts



Mon 23 June - Sun 6 July

THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE SKY - EXHIBITION OF PORTRAITS

On display for two weeks in the Forum's atrium are 15 striking black and white portraits of older refugees who live in the East of England and the personal stories of exile as they tell them during their sittings. The portraits are the work of Norfolk artist Jonny Boatfield.



LOCATION: The Forum Atrium

TIME: 9-6pm daily

ADMISSION: Free

SUITABILITY: All

Organising Institutions: Artists Jonny Boatfield and The Forum Norwich

More events for your diary

Sunday 29th June -
Tuesday 1st of July &
Thursday 3rd, Friday
4th and Sunday 6 July



THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE SKY - FILMS

The film shown on the Fusion screen tells the personal stories of 15 older refugees who live in the East of England and is

made by local filmmaker, Hannah Boatfield.

"The aim is to use art to challenge prejudice and misconceptions surrounding older refugees and to focus on the rich diversity of their experience and their contributions to UK society. "In the film I also look at the history of refugees in East Anglia. It's a history that goes back many hundreds of years." Hannah Boatfield.

Saturday 5th July CONGOLESE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Join the Norwich Congolese Community Group to celebrate the continuation of the spirit of Refugee Week at their event on Congolese Independence day

Time: 4pm

LOCATION: Chapelfield Methodist Church, Norwich, NR2 1SD

ADMISSION COST: Free, no booking required

SUITABILITY: All

ACCESSIBILITY: Fully accessible for all users

ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS: Norwich Congolese Group

Organisations involved in Norwich Refugee Week

Bridgeplus promotes community cohesion through innovative community engagement activities and service delivery.

See: www.bridgeplus.org.uk

Platforma Arts & Refugees Network supports, develops and mainstreams refugee related arts.

It exists to encourage, recognise and sustain creative contributions made by artists and organisations working in the field of refugee related arts across the UK.

See: www.platforma.org.uk

Norwich Asylum and Refugee Forum

Norwich City Council

Amnesty Norwich Group

Norfolk Record Office

Cinema City

British Red Cross

New Routes formerly known as Interface Learning sets up projects that bring people together across differences in age, ethnicities, gender, cultural and social groups, to develop new skills and promote cross-cultural friendship and understanding.

See: www.interfacelearning.org.uk

Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts

City Reach

Norwich Wellbeing Centre

Norfolk and Norwich Millenium Library

Norwich International Youth Project

City College Norwich

Chalk Circle Theatre

Wellbeing Centre

**New Routes
The Forum Norwich**

Media Coverage

Future Radio, Norwich's community radio station, (96.9FM, www.futureradio.co.uk) will be covering Refugee Week. Tune in for interviews with event organisers, local artists, and refugees, as well as special features, arts coverage, and information on all the events taking place.

SIMPLE ACTS

Beyond the events on offer you can also engage in the Simple acts campaign. Find out more and get involved here:

www.simpleacts.org.uk



A HISTORY OF WELCOME

Norfolk has a strong tradition of welcoming refugees. In the 16th and 17th Centuries, our county was home to one of the largest concentrations of refugees in Britain.

Many of the people in Norwich today are descendants of these refugees, who were known as the Strangers.

The Strangers' legacy remains visible in city landmarks and in the dialects of Norfolk.

In 1933, Norfolk was temporarily home to the world's most famous scientist and refugee, Albert Einstein.

DID YOU KNOW?

Two thirds of the world's refugees are living in developing countries, often in camps. Africa and Asia between them host over 60% of the world's refugees.

Europe looks after just 25%. The UK is home to less than 3% of the world's refugees - around 270,000 out of nearly 10 million world-wide. The UK ranks low in the table of the world's refugee hosting countries on the basis of size, wealth and relative populations (Source: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees).

"The British tradition of welcoming genuine refugees to this country is a great one, and I hope we continue to show this generosity of spirit in the future.

Refugees who have come to this country have produced many of the things we regard as typically British, Marks and Spencer an excellent example. I hope Refugee Week is a great success."

David Cameron

ASYLUM SEEKERS ARE LOOKING FOR A PLACE OF SAFETY

Asylum seekers do not come here for economic reasons. They are fleeing countries with poor human rights records or where war or conflict is ongoing.

Under international law, anyone has the right to seek protection and for asylum in the UK and to remain here until the authorities have assessed their asylum application.

Therefore, there is no such thing as an 'illegal' or 'bogus' asylum seeker.

Many people are forced to leave every year. They are ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances.

"Refugee Week is a great way of celebrating the contribution refugees have made to arts, culture, economy and wider society.

What better way of marking our commitment to a shared future together in an enriched United Kingdom.

The positive and varied programme highlights not only the part played by refugees, but also reminds us of our proud history of welcoming them and the immense value of tolerance.

Indeed, behind all the negative headlines live real people building for themselves new lives, fulfilling their potential, and improving our society for everyone. I send you all my best wishes."

Nick Clegg

REFUGEES: CREDIT TO THE NATION

Rachel Weisz (actress); Omid Djalili (comedian and actor), Ben Elton (comedian and writer); Paul Hamlyn (publisher); Alan Yentob (BBC creative director); Alek Wek (model) - all refugees or the children of refugees.

Refugees that have been based in the UK include world famous figures: Albert Einstein (physicist) Sigmund Freud (psychoanalyst), Karl Marx (philosopher), Joseph Conrad (writer), Camille Pissarro (painter) & Mika (musician).

“That exile is changing voltages and kilohertz, life with an adapter, so we don't burn ourselves. That exile is the history of our temporary rented apartments, the first lonely mornings as we spread out the map of the town in silence, find on the map the name of our street and mark it with a cross in pencil.”

Dubravka Ugresic

I will not serve that in which I no longer believe whether it call itself my home, my fatherland or my church: and I will try to express myself in some mode of life or art as freely as I can and as wholly as I can, using for my defence the only arms I allow myself to use, silence, exile, and cunning.

James Joyce

The language I have learnt these forty years,
My native English, now I must forgo,
And now my tongue's use is to me no more
Than an unstringèd viol or a harp.

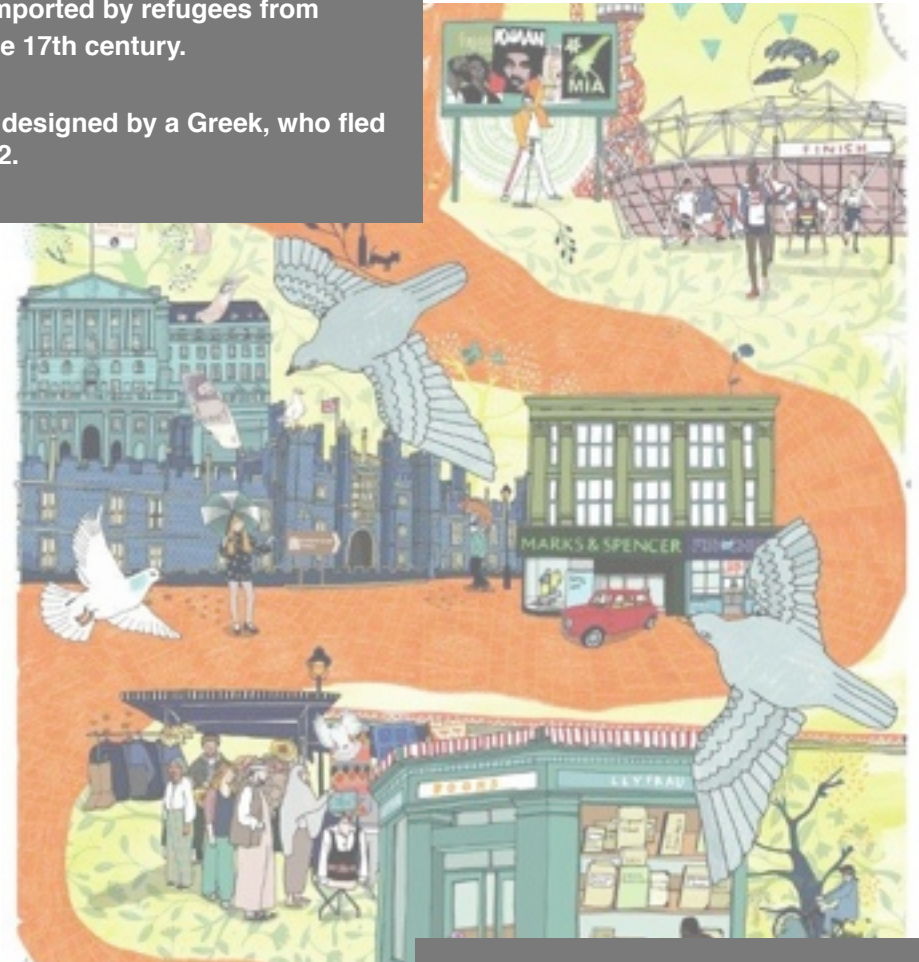
William Shakespeare

Most people are principally aware of one culture, one setting, one home; exiles are aware of at least two, and this plurality of vision gives rise to an awareness of simultaneous dimensions, an awareness that -- to borrow a phrase from music--is contrapuntal.

Edward Said

Celebrated British favourites such as fish 'n chips, were imported by refugees from Portugal in the 17th century.

The Mini was designed by a Greek, who fled Turkey in 1922.



One of the founders of Marks and Spencer, Michael Marks was a Russian refugee.