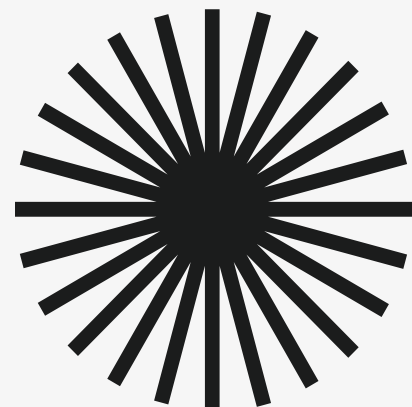




COVENTRY WELCOMES FESTIVAL

14-20 JUNE



Refugee
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INTRODUCTION

Coventry Welcomes is a fabulous festival celebrating the brilliant contribution that refugees and migrants bring to our City. While the pandemic has made us all go about things differently, we are delighted that so many partners have managed to put together such a variety of events, both live and digital, and mainly FREE!


From comedy to podcasts, from creative workshops to lively debates, live theatre to poetry by Zoom, this year we are proud to be covering such a broad range of subjects exploring identity, place, refuge, language, and sanctuary.

Please do join us for something, we'd love to see you whether in-person or digitally.

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Associate Producer (Caring Cities)
New Communities and Social Inclusion
Coventry City of Culture Trust

And the Coventry Welcomes Steering
Committee

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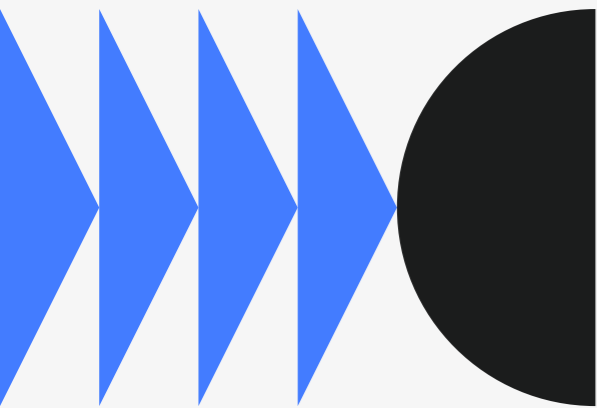
TICKETS AND ACCESSIBILITY

Booking will be available online from 01 June on the Coventry 2021 website and from the Coventry 2021 shop on Hertford Street in Coventry City Centre.

We want all our events to be as accessible as possible; please ask us if you can't find the information you need, email: access@coventry2021.co.uk

coventry2021.co.uk/what-s-on/coventry-welcomes-2021

LIVE IN-PERSON



NO DIRECTION HOME

- MON 14 JUNE
- 7-9PM
- THE BOX, FARGO VILLAGE, CV1 5ED
- PAY WHAT YOU WISH £0 - £4
- ACCESS LIVE CAPTIONED
- UNDER 16S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Come and be tickled by some new voices. Tonight's event will be hosted by Coventry-born comedian Stella Graham, supported by Yuriko Kontani, Edin Suljic, Yasmin Moradi and headlined by Shappi Korsandi - one of the country's finest comedians.

No Direction Home is a comedy project created by Camden People's Theatre, Counterpoints Arts, and award-winning comedian Tom Parry, which offers support to aspiring comics from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

MORE INFO

STILL WE RISE PODCAST LIVE EPISODES 11 & 12

- COVENTRY ASYLUM & REFUGEE ACTION GROUP (CARAG)
- EPISODE 11
- TUE 15 JUNE
- 6 - 8PM
- EPISODE 12
- THU 17 JUNE
- 7-9PM
- THE HERBERT ART GALLERY & MUSEUM CV1 5QP
- PAY WHAT YOU WISH £0 - £4
- ACCESS CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 18+

CARAG is a grassroots migrant-led community organisation working to dismantle the UK's 'hostile' immigration infrastructure, helping our communities settle in the UK, and celebrating their successes. Join us as our podcast, *Still We Rise*, is recorded in conversation with special guests in front of a small live audience as over two nights we will be in conversation with people at the front line of UK Immigration Policy.

Subscribe on Apple Podcasts and Spotify. Follow us on Twitter [@StillWeRiseP](#) and [@caragcoventry](#)

MORE INFO

NANJING – PERFORMING FORGIVENESS

- COVENTRY UNIVERSITY WITH JUDE CHRISTIAN
- WED 16 JUNE
- 12 NOON, 3PM, 7PM
- COVENTRY CATHEDRAL
- FREE
- THE FILM IS SUBTITLED AND THE 7PM POST-SHOW DISCUSSION WILL BE CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 16+

“Being any kind of foreign in any country is a complicated thing, even if you’re only part foreign.”

Coventry-born writer and director Jude Christian’s acclaimed play *Nanjing* explores themes of identity, displacement and conflict in a personal response to the 1937 Nanjing Massacre. It has been reconceived for 2021 as a piece of digital theatre with integral discussion. The performance weaves together questions such as “what does it mean to be mixed race?” and, “how can we live together peacefully?”, encouraging audiences to play their part in these discussions.

The noon and 3pm film and Q&A are entirely in-person. The 7pm film and Q&A will be in-person AND also delivered through Zoom. The in-person audience and the digital audience will merge so the entire event can be experienced live wherever you are.

Presented by the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations and Tamara Moore. Developed with support from Ovalhouse and created for NOW Festival at The Yard Theatre. Supported using public funding by Arts Council England.

MORE INFO

PUTTING THE FLAGS OUT FOR COVENTRY WELCOMES

- POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL WITH CHRYSALIS CRAFT & HILLZ FM
- WED 16 & THU 17 JUNE
- 3.30-5PM
- WATCH CENTRE CV15LZ
- FREE
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 8 -18; CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED

Come down to Hillz FM and join our fun session for children and young people making decorative flag bunting and exploring different cultures. No booking necessary, just drop in. A session aimed at adults is available by Zoom on Wed 16 June, see page 22.

MORE INFO

ININI AND CARAG ZINE LAUNCH

- ININI AND COVENTRY ASYLUM & REFUGEE ACTION GROUP
- FRI 18 JUNE
- 7-10PM
- THE HERBERT ART GALLERY & MUSEUM CV1 5QP
- FREE
- CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 16+

Inini supports people seeking sanctuary in Coventry tackle the challenges they face while trying to integrate into their communities. At this event, we proudly launch our new zine, made up of articles wholly produced by artists seeking or who have sought sanctuary in Coventry, showcasing their gifts and talents. We are delighted also to be working with super-talented illustrator Majid Adin (*Rocket Man, Hamid & Shakespeare*).

A free light supper will be included as part of this event. Come and enjoy the tasty meat and vegetarian options as we launch the zine.

As these meals are pre-prepared we will unfortunately not be able to cater for any other dietary requirements, please consider eating in advance if you are unable to sample the food on offer on this occasion as we cannot allow food to be brought into the venue for this event.

MORE INFO

THE BUNDLE

- JOURNEYMEN THEATRE WITH COVENTRY REFUGEE & MIGRANT CENTRE
- SAT 19 JUNE
- 2PM
- ST PETER'S CENTRE CV1 5NP
- FREE
- BSL INTERPRETED
- UNDER 16S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Based closely on the story of a real woman and her three young children, *The Bundle* follows Adilah's domestic persecution and denial of human rights in Chechnya. Removed from her Russian homeland by her Chechen father, abducted into a forced marriage and then subjected to a life of servitude, she takes the ultimate risk in plotting her escape to the UK. Here she finds a home but also encounters the Home Office's 'hostile environment'.

A post-show discussion will be held after the performance.

MORE INFO

REWIND

- UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK WITH EPHEMERAL ENSEMBLE AND BELGRADE THEATRE COVENTRY
- SAT 19 JUNE
- 7.30-9PM
- BELGRADE THEATRE COVENTRY, CV1 1GS
- FREE
- THE POST-SHOW DISCUSSION WILL BE CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 14+

Far below the ground, deep down under this earth we walk on, are unheard voices. Can you hear them rising to the surface? Ephemeral Ensemble invites you to the universe of Forensic Anthropology. Adapted from fact-based stories of resistance into a physical theatre performance, inspired by testimonies from refugees whose lives were affected by dictatorship in Latin America in the 1970s, we bring you REWIND. This 30-minute largely non-verbal work-in-progress will be followed by a post-show discussion. Presented as part of the University of Warwick's Resonate Festival with Belgrade Theatre Coventry, proud to be a Theatre of Sanctuary.

warwick.ac.uk/resonate

MORE INFO

CAN YOU HEAR ME, NOW?

- **STAND AND BE COUNTED, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BELGRADE THEATRE COVENTRY AND COVENTRY REFUGEE & MIGRANT CENTRE. COMMISSIONED BY COVENTRY CITY OF CULTURE TRUST**
- **SUN 20 JUNE**
- **1-2PM**
- **SWANSWELL PARK CV1 4FF**
- **FREE**
- **BSL INTERPRETED**
- **SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES**

Stand and Be Counted, the UK's first Theatre Company of Sanctuary, have been working with people seeking sanctuary in the City to create an urgent response to what it feels like to be silenced and how society can and must learn to listen. This celebratory, large-scale, outdoor performance will be immersive and joyous, made with and for the people of Coventry. Expect live music, dance, spoken word, puppetry, storytelling and spectacle. Supported by Arts Council England and Spirit 2012.

Starting times are staggered between 1-2pm, and for groups of no more than 20 people in total.

MORE INFO

I AM KALAM (PG): AN EVENING OF FILM, FOOD AND TALK

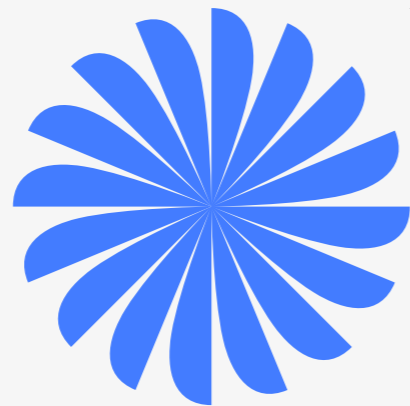
- **SAHYADRI FRIENDS & SCREENING RIGHTS**
- **SUN 20 JUNE**
- **6-9.30PM**
- **CHEYLESMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE CV3 5JX**
- **FREE**
- **SHOWN IN HINDI, WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES AND A LIVE CAPTIONED Q&A**
- **THIS FILM CARRIES A PG CERTIFICATE, MEANING IT IS CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR GENERAL VIEWING, BUT SOME SCENES MAY BE UNSUITABLE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.**

Join us to watch this acclaimed film (Nila Madhab Panda, 2011) and enjoy some deliciously authentic food. This uplifting film tells of a young boy inspired by the life of India's president at the time to beat the odds of poverty.

Enjoy some delicious vegetarian food as part of this event. As this food has been pre-prepared we will unfortunately not be able to cater for any other dietary requirements, please consider eating in advance if you are unable to sample the food on offer on this occasion as we cannot allow food to be brought into the venue for this event.

MORE INFO

LIVE FACE TO FACE EVENTS OUTSIDE OF COVENTRY WELCOMES WEEK



THIS IS AFRICA 2021-2022 LAUNCH

- WE ARE WARRIORS – AFRICAN CULTURAL NIGHT
- SAT 25 JUNE
- 6-9PM
- COVENTRY UNIVERSITY SQUARE, PRIORY STREET CV1 5FB

A programme of exciting, creative, inspirational, and show-stopping events celebrating African culture and heritage across the City throughout our year as City of Culture. Join us for our launch, an evening of African culture and heritage in spectacular performances including traditional dance, poetry, and music.

thisisafrica2021.co.uk

MORE INFO

NO DIRECTION HOME: COVENTRY SHOWCASE

- IN ASSOCIATION WITH COUNTERPOINTS ARTS, TOM PARRY & STELLA GRAHAM
- FRI 25, SAT 26 & SUN 27 JUNE
- 7PM
- THE TIN, CANAL BASIN CV1 4LY
- PAY WHAT YOU WISH £0 - £4
- BSL INTERPRETED & CAPTIONED
- UNDER 16S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Hosted by Coventry's own Stella Graham, headliners include Kai Samra (25 June), Rosie Jones (26 June) and Nish Kumar (27 June).

Since autumn 2018 award-winning comedian Tom Parry in association with Counterpoints Arts has been running the **No Direction Home** stand-up programme – a unique new course for aspiring comics from refugee and migrant backgrounds. Alongside Stella Graham and Tom Parry, acclaimed comedians Kai Samra and Fathia El-Ghorri have worked with the cohort to develop their routines as part of workshops and live shows happening in June 2021.

Co-commissioned by Coventry City of Culture Trust, Counterpoints Arts and Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre with funding from Spirit of 2012.

MORE INFO

POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL

- MULTICULTURAL CONCERT OF MUSIC AND DANCE
- SATURDAY 31 JULY
- 7-10PM
- UKRAINIAN HALL CV1 4HL
- FREE

positiveimagesfestival.co.uk

MORE INFO

IN THE CITY

- COVENTRY REFUGEE & MIGRANT CENTRE
- SAT 25 SEPTEMBER
- BROADGATE AND SHELTON SQUARE
- FREE

After the success of 2019's **Party in the City**, the festival returns rebranded with new attractions, music, and dances from around the world.

MORE INFO

LIVE DIGITAL

ALL FREE



COOKING WITH MONA

- MIFRIENDLY CITIES
- 1-1.45PM
- MON 14 JUNE
- ZOOM SESSION - TICKETED
- CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Cooking is a great way to meet people, connect, and learn a language. Join Mona online to make a delicious aubergine dip.

MORE INFO

HATE CRIME AND CONTACTING THE POLICE

- MIFRIENDLY CITIES WITH LEAP & WEST MIDLANDS POLICE
- TUE 15 JUNE
- ZOOM SESSION - TICKETED
- 10-11AM
- CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

We hope you never need to call the Police, but everyone needs to know how and when to call them. Join us online to discuss the various ways you can connect with them, and which method to choose when.

MORE INFO

SPOTTING THE SIGNS OF YOUTH EXPLOITATION

- WEST MIDLANDS POLICE WITH POSITIVE CHOICES
- WED 16 JUNE
- 11AM-12.30PM
- ZOOM SESSION - TICKETED
- LIVE CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Join us online to explore how young people can be influenced by others to become involved in criminal activity. What signs can parents and professionals look out for to help keep young people safe? If you do have concerns which agencies can you turn to for help?

MORE INFO

EVERYONE'S COVENTRY

- THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK WITH COVENTRY COLLEGE ESOL
- WED 16 JUNE
- 1PM
- TEAMS SESSION - TICKETED
- CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 16+

Join us online to launch an exhibition showcasing the skills and talents of young people aged 16-19 who are seeking sanctuary in Coventry. In conjunction with Coventry College, where many of the participants are attending ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes, these young people have produced poems, recipes, short stories and diaries that reflect their range of cultures and migration experience. We will also be joined by Umar Teerab, inspirational speaker and former ESOL student, who will share his story of seeking sanctuary in Coventry and helping young people across the city.

Part of the Resonate Festival, visit the website to see an online gallery at: warwick.ac.uk/resonate

MORE INFO

PUTTING THE FLAGS OUT FOR COVENTRY WELCOMES

- POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL WITH CHRYSALIS CRAFT & HILLZ FM
- WED 16 JUNE
- 2-3.30PM
- ZOOM SESSION - TICKETED
- CAPTIONED, EASY READ INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 18+

Although you are welcome to have children and young people with you, the interest level will be aimed at adults.

Which words are important to you? What positive words do you know from English or other languages. Join us to use your words to create your own unique piece of bunting. The completed works will then be collected, joined together to create a string, and displayed somewhere public. A number of art packs can be collected prior to the session from The WATCH Centre, Hillfields. We can also supply written instructions (with pictures) for those unable to attend the Zoom session. For more information or accessibility queries please email: positiveimagesfest@yahoo.com

In-person sessions for children and young people age 8-18 are being held at the WATCH Centre on Wed 16 and Thu 17 June, see page 8.

MORE INFO

NANJING – PERFORMING FORGIVENESS

- COVENTRY UNIVERSITY WITH JUDE CHRISTIAN
- WED 16 JUNE
- 7PM
- ZOOM SESSION - TICKETED
- FREE
- THE FILM IS SUBTITLED AND THE POST-SHOW DISCUSSION WILL BE CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 16+

See page 7 for a full description of the event. The 7pm film and Q&A will be in-person AND also delivered through Zoom. The in-person audience and the digital audience will merge so the entire event can be experienced live wherever you are.

MORE INFO

HEALTH CHAMPIONS IN CONVERSATION

- COVENTRY HEALTH CHAMPIONS
- THU 17 JUNE
- 10-11AM
- ZOOM SESSION - TICKETED
- CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Join us for an informal conversation class online where Coventry Health Champions will be chatting about health and wellbeing.

MORE INFO

BLACKOUT POETRY

- POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL WITH THEO IOANNOU & EMILIE LAUREN JONES
- THU 17 JUNE
- 11AM-12.30PM
- ZOOM SESSION - TICKETED
- CAPTIONED, EASY READ INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 14+

Although you are welcome to have children and young people with you, the interest level will be aimed at adults.

A creative activity perfect for you if you are new to, or unfamiliar with poetry, and/or looking to improve your English language. You'll need a couple of old newspaper/magazine pages in any language, that you don't mind drawing on, and a black marker pen or paint and white correction fluid or paint. Free packs containing these materials will be available to collect from The WATCH Centre, Hillfields. The finished poems will be displayed at Ziferblat in the city centre.

For more information or accessibility queries please email positiveimagesfest@yahoo.com

MORE INFO

RE/MAKING HOME

- THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK
- THU 17 JUNE
- 5PM
- ZOOM SESSION - TICKETED
- CAPTIONED DISCUSSION, AND TRANSLATION IN ARABIC
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 14+

Join us for a Zoom event to launch both a new report about the experiences of Syrian refugees resettling in the West Midlands and an online art exhibition on the theme of Home which includes visual artwork created by people from Coventry and the surrounding area who have lived experiences of sanctuary. The event will include a Q&A with the research team and guests. Part of the Resonate Festival, visit the website to see an online gallery.

warwick.ac.uk/resonate

MORE INFO

COVENTRY AS GLOBAL: RETHINKING MIGRATION, BELONGING AND SANCTUARY

- THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK & COVENTRY UNIVERSITY
- FRI 18 JUNE
- ZOOM SESSION - TICKETED
- 1-3PM
- CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 14+

Join us for a conversation between Coventry activists, academics and representatives who will come together to reflect on the complex history of migration, governance and asylum in the city, and explore what the consequences have been for its many communities. Confirmed panellists include: Cllr Kindy Sandhu (Earlsdon), Lorraine Mponela (Coventry Asylum & Refugee Action Group), Reem Doukmak (Coventry Refuge & Migrant Centre). Part of the Resonate Festival.

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MORE INFO

HOME IS OPEN MIC LIVE STREAM

- POSITIVE YOUTH FOUNDATION
- FRI 18 JUNE
- FROM 5PM
- YOUTUBE
- CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

We asked our young people, staff, and the wider community 'What is home to you?' Using their responses, we've created a video to share and our young people will perform elements of this to be live streamed for the public. Expect music, dance, spoken word, and more...

MORE INFO

SHE CANNOT WALK ALONE - LIVE STREAM

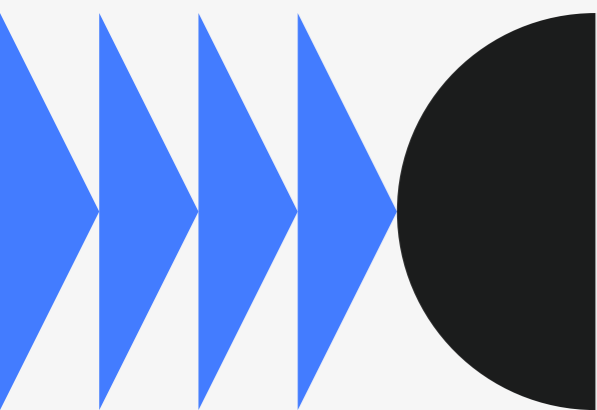
- LAURA NYEHUYE & MAOKWO
- SUN 20 JUNE
- 6.30-8.30PM
- YOUTUBE
- CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES BUT PLEASE NOTE SOME AUDIENCE MEMBERS MAY FIND THE CONVERSATIONS UPSETTING.

Coventry is reclaiming its streets. This exhibition and event turns the spotlight on the streets of Coventry and what they look like through the lenses of a woman seeking refuge /a refugee/ an asylum seeker. How do we walk with her?

[#IAmHer](#) [#SheCannotWalkAlone](#)

MORE INFO

LIVE DIGITAL EVENTS OUTSIDE OF COVENTRY WELCOMES WEEK



WE ARE SEARCHING FOR LIFE

- THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK
- MON 21 JUNE
- 2PM
- ZOOM SESSION - TICKETED
- CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 14+

Join us for an online screening of a short film of a poem created by artist Salma Zulfiqar working with refugees and inspired by the **Crossing the Mediterranean Sea by Boat** research project carried out by University of Warwick. We will also explore stories from people who moved from their home countries to seek safety in Europe, and there will be an opportunity for discussion of the issues raised in the wider context of asylum and migration. Part of the Resonate Festival.

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MORE INFO

BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AMID THE PANDEMIC: A RESEARCH-ART RESPONSE

- UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK
- TUE 22 JUNE
- 6-8PM
- ZOOM SESSION - TICKETED
- CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 14+

2020's *Re-integrate* project by the University of Warwick and Coventry University explored through drama the integration experiences of newly arrived and host communities under Covid-19. This online event will showcase the output from subsequent art workshops and explore the integration and resilience experiences of refugees and the host community as we come out of lockdown. Part of the Resonate Festival.

warwick.ac.uk/resonate

MORE INFO

CONVERSATION CAFÉ

- COVENTRY LIBRARY SERVICES
- FRI 25 JUNE
- 10.30-11.30AM
- ZOOM SESSION - TICKETED
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 16+

Join us online to practice your spoken English with friendly library staff in a session that is ideal for people taking formal ESOL classes to get some extra informal practice.

MORE INFO

EXPLORING COVENTRY'S LINGUISTIC LANDSCAPE

- THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK
- FRI 25 JUNE
- 2-3.30PM
- ZOOM SESSION - TICKETED
- CAPTIONED
- SUITABLE FOR AGES 14+

Join us online explore the linguistic diversity of Coventry. The Migration, Identity, and Translation Network (MITN) unites with Rosalind Harvey, translator and City of Culture International Changemaker, to showcase their work exploring migration, languages, and translation in the cultural life of Coventry. An interview with Rosalind discussing her short film exploring linguistic diversity in Coventry Market and the lives of its stallholders will be followed by a public Q&A. Part of the Resonate Festival, visit the website to see an online gallery.

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MORE INFO

NO DIRECTION HOME: COVENTRY SHOWCASE

- IN ASSOCIATION WITH COUNTERPOINTS ARTS, TOM PARRY & STELLA GRAHAM
- FRI 25, SAT 26 & SUN 27 JUNE
- 7PM
- ZOOM SESSION - TICKETED
- PAY WHAT YOU WANT £0 - £4
- BSL & CAPTIONED
- WE SUGGEST UNDER 16S ARE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Buy a digital ticket and watch these live events from wherever you are!

Hosted by Coventry's own Stella Graham, headliners include Kai Samra (25 June), Rosie Jones (26 June) and Nish Kumar (27 June).

See full event details on page 16.

MORE INFO

FILMS & AUDIO

MORE INFO



SANCTUARY OF OUR CITY

A film from an ensemble of refugee and asylum-seeking women living in Coventry exploring their emotions and memories through creative pursuits. Supported by Theo Ioannou, Victoria Sesi, and Amal Parr of Foleshill Women's Training; filmed by Sherrie Edgar. Funded by the Coventry City of Culture Trust and National Lottery Community Fund, and supported by 64 Million Artists. The film is Theo's project as a Community Connector on the Community Connectors Programme.

Available from 14 June
Information on how to access this will be available soon

WE CANNOT WALK ALONE

St Francis Employability

A film from staff, volunteers, and clients reflecting on things that they find difficult, want to be better, and want to change - as well as recognising those people that have helped that change to happen.

Available from 14 June

Information on how to access this will be available soon

CHANGE THE WORD: POEMS OF THE CITY

Good Chance Theatre Change the Word collective

Films from two Coventry poets, Landry Affton and Tanisha Chopra, presenting poems written in response to this year's National Refugee Week theme, **We Cannot Walk Alone**. Drawing on their heritages, from Ivory Coast and Afghanistan respectively, they explore what it means to be part of a community and what it means to find a new community - or shape your own - in these changed times. Commissioned by Coventry City of Culture Trust.

Available from 14 June

goodchance.org.uk/changetheword

SEND ME TO COVENTRY

Chief Inspector Khizra Dhindsa (nee Bano) of West Midlands Police fled an arranged marriage in Pakistan aged 18 and with only £40 in her pocket. Watch her film and hear her reflections, in poetry, on life in Coventry.

Available from 14 June

Information on how to access this will be available soon

WE WALK TOGETHER

Belgrade Theatre Coventry and Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre's Sharing Cultures group

A film reflecting on the group's regular Tuesday 'walk' together when they gather communally to share their thoughts, their creativity, their cultures and walks with others as they explore their city. Watch their film. Funded by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF).

Available 15 June 2021, released 11am

belgrade.co.uk/projects/theatre-of-sanctuary

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR (WE CANNOT WALK ALONE)

Produced by and featuring members of Coventry Asylum & Refugee Action Group

Available from 16 June

Information on how to access this will be available soon

LULLABIES FROM COVENTRY TO BEIRUT

Chrysalis Craft and Carriers of Hope

An audio piece with sanctuary seekers in Coventry and Beirut recording lullabies together to showcase the connection we have with our children and the right to a cherished childhood.

Available from 14 June

Information on how to access this will be available soon

IN CONVERSATION WITH SARA SHAMMA

Now collected the world over, painter Sara Shamma's first UK exhibition was held in Coventry at the Hebert Art Gallery & Museum in 2001 - 20 years ago to the year. She was born in Damascus to a Syrian father and Lebanese mother and graduated from the Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Damascus. In 2016 she moved to London under the auspices of an Exceptional Talent Visa. Watch a film with her discussing her work and her relationship with and connection to the UK's only City of Peace and Reconciliation.

Available from 14 June

Information on how to access this will be available soon

IN SOLIDARITY - THE MIGRATION BLANKET

ARTconnects and Salma Zulfiqar

A ten-minute film featuring 100+ artworks from refugee and migrant girls and women from more than 25 nations, and international award-winning artist and human rights activist Salma Zulfiqar. Building on the original Migration Blanket artwork, created with women in Birmingham and recognising the West Midlands as the heart of sanctuary in the UK for women and girls fleeing violence in search of safety, the film is a call for solidarity, compassion, tolerance, peace and protection of women and girls on the move - particularly those making dangerous journeys to Europe.

Supported by the Arts Council UK, The United Nations, and the Midlands Arts Centre.

Available from 14 June

Information on how to access this will be available soon

POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL POETRY WORKSHOP

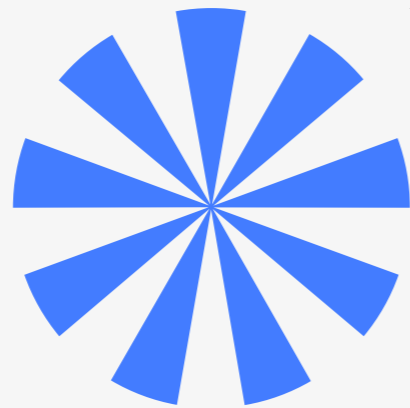
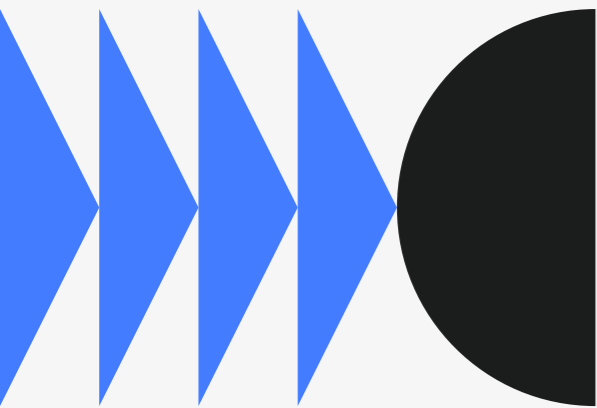
Just as people travel, stories travel too... This YouTube tutorial with Emilie Lauren Jones will introduce you to poets and poems from across the globe, encouraging you to explore new voices and stories, and give you the opportunity to have a go at some fun writing challenges. For more information or accessibility queries please email positiveimagesfest@yahoo.com

Available from 20 June 2021, released 1pm

Information on how to access this will be available soon

VISUAL DISPLAY LOCATIONS

MORE INFO



LONGFORD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL CV6 7AT

What does it mean to be a Refugee?

Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre have been working with Longford Park Primary School to explore this provocation. Pupils' responses will be displayed in a live gallery on their school fence and on social media.

From 14 June

WEST MIDLANDS POLICE POP-UP MUSEUM, 26 HERTFORD STREET

Zatoboua and ***I Never Walk Alone***

Two poems from Good Chance Change the Word collective (see page 36).

From 14 June

CARRIERS OF HOPE, CITY ARCADE

Putting the Flags Out for Coventry Welcomes and ***She Cannot Walk Alone***

A display of flags made by refugee and migrant women in Coventry working with Positive Images Festival, Chrysalis Craft CIC, Hillz FM, and Foleshill Women's Training, alongside a piece by artist Laura Nyahuye.

From 14 June

45/46 HERTFORD STREET

A display from Out in the UK

A display from Grain Photography working with young people from Coventry Refugee & Migrant Centre and Grapevine

VARIOUS WORK FROM POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL ZIFERBLAT CV1 3BB

A display of work created through activities as part of Coventry Welcomes.

From 24 June

ONLINE GALLERIES

The University of Warwick will be hosting three online galleries as part of the Resonate Festival, visit them online at warwick.ac.uk/resonate

- Re/Making Home (see page 26)
- Everyone's Coventry (see page 21)
- Exploring Coventry's Linguistic Landscape (see page 33)

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

Join the conversations

- Facebook [@CoventryWelcomes2021](https://www.facebook.com/CoventryWelcomes2021)
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- [#RefugeeWeek2021](https://www.instagram.com/RefugeeWeek2021)
- [#WeCannotWalkAlone](https://www.instagram.com/WeCannotWalkAlone)
- [#CoventryMoves](https://www.instagram.com/CoventryMoves)

■ 15 June [#WeCannotWalkAlone](https://www.instagram.com/WeCannotWalkAlone)

Follow members of Coventry City Council's Migration team on a reflective walk and join in by posting pictures of your walk and reflections on what it means to help someone in their journey of life. Facebook & Twitter

■ 18 June [#SportUnited](https://www.instagram.com/SportUnited)

Sport can bring together communities. Join Coventry City Council's Migration team as they explore how this happens by hearing stories refugees, migrants and asylum seekers. Facebook & Twitter

■ [#ResonateFestival](https://www.instagram.com/ResonateFestival)

A 12-month programme of inspiring and interactive events from the University of Warwick to spark ideas, curiosity and creativity in all ages. Events in June are specially for Coventry Welcomes.

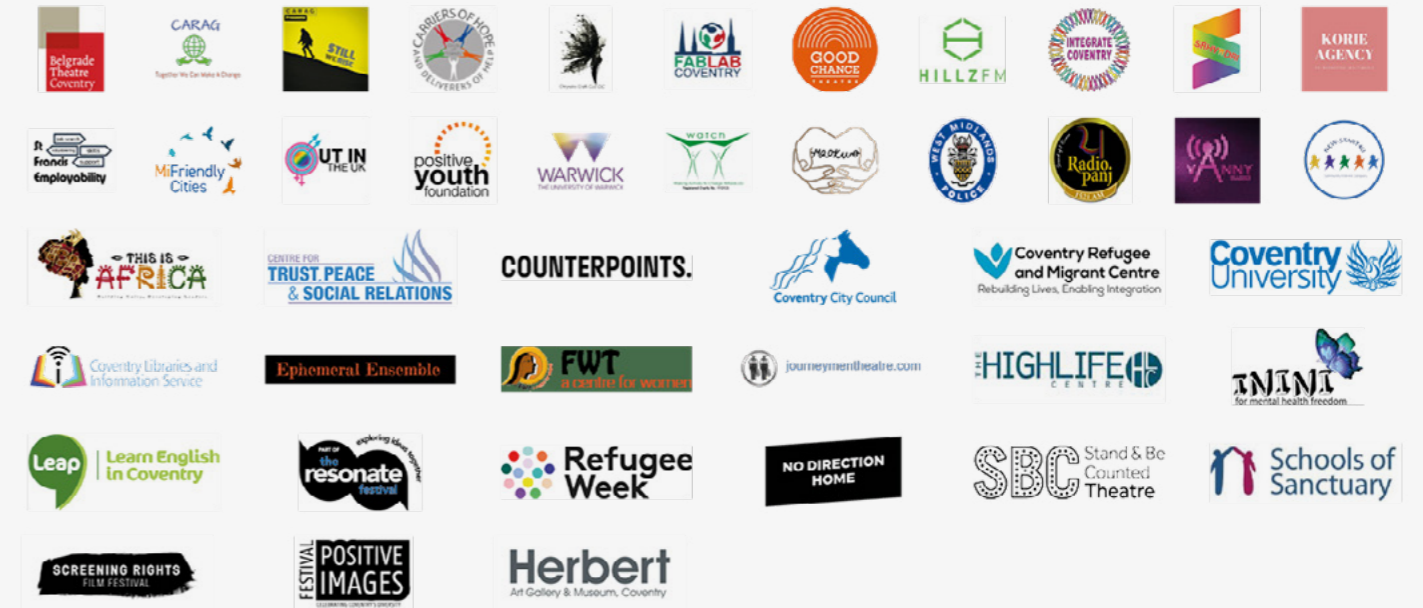
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THE NETWORK OF MIGRANT INNOVATORS

The Network of Migrant Innovators is a partnership of user-led community projects and organisations in Coventry, Birmingham, and Wolverhampton delivering innovative solutions to meet the needs of local people including refugees, asylum seekers and migrant communities through equality, inclusion and social justice issues. Through the Network, its members are pooling their lived experience and lived expertise to support diverse communities.

For details contact the Chair, Aké Achi ake@migrantsatwork.org

nomi-network.co.uk



ARABIAN BITES

Arabian Bites IS BACK!!! Everyone's favourite Arabic vegan restaurant reopens on 16 June 2021. Support our relaunch with a delicious takeaway cooked fresh by Syrian and Iraqi chefs! We will be open for just a couple of days a week for takeaways available for collection in the city centre, details tbc. We are also available for external catering events.

Contact [07555 607575](tel:07555607575)
or visit [Facebook/Arabic-Bites-Coventry](https://www.facebook.com/Arabic-Bites-Coventry)

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