

Refugee
Week



**What's
On Guide**

Refugee Week
Scotland
2010

June
14-20

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Different Pasts, Shared Future.

Journey

This year's programme is inspired by the idea of journeys, the different paths we have travelled in our lives. Journeys we have taken as individuals that have shaped us and journeys that we have shared that bind us to each other.

For most people a journey is a question of choice but we're asking you not to forget those that are forced to travel, as they flee their country of origin to seek refuge and a new home, in Scotland. Scotland is on its own journey too; growing in cultural richness and diversity. This year's programme celebrates the vibrancy Scotland has to offer.

Many of this year's events have used journeys as their inspiration, a starting point to explore ideas through poetry, plays, exhibitions, dance pieces and workshops. But no matter where our starting point, no matter what the event, from football tournaments to film screenings, from comedy nights to street carnivals and cabaret to community events, Refugee Week Scotland is a chance to join us on our journey and celebrate.

Join us online for updates & prizes at:

 www.twitter.com/scotrefcouncil | www.facebook.com/ScottishRefugeeCouncil

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Monday 14 June

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Thursday 17 June

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» Talking About Jane Austen in Baghdad	Mitchell Library	6pm	25
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Saturday 19 June

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» Leaps and Bounds (Hoppet) (N/C 11+)	DCA	1pm	24
» Seeds of Thoughts Moving Messages	CCA	1pm	34
» Visible Human Beings and Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars	CCA Cinema	1.30pm	24
» Trouble Sleeping (12A)	DCA	3pm	23
» One Scotland Many Voices Film Festival	GMAC, Trongate 103	4pm	24
» The Notion of Citizenship and Britishness and Refugee Voices	CAMFLAVA Conference room	4pm	29
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Sunday 20 June

UN World Refugee Day

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» La Maison du Congo	CAMFLAVA Restaurant	11am	17
» Travelling Tales	National Museum of Scotland	11am/2pm	26
» Once Upon a Trail	Crookston Woods	2pm	26
» SABA Celebration Day	SABA Centre	2pm	17
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» Family Storytelling	One Place	3pm	26
» The Sea Wall (12A)	DCA	6pm	22
» Unity Centre Concert	Stereo	7.30pm	28

Tuesday 22 June

» Refugee Week Cultural Exchange Day	North Edinburgh Arts Centre	11.30am	17
» Tech Tuesday	City Halls	6pm	34

Monday 28 June

» Gran Torino (15)	Brunton Theatre	10am/7.30pm	25
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Mythreyee & Dee

Mythreyee, 21 and Dee, 19 are sisters, and left Sri Lanka with their parents eight years ago. They claimed asylum, settled in Scotland and are now at university. They will perform in a dance piece for Refugee Week this year.

Dee:

'Most of our memories of Sri Lanka are happy ones. But our family was Tamil and involved in politics. My mum's brother was murdered and other people in our family were under threat. They started to try to get out - to Germany, Switzerland or Canada - and we had to leave too. My parents had always known they might have to flee - they had an escape plan - but for us it was difficult to understand why we had to make this long journey to mainland Europe and then the UK.'

Mythreyee:

'We didn't know until the night before that we were going. We just had to pack what we could, so basically we had to leave everything behind. We didn't have time to process it - we thought of it like a holiday. The hardest thing was that I didn't get to say goodbye to my friends.'

Dee:

'In our culture we spent most of our time with our extended family so when we first came to Scotland it seemed quite lonely for a while. But we had all these choices in terms of education. It was incredible. Here we have so many opportunities.'

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At the Tron

63 Trongate, Glasgow
G1 5HB
Box Office:
0141 552 4267
www.tron.co.uk

Launch of Refugee Week Scotland

Monday 14 June
6pm - Invitation Only
Main Auditorium

The launch of Refugee Week Scotland kicks off with highlights of the week ahead.

Info: Belinda McElhinney
0141 243 2499

Roadkill

presented by Ankur and Pachamama Productions
Tues 15 - Sat 19 June
7pm - £8(£6)

Meet at the Tron Box Office to be transported to the production's off-site location

'It is very hard to prove my name, it is very hard to prove my age, it is very hard to prove my story in a court of law, it is very hard to prove anything.'

In Benin City, a young girl struggles to support her family. A world away, in a Glasgow tenement, 'aunty' Martha arranges a job and flight for her.

Journey with her on the bus that leads to a new life and discover the nightmare reality behind Martha's promises.

Based on the experiences of young women trafficked to Scotland, award-winning Cora Bissett's explosive production, combines direct, chilling

performances with video, animation and music, thrusting you into the brutal, complex and hidden world behind the newspaper headlines on sex-trafficking.

Not a world away from you, but a world on your doorstep.

In association with the Tron and supported by the Scottish Refugee Council, this production contains strong language and sexual imagery, 14+.

YDance presents Under The Same Sky

Wednesday 16 June
7.30pm - £5(£3)
Main Auditorium

No matter where we come from; we all live Under the Same Sky. This vibrant dance performance is an expression of the experiences, hopes and dreams of young refugees and asylum seekers living in Glasgow. It's part of a three year project supported by the Lankelly Chase Foundation.



My Bit

Ankur Productions' PANGAA Project and IGNITE Theatre Company Thursday 17 June 2pm & 7.30pm - £5(£3) Main Auditorium

Who are you as you move about your city? How do you follow the rules and boundaries when you're not even sure what and where they are? This new piece of theatre by Ignite (formerly Knightswood Youth Theatre) uses music and movement to explore the joys and fears of living in Glasgow.

This collaboration is supported by the Scottish Arts Council Lottery Inspire Fund, Culture and Sport Glasgow and the North West Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Weaving Across the World & Journeys from the Sea

Thursday 17 June 8pm Free but ticketed Changing House

A showcase of contemporary costumes made by Mother Theresa Women's Group, combining various styles and fabrics representing the fusion of cultures found within Glasgow. Following this ClanMacondo will perform a dance exploring the love and longing of relationships forced into separation by reasons beyond our control.

Red Cross Refugee Week Comedy Night

Friday 18 June 8pm - £10(£8) Main Stage

Susan Calman returns to host the fourth Red Cross Refugee Week Comedy Night.

An evening of first-class stand-up comedy brought to you by the world's largest humanitarian organisation. Past highlights have included Kevin Bridges, Frankie Boyle and Reginald D Hunter. Full line up to be confirmed but expect big names and even bigger laughs. Check the Tron website for details.

Journeys Home

presented by conFAB & Chromatic Voices Friday 18 June 8pm Free but ticketed Changing House

Journeys Home is an evening of wit, wisdom, verse and music exploring the many and varied journeys that people take in search of a safe place to call home. The work will follow personal and global journeys of those fleeing danger and persecution in search of safety and human rights.



Refugee Week Scotland Media Awards

Friday 18 June, 6pm, Invitation Only Victoria Bar

The 2010 Refugee Week Scotland Media Awards highlight exceptional journalism and fair reporting of asylum in the Scottish press. Co-ordinated by Oxfam Scotland.

Info: Aideen McLaughlin 0141 285 8861

Back and Forth and Hope (is a thing with feathers)

Saturday 19 June 8pm - £9(£5) Main Stage

Professional musicians and dancers come together with a cast of people seeking asylum, refugees, migrants and indigenous communities in the vibrant production Back & Forth, produced by Maryhill Integration Network & Gilmore Productions.

Sri Lankan Community Dancers with Kate E. Deeming perform Hope, a dance theatre piece devised by young people from the northeast of Sri Lanka.

The Umbilical Cord

presented by Theatre Found Saturday 19 June 7.30pm - £6(£4) Changing House

"A journey and an important meeting!"

Kofta's play tells a Mother's journey into the arms of her long lost husband. But does he match the memory of the love she held onto through the misery of war and destitution? What part does her love and memory play in her relationship with her adult son, who she sees forever as a child?

Artists in Exile Cabaret

Saturday 19 June 9pm Free but ticketed Victoria Bar

Artists in Exile will be showcasing an eclectic mix of poets, musicians, actors and writers from many countries, including Afghanistan, Iran, Congo, Italy, Angola, Palestine and Scotland. Come along, relax in the Tron bar and enjoy global sounds.

Open Space

presented by Artists in Exile Glasgow Mon 14 - Sun 20 June Free event Long Gallery

This exhibition showcases the work of visual artists belonging to the Artists in Exile Glasgow network. Members include refugees, asylum-seeking and indigenous artists from Iran, Kosovo, Palestine, Bulgaria and Glasgow. Photo credit: Valentin Petrov.

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Sri Mangala Vinayahar Community Family Fun Sports Day

Saturday 12 June
10am - 5pm Free event
Petershill Park Sports Centre, Glasgow
G21 4DD

A family fun sports day with a range of games and sports accompanied by delicious Sri Lankan traditional food. Coaches will be on hand to help with the games which will include football, cricket, basketball, traditional family games and athletics. There will be something for everyone so come along and take part.

Info: mangalavinayahar@hotmail.co.uk

The Adult Learning Project Welcoming Refugee Week 2010 Celebration

Edinburgh Filmhouse, Lothian Rd or Tollcross Centre, Fountainbridge, Edinburgh

Something for everyone events all week at the Welcoming Project:

Sunday 13 June at 1pm is a screening of A Long Way From Home at Filmhouse followed by a discussion with the film's participants.

Monday 14 June launches Refugees in Edinburgh, an outdoor art exhibition, and Possessions, People and their Roots an indoor photographic exhibition. There is also a Small World Group at 5.15pm, The Refugee Experience.

Join Scotland for Newcomers on Wednesday 16 June, for The History of Refugees in Scotland.

On Thursday 17 June at 6.30pm there will be a film screening. Don't miss the Big Refugee Week Party on Saturday 19 June at 8pm, with local black, mixed ethnicity and refugee community musicians, refugee speakers, a bar and food.

Info: The Welcoming 0131 221 9756

Govanhill & Pollokshields Integration Network Refugee Week Celebration

Sunday 13 June
1pm - 4pm Free event
The Hidden Gardens via Tramway (level access)
25 Albert Drive, Glasgow
G41 2PE

Start the afternoon by sampling foods from a variety of countries. Then relax and enjoy international performances including; a fashion show, storytelling music and a drama performance by English as a second language students.

Info: annag@cyca.org.uk

Cranhill Community Project Mobile Blog Team Across Refugee Week

Are you an asylum seeker or refugee interested in learning new skills in photography, new media and digital recording.

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Join the Cranhill Community Project Mobile Blog Team, working with Cranhill Arts. Visit a variety of events through Refugee Week and record them through photographs and interviews with participants before submitting your contribution to the Refugee Week Blog.

Info: sam@cranhillcp.co.uk
0141 774 3344

Mask Making Workshop

Tuesday 15 June
10am - 12pm Free event
Red Road Family Centre,
94 Red Road, Glasgow
G21 4PH

Free your creative spirit in this mask making workshop as you learn a new skill. You will leave the workshop with your own handmade mask inspired by your life's journey. The completed masks will be displayed at Sighthill Community One Stop Shop. Childcare will be provided.

Info: rrfamilycentre@hotmail.com

Community Skills Sharing Workshop

Tuesday 15 June
4pm - 8pm Free event
Community Rooms,
200 Lincoln Avenue,
Knightswood, Glasgow
G13 3PR

Residents of the Lincoln Avenue flats and surrounding area, are invited to learn something new at the Linkes Women's Group evening of skills sharing. Members have a wide range of skills including health and beauty, arts and crafts and cookery originating from their home countries. The event will provide the women with a chance to share their skills including henna painting, Indian Head Massage, clothes making and cookery.

Info: Kirsty Scullin
info@linkes@yahoo.co.uk

Family Open Day

Wednesday 16 June
11am - 4pm Free event
Garnethill Multicultural Centre, 21 Rose St,
G3 6RE

This event will mark the official launch of the Central and West Integration Network as a formal group and showcases the journey of the network throughout the past year including: a fashion show, music and dance performance, a selection of creative writing, a display of arts and crafts, workshop activities and to top it off, a multicultural lunch.

Info: florence@centralandwestintegration.org.uk



Phendilizwe

Phendilizwe is 44, and fled political persecution in Zimbabwe in 2005.

He was taken to the UK by agents where he was able to apply for asylum.

'It took me about two weeks to get out of Zimbabwe to South Africa. Most of the time I walked to avoid roadblocks. Then I had to cross the border – that's one of the hardest parts, it's very risky. I moved from the border village to the city, from where I knew I'd be able to leave Africa altogether.

The journey to Europe was the most important one for me – that's when I escaped death. But the journey itself is hard. You become a victim again, because you must rely on agents to get you out. They tell you lies about Europe, which is like a second abuse. You're thinking these are the people who can help me but you can't trust them.

The agents dropped me at a bus station somewhere in England. When I got refugee status I knew I was given my life back. Now I'm free. I've lost a lot of time, but this is a starting point. My journey is still going on.'

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Flight of Imagination

Wednesday 16 June
11am – 2pm Free event
Sighthill Community One
Stop Shop (SCOSS),
40 Huntingdon Square,
Sighthill, Glasgow

Let your imagination soar, take part in a range of fun, engaging activities, including writing and crafts. Exhibitions of hand crafted postcards, performances and recitals, all created and supported by local people are also on hand. The celebration's theme of journey reflects both the journey of people seeking sanctuary and their journey through life that we all share.

Info: Donald Lawrie
d.lawrie@ymcaglasgow.org
0141 557 6117

Scottish Refugee Council's Women's Morning

Thursday 17 June
10am – 12:30pm
Free event

Scottish Refugee Council,
5 Cadogan Square,
170 Blythswood Court,
Glasgow G2 7PH

Are you seeking asylum or a refugee? Join us for a special morning and learn about asylum support, housing, volunteering, opportunities for children and young people and much more. Refreshments and female interpreters will be available. All asylum-seeking and refugee women welcome.

Info: 0800 085 6087

A Refugee Tale

Friday 18 June
11.30am – 1.30pm
Free event
YWCA, 3 Newton Terrace,
Sauchiehall Street,
Glasgow G3 7PJ

Try your hand at an array of activities including henna hand painting, storytelling, cooking, dance, fashion and many more. There will be a crèche available and children's arts and crafts activities will be happening throughout the day.

Learn something new at one of the information stalls. Food will be provided.

Info: Carol Cunningham
0141 248 5338

Toryglen Community Celebration Evening

Friday 18 June
7pm – 10pm Free event
Toryglen Community Hall,
199 Prospecthill Circus,
Glasgow G42

Celebrate the diverse nature of the Toryglen community as asylum seekers, refugees and the indigenous population come together to share their experiences about living in Toryglen. Enjoy food and music from different countries, with entertainment for children as well.

Information: Eveline
Louden & Carole Scott
0141 613 2777

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Kennishead Saturday Cafe

Saturday 19 June
10.30 am – 1pm
Free event
Kennishead Community Hall, 10 Kennishead Avenue, Glasgow G46 8PR

Enjoy the chance to learn traditional West African dances, with live drumming. Strong, energising, playful - engaging for all!

The regular Saturday Cafe welcomes Dancehouse, with their West African dance class. The first hour will focus on dance for children at 10.30 with the adults' class starting at 11.30. The morning will finish with an international lunch.

Info: GPIN
info@gpintegrationnetwork.co.uk
0141 649 2000

All OUR futures, Peace Garden Celebration

Saturday 19 June
11am - 4pm Free event
Govanhill Baths Peace Garden, next to the Baths, Calder Street, Glasgow

Come and join us for food and music which reflects and celebrates the diverse cultures of Govanhill in our Govanhill Baths Peace Garden, established by community members. Opposite the Baths, in the Centre for Community Practice information about refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland will be available. A programme for the day will be available online: www.govanhillbaths.com

Info: Lisa Peebles
info@govanhillbaths.com

Pollokshaws Carnival 2010

Saturday 19 June
11.30am – 4pm
Free event
Greenbank Park, Netherauldhouse Road, Pollokshaws, Glasgow G43

A fun-filled event to celebrate the diversity of the Pollokshaws Community. A carnival parade starts at 11.30am kicking off a day of music and dance, fun activities for all the family, including a mini football tournament, horse and cart rides, exotic animals, science workshops, craft workshops, complementary therapies, cookery demonstrations, bouncy castles and much more. Information stalls on youth, health, volunteering, job and leisure activities will be available.

Info: Peter Bole
0141 636 0394

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Congolese Celebration

Saturday 19 June
11.30am – 6.30pm
Free event
Sighthill Football Pitch, Glasgow G21

Enjoy a day packed with activities at this Congolese Celebration. The day begins with the big football match followed by traditional Congolese food. Also visit the stalls displaying traditional arts and crafts and enjoy watching some dance.

Info: minamunga@yahoo.fr

Karibu Annual General Meeting

Saturday 19 June
12pm – 4pm Free event
Napiershall Street Centre, 39 Napiershall Street, Glasgow G20 6EZ

Karibu will host an African style lunch followed by two short presentations by two of Karibu's members on their achievements since coming to Scotland.

Their stories will highlight the journey these women have made to Scotland as asylum seekers and their future goals. Thereafter the AGM will be conducted.

Info: Regine Bews
Karibu_glasgow@yahoo.org.uk

Information and Awareness Day

Saturday 19 June
12pm – 4pm Free event
Kats Building, 1 Fountainwell Square, Glasgow G21 1RB

Discover something new this Refugee Week. Learn more about the Bajuni people. Taste traditional Bajuni food and absorb a little Bajuni culture. Hear experiences from refugees living in Glasgow and share your experiences of life in Scotland. Everyone is welcome.

Info: ahmedalishee@yahoo.co.uk

Middle Eastern Village

Saturday 19 June
12:30pm – 5pm
Free event
Fred Paton Day Care Centre, 19 Carrington Street, Glasgow G4 9AJ

Join the adventure with the Middle Eastern Village, where people from Middle East and other communities come together and share their culture, learn from each other and make new friends. There will be activities for children, an information desk and food and drink will also be available.

Info: SMEC office
The School House, 4th floor, 101 Portman Street, Glasgow G41 1EJ

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African Barbeque

Saturday 19 June
5 - 8pm Free event
Sighthill Community
Centre, Fountainwell
Square, Glasgow G21 1

Enjoy the delights of an African Barbeque hosted by Africa Linkozi. There will be plenty of African cuisine and music. Everybody is welcome so come and enjoy the atmosphere and celebrate Refugee Week.

Info: Africalinkozi
@yahoo.co.uk

Are We There Yet?

Saturday 19 June
6pm - 12am Free event
Kennishall Community
Hall, 10 Kennishall
Avenue, Thornliebank G46

Immerse yourself in an evening of Zimbabwean culture with delicious traditional food, Zimbabwean and local music and poetry.

Poetry readings will focus on the theme of Journeys. Local and Zimbabwean music will finish off this delightful evening to which everyone is welcome.

Info: patience_tsungu
@hotmail.com

Sri Lankan Dance and Disco night

Saturday 19 June
6pm to 10pm Free event
Sighthill Community
Centre, 27 Fountainwell
Drive, Glasgow, G211RR

Enjoy a cultural show performed by Sri Lankan children through traditional dance and costumes. It will be followed by a disco where everyone can enjoy a dance. Sri Lankan traditional food will be available.

Info: donnaliyanage
@sky.com

Ivorian Culture Day Out

Sunday 20 June
10am-5pm
Blair Drummond Safari
Park, Stirling FK9 4UR

This year the Association des Femmes Ivoiriennes de Glasgow (AFIGS) is going on an outing to the Blair Drummond Safari Park to show their Ivorian culture to people living visiting the park. On that day there will be a fashion show, Ivorian traditional dance and food. Children of the group will participate by telling others about the Ivorian culture. They will be joined at the event by CAMASS.

Info: Josiane1kouame
@yahoo.co.uk

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CAMASS Safari Park Culture Day

Sunday 20 June
10am-5pm
Blair Drummond Safari
Park, Stirling FK9 4UR

CAMASS will be making a visit to Blair Drummond Safari Park where they will have a day of Cameroonian culture including an Afritude Fashion Show, Cameroonian Drumming and Cameroonian Traditional Music and Dances. For children there will be quizzes and competitions. Cameroonian barbequed food will be available. They will be joined at the event by AFIGS.

Info: davidkemmogne
@yahoo.fr

La Maison du Congo, Journeys

Sunday 20 June
11am - 6pm
Invitation only
Camflava Restaurant,
1006A Pollokshaws Road,
Glasgow G41 2HG

Enjoy a warm Congolese welcome and immerse yourself in Congolese culture. A range of performances will happen throughout the day including a live band and a ballet piece. There will also be traditional Congolese food available.

Info: minamunga@yahoo.fr

SABA Celebration Day

Sunday 20 June
2pm - 7pm Free event
SABA Centre, 88 Kilbirnie
Street, Pollokshields,
Glasgow G5 8JD

Celebrate the growth of the Scotland Alevis Bektasi Association and the opening of the new SABA Centre. There will be music, food, raffles, games and prizes. All are welcome. There will be opportunities to experience diverse cultures, meet new and interesting people and above all celebrate and have fun.

Info: sabaglasgow
@hotmail.com
0141 429 1424

Refugee Week Cultural Exchange Day

Tuesday 22 June
11.30 am - 2.30pm
Free event
North Edinburgh Arts
Centre, 15a Pennywell
Court, Edinburgh EH4 4TZ

Discover cultures from Algeria, Bangladesh, China, Kurdistan, Iran, Iraq, and Sudan from local refugee poets and speakers. The day celebrates the refugee experience and reflects on journeys. Enjoy multicultural entertainment by refugee musicians with free food and drink. This event is co-ordinated by CORE and Family Networking Group (FNG).

Info: adil@community-
organisation-for-race-
equality.org.uk



multi-story

Until Sunday 27 June
Free event
GoMA, Royal Exchange
Square, Glasgow G1 3AH

multi-story is a collaborative arts project based in the distinctive Red Road housing estate, north Glasgow. It supports the integration of people seeking asylum and refugees through creative activity, celebrating the different cultural traditions coexisting within the changing community.

Info: www.glasgowmuseums.com
0141 287 3050

Frances Walker RSA: Works on Paper

Until 30 June
Mondays 10 - 4pm
or by arrangement
Free event
Royal Scottish Academy,
Friends Room, The Mound,
Edinburgh EH2 EL2

Frances Walker is one of Scotland's foremost female landscape painters who has spent her career documenting the landscape and plight of the communities of the Highlands, including the Highland clearances.

Info: RSA Friends
0131 225 3922

Asylum Seekers in Scotland

Photographer Matthew Bissett
Throughout June
Free event
Hillhead Library,
348 Byres Road,
Glasgow G12 8AP

Photographic images revealing the hardships faced by asylum seekers whose bids for sanctuary in Scotland have been halted by the Government. The images reveal the plight of people refused asylum that are forced into destitution, a situation that extends across the United Kingdom.

Meet and chat with the photographer at the launch on Saturday 12 June at 3.30pm.

Info: 0141 276 1617

Journeys of Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Photographer Paul Harkin
Throughout June
Free event
Hillhead Library,
348 Byres Road,
Glasgow G12 8AP

This exhibition of photographic portraits captures what the theme of Journeys means to refugees and asylum seekers living in Glasgow. Text voicing the experiences of these journeys accompanies the images, the combination of text and photograph forming a new whole.

Meet and chat with the photographer at the launch on Saturday 12 June at 3.30pm.

Info: 0141 276 1617

'I am deaf so I didn't always know what was going on during the war but I knew things were getting worse. Bombs were going off all the time – it was really frightening. After my father was killed my mother decided we had to get out. It was a long journey but I don't remember much about it, I slept most of the way.

When I got here I realised that there was a completely different sign language as well as another language to learn. I was sent to St. Vincent's School for the Deaf here in Glasgow and I remember all these children signing but not being able to understand anything. But I persevered and I got the hang of it quite quickly.

Last year I studied beauty therapy at James Watt College and I'm hoping to continue my studies. I'd love to be a hairdresser. And I'm impatient. I've wanted to get a job for as long as I can remember. Life here is good but my brother and sister are still in Iraq and I miss them very much.

One day I hope my family will be together again.'



Lana

Lana is 21 and wants to be a hairdresser. She escaped the war in Iraq with her mother when she was 14 years old, after her father was murdered.





Life After Iraq Exhibition

Thursday 10 – Wednesday 30 June

Free event

The Mitchell, North Street, Glasgow G3 7DN

Commissioned by Scottish Refugee Council, Life After Iraq shows the work of award-winning photojournalist Angela Catlin and writer Billy Briggs. They travelled to Syria to document the plight of some of the millions of ordinary Iraqis living there having fled the conflict in their homeland. The exhibition provides an intimate insight into Iraqi refugees who have made it to Scotland in a quest for safety.

Info: laurajane.smith@csglasgow.org

Belonging

Created by a moment's peace theatre company & the Creative Support Women's Group at Rosemount Lifelong Learning Centre

Monday 14 – Sunday 20 June

Free event

Mono, 12 Kings Court, Glasgow G1 5RB

The possessions we cherish say a lot about who we are, where we have been and where we hope to get to. Through photography and storytelling the women's group began to discover why and how our belongings hold such importance in our lives.

Info: amomentspeacetc@gmail.com

HOPE - Sri Lankan Portraits, Trincomalee - Batticaloa - Glasgow

Monday 14 – Sunday 20 June

Free event

GFT's Cafe Cosmo, 12 Rose Street, Glasgow G3 6RB

A photographic exhibition focused on Kate E Deeming's work with communities in Sri Lanka and families exiled in Scotland.

The collection combines new images by Alison George and Valerie Evans as well as archive photographs. In association with the charity Funforlife.

Info: katee@deeming.org
www.funforlife.org.uk

The Dance and the Choice

Presented by Creative Identities & St Mungo Museum

Thursday 17 June 7pm Free event
St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art, 2 Castle Street, Glasgow G4 0RH

Since February 2010 artists Rachel Clive, Akshayee Shetty and Skye Loneragan have worked in collaboration with young people from across the globe to create art that explores the many and varied journeys we take in life. Join them for a night celebrating that work and those journeys.

Info: www.artsaction.org.uk

Film



Thrive and Grow

Saturday 19 June 11.30am - 4pm

Free event

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Argyle Street, Glasgow G3 8AG

Thrive and Grow is a practical approach to healthy living. This exciting family event will take the form of a market place in Kelvingrove's Centre Hall, with workshops and talks throughout the afternoon. Plant your own herbs, go on a mini-beast hunt in the park or take part in a creative workshop. There's something for everyone. Part of Life and Soul 2010.

Info: 0141 276 9509

Call for Entries - One Scotland, Many Voices Film Festival

We welcome all types of short, (under 15 minutes) documentaries, dramas and animation films made by or about refugees

and asylum seeking communities or simply addressing the theme of Journeys.

To enter:

send a (non-returnable) DVD together with you contact details to:
One Scotland Many Voices Film Festival, GMAC, 5th Floor, Trongate 103, Glasgow G1 5HD
Deadline 4 June 2010.

Locations & Tickets

Brunton Theatre

Ladywell Way, Musselburgh EH21 6AF
www.bruntontheatre.co.uk
0131 665 2240

CCA Cinema

350 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow G2 3JD

Dundee Contemporary Arts (DCA)

152 Nethergate, Dundee DD1 4DY
www.dca.org.uk
01382 909 900

Filmhouse

88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH3 9BZ
www.filmhousecinema.com
0131 228 2688

GFT

12 Rose Street, Glasgow G3 6RB
www.gft.org.uk
0141 332 6535

Gilmorehill G12

9 University Avenue, Glasgow G12 8NN
sara.barry1@ntlworld.com
0141 330 5522

GMAC

5th Floor, Trongate 103, Glasgow G1 5HD
sheena@g-mac.co.uk
www.g-mac.co.uk
0141 553 2620

Paisley Arts Centre

New Street, Paisley PA1 1EZ
www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/onlinebooking
0141 887 1010

Robert Burns Centre Film Theatre

Mill Road, Dumfries DG2 7BE
www.rbcft.co.uk
01387 264 808



The Sea Wall (12A)

GFT
Sunday 13 June - 5pm
Tuesday 15 June - 12.45pm
DCA
20 June - 6pm

A pseudo-biographical account of young love and illicit sexual desire set against the stark political upheaval that would come to define 1930's French Indochina. Isabelle Huppert battles both colonial bureaucrats and nature itself as she enlists the help of the local villagers to build a dam against the sea to secure the future of both her family and the local community.

A unique insight into the experiences of displaced people throughout the UK, from the director of The Road to Guantanamo. Moving to Mars intimately charts the journey of two Karen Burmese families forced into a Thai refugee camp and then resettled in Sheffield, surveying both their humorous and emotional struggles.

Afghan Star (N/C 12+)

GFT
Monday 14 June - 6.15pm

After decades of Taliban rule, TV is no longer banned in Afghanistan and the Afghan version of Pop Idol has taken the nation by storm. For the contestants it is a matter of life and death as they risk everything to become the nation's favourite singer. Winner of countless awards, it was the UK's official Foreign Language entry to the 2010 Oscars.

Moving to Mars (N/C 15+)

Filmhouse (with A Long Way From Home and Q&A)
Sunday 13 June - 1pm
Robert Burns Centre
Film Theatre
Wednesday 16 June - 6pm
GFT - with Director
Mat Whitecross
Thursday 17 June - 6pm

Unveiled (15)

Filmhouse
Monday 14 June - 6pm
GFT
Wednesday 16 June - 8.40pm

After fleeing from Iran, Fariba seeks refuge in Germany to escape persecution over her sexuality. When her application for asylum is denied she decides to assume a false identity as a man. However, over the next few months complications arise that threaten to compromise her exile in Germany.

Welcome (15)

Robert Burns Centre
Film Theatre
Tuesday 15 June - 6pm

This is a story about the search for love. Marion has left Simon and they are tumbling towards a divorce, while Bilal endeavours to be reunited with the love of his life Mina.



Bilal has walked from Iraq only to be blocked by the police in Calais. Shot in Calais, near the now notorious 'Jungle', this heart-rending story has been seen by an audience of over 5 million in France since its release.

Trouble Sleeping (12A)

Filmhouse - with Q&A
Tuesday 15 June - 5.45pm
DCA
Saturday 19 June - 3pm

When a figure from her past shows up unexpectedly, Halla must choose between old loyalties and new stability. This first feature from Edinburgh's Theatre Workshop, a company that collaborates with community groups, burns with relevance. Raw-edged and crafted by passionate collective effort, it's inspiring, provocative stuff.

The Kite Runner (12A)

Paisley Arts Centre
Tuesday 15 June - 7.30pm

In a divided country on the verge of war, two friends, Amir and Hassan, are torn apart by an act of betrayal. After many years in America, Amir returns to a perilous Afghanistan to face his past and take a last chance to set things right.

Persepolis (12A)

Paisley Arts Centre
Wednesday 16 June
7.30pm

Persepolis is a thoughtful and poignant animation film for adults based on the best-selling autobiographical comic book by Marjane Satrapi, which recounts her life growing up in a politically tumultuous Iran. Marjane grew up wearing sneakers and beating up boys but when she was ten years old, her world changed overnight...

Kurdi (18)

Robert Burns Centre
Film Theatre
Friday 18 June - 7.30pm

It has been 20 years since Peri Ibrahim walked into the town of Halabja in the aftermath of the chemical gas attack Saddam Hussein launched against the Kurdish people. He buried his best friend and began the long walk west to Glasgow. Kurdi tells the story of a man in search of himself, his people and a country that doesn't exist.

White Material (tbc)

GFT - Special Preview
Friday 18 June - 6.15pm

Director Claire Denis takes us back to Africa, which is now torn by civil war and strife. It is a place where children, packing automatic rifles, patrol the streets and byways of dusty villages. Although urged to flee for their safety, a French family struggles to save its coffee plantation and are consequently branded 'White Material'.



War Dance

Gilmorehill G12
Friday 18 June
7.30pm - £5 (£3.50 conc)

War Dance follows a group of schoolchildren in a Ugandan refugee camp who form a choir and are determined to win an esteemed music prize. The children are haunted by memories of violence, yet full of hope and determination. This is an inspiring, sometimes funny, uplifting and ultimately optimistic film that testifies to the resilience of the human spirit.

Leaps and Bounds (Hoppet) (N/C 9+)

DCA
Saturday 19 June - 1pm

When war breaks out in Kurdistan, Azad and Tigris are separated from their family and end up in snowy Sweden. They struggle being so far away from home but with the help of some friendly locals and

Azad's passion for the high jump, the boys grow to love their new home country. But will the boys ever be reunited with their parents?

Family Day Screenings

GMAC
Saturday 19 June
12am - 4pm Free event

A selection of family friendly films screening throughout the day at GMAC, no booking required. The films will be an eclectic range of funny and thought provoking shorts, both local and international. Presented in partnership with Glasgow based media organisations including Document Human Rights International Film Festival.

Visible Humanbeings and Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars, Unity Cinema

CCA Cinema
Saturday 19 June
1.30pm

A documentary film about two asylum seekers living in Glasgow. Rashida, is a single mother with four children from Pakistan and Hamlawi is an Algerian single man. Both have been seeking a final decision on their status for years. Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars are six musicians who formed a band whilst in a refugee camp in Guinea. Through music they brought hope and happiness to the camp.

Tickets and information: £3 or free for people seeking asylum, available on the door.

One Scotland, Many Voices Film Festival

GMAC
Saturday 19 June
4pm - 7pm Free event

Now in its fourth year, GMAC hosts an evening of short films and live entertainment to celebrate the creative talent and diverse voices of Scotland.

Literature, Poetry & Spoken Word



Witness for the Prosecution (U)

GFT
Sunday 20 June - 2.30pm

Agatha Christie based courtroom drama in which the careers of Marlene Dietrich and refugee director Billy Wilder cross paths. A lawyer becomes entwined in a web of deceit when he takes on a murder case. He is further bemused when the defendant's wife is called as a witness for the prosecution!

Gran Torino (15)

Brunton Theatre
Monday 28 June
10 - 12.45pm with talk,
7.30pm without talk

Clint Eastwood stars as a disgruntled Korean War veteran who sets out to reform his neighbour, a young Hmong teenager, who tried to steal Kowalski's prized possession: his 1972 Gran Torino. The post-screening discussion

panel will include WPC Gillian Tennant, Safer Communities Officer, a speaker from East Lothian Race Equalities Council and a journalist who has reported on racial attacks and gang culture.

Women Writers Unite: The Journey

Thursday 17 June 4
5pm Free event
Jeffrey Room,
The Mitchell, North Street,
Glasgow G3 7DN

The Glasgow Womens' Library, Amnesty International and Scottish PEN present an event examining the physical, emotional and spiritual journeys which form a pivotal part of most women's lives. Authors Louise Welsh, Leela Soma, Joyce Ito and Sarah Ward share their own work, as well as the experiences of others on themes of migration and asylum.

Info: www.womenslibrary.org.uk/2010/06/wwu-the-journey/

Talking About Jane Austen in Baghdad

Penguin and Culture & Sport Glasgow
Thursday 17 June
6pm Free event
Jeffrey Room,
The Mitchell, North Street,
Glasgow G3 7DN

Would you brave gun-toting militias for a cut and blow dry? Join authors Bee Rowlatt and May Witwit as they talk about and read from their book. A true story of an unlikely friendship, of two women who share laughter and tears, dreams and fears. Between the grenades, the gossip and the secrets, they hatch an ingenious plan to help May escape the bombings of Baghdad.

Info: laurajane.smith@glasgow.gov.uk
0141 287 2805

Literature, Poetry & Spoken Word



Crossing Language Barriers

Friday 18 June
5.30pm Free event
Club Room, CCA,
350 Sauchiehall Street,
Glasgow G2 3JD

Kusay Hussein, an Iraqi fiction writer, and Iyad Hayatleh, a Palestinian refugee poet from Syria, discuss with their English-language collaborators Sue Reid Sexton and Tessa Ransford (Scottish PEN) the challenges and rewards of rendering one language and set of cultural values into another. Hosted by writer & translator Donal McLaughlin (an allergic reaction to national anthems).

Info: acclarke6
@btoopenworld.com
0141 649 7365

Travelling Tales

Saturday 19
& Sunday 20 June
11am & 2pm Free event
National Museum of
Scotland, Chambers St,
Edinburgh EH1 1JF

Come on an amazing journey and listen to travellers' tales from around the globe, created in association with Scottish Refugee Council. Booking is essential.

Info: 0131 225 7534

Once Upon A Trail

Sunday 20 June
2 - 4pm Free event
Crookston Woods,
Glasgow

Take a tour of our magical wood where stories come to life. Once upon a Trail is a site-specific storytelling event suitable for all ages made in collaboration with The Village Storytelling Centre and local asylum seekers and refugees.

Tours are approximately 20 minutes. This event will take place outdoors, so may be cancelled or relocated in the event of bad weather.

Info: Joanna@thevillage
storytellingcentre.com
0141 882 3025

Family Storytelling at One Place

Sunday June 20
3 - 4.30pm Free event
One Place Storytelling
Workshop, Unit 2 Victoria
Court Workspace,
Hollybrook Street, Glasgow
G42 7HB

This is an informal opportunity to hear stories and music from around the world at a friendly and interactive event suitable for all the family. Feel free to drop in, no tickets required.

Info: rachel
@one-place.org

'When I escaped, of course I was scared. I took a plane to London, and landed in Gatwick. I had a small rucksack – the one I have now – I went to Victoria Station on the train. I slept on the streets for nearly a month.

I was looking for races to enter, when I saw one advertised in Edinburgh. I thought it was a small town in England, and when I realised it was in Scotland I asked, "so what happens with the border?" They said it's OK, there are no border checks here. So I got on a night bus from London, arrived at 7am, ran the race and won it.

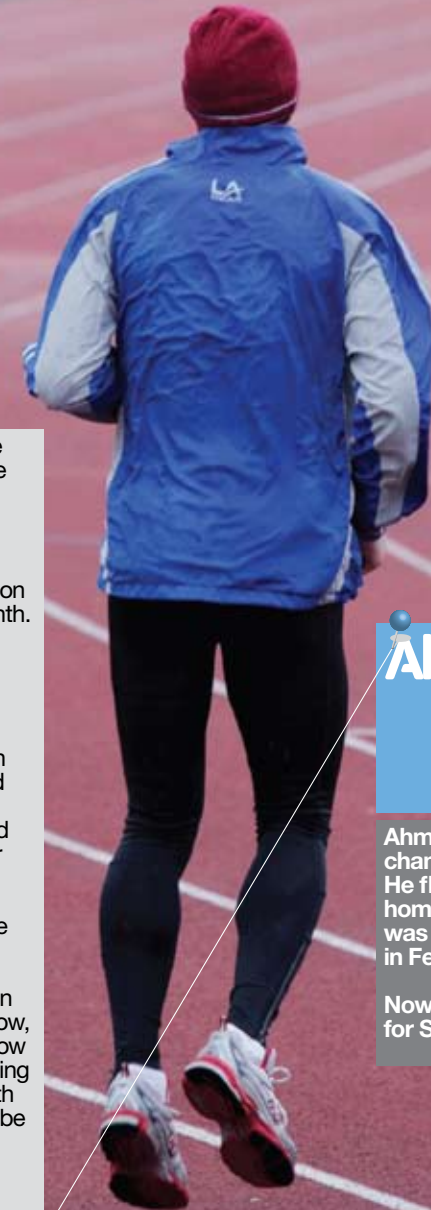
On the way back to London the bus took me via Glasgow, where I found help. In Glasgow I found a life. Now I'm training to enter the Commonwealth Games. Who knows? Maybe I'll make it. If I do I'll fly the Scottish flag.'

*We've changed Ahmed's name to protect his identity.

Ahmed*

Ahmed is 25 and is a championship runner. He fled persecution in his home country last year, and was granted refugee status in February.

Now he hopes to run for Scotland.



Research & Discussion


**Merchant Voices:
A Summer Musical Journey**

Sunday 13 June
8pm - £2
City Halls, Albion Street,
Glasgow

The Merchant Voices community choir invites you to join them for an entertaining Summer Musical Journey encompassing a broad range of musical styles and influences.

Info: www.glasgowconcerthalls.com
0141 3538000

Unity Centre Concert

Sunday 20 June
7.30pm - £5
Stereo, 22-28 Renfield Lane, Glasgow G2 6PH

Come and enjoy the live music of bands, Withered Hand, The Second Hand Marching Band and Maple Leaves.

As well as live bands there will be DJs and free cupcakes!

Info: www.stereocafebar.com/gigs.php

Refugee Week Scotland Parliamentary Reception

Tuesday 15 June
6pm - invitation only
The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99 1SP

MSPs, Refugee Community Organisations and other stakeholders will come together in the Scottish Parliament to mark Refugee Week Scotland with guest speakers and performances from refugee arts groups. Courtesy of Bill Butler MSP who hosts this annual reception for the sixth year in a row.

Info: Graeme Corbett
0141 248 9799

A Silk Road journey from China to the Mediterranean through four Islamic objects

Wednesday 16 June,
12.30-1pm Free event
The Burrell Collection,
2060 Pollokshaws Road,
Glasgow G43 1AT

Meet the experts and learn about their favourite objects at these free gallery talks. Noorah al-Gailani, Curator of Islamic Civilizations will give this talk to complement the adult art workshop. Meet in the Burrell courtyard.

Info: www.glasgowmuseums.com

School Activities


Refugee Poverty in Scotland

Presented by Scottish Refugee Council
Thursday 17 June
1.30pm-4pm,
4-5pm reception - invited audience
Renfield St Stephens' Church, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JP

Poverty amongst people destitute in the asylum system has received considerable research and media attention in the last few years. The experiences of poverty among people who have been granted refugee status has received less focus. This seminar brings together two research projects which in different ways aim to fill this knowledge gap. Speakers include: Professor Ade Kearns (GoWell) and Morag Gillespie (Deputy Director, Scottish Poverty Information Unit).

Info: sheila.coutts@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk
0141 248 9799

**Seminar:
The Notion of Citizenship and Britishness and Refugee Voices**

Saturday 19 June
4pm Free event
CAMFLAVA Conference Room, 1006A Pollokshaws Road, Glasgow G41 2HG

Natalie Sheridan and Henry Kum both of Strathclyde University will discuss the recent Home Office Legislation on Citizenship and Britishness, exploring these themes in the context of controversies, fears and expectations and their impacts on new arrivals and their natural identities. Following this will be a walking debate on the topic "Where does the right to freedom reside - with the Diaspora or with the indigenous residents?"

Info: Beltus Etchu
Ojong Camflava
0141 440 7070

Free places for all schools. Locations detailed on page 21.

Mapping Movement Dance Workshops

Wed 19 – Friday 21 May 90 minute sessions

Professional choreographer, Gail Sneddon, leads movement workshops to explore the topic of refugee and asylum seeking with upper primary pupils. Pupils and teachers will discuss what leads people to seeking asylum and becoming a refugee. Why do they seek sanctuary? The workshop will look at the forced journeys refugees make and the variety of cultures they experience.

Info: rbaxter@eastlothian.gov.uk
0131 6535261



Writer-in-School : National and Personal Identity, Secondary schools

Mondays 24 & 31 May
& 7 June
90 minute sessions

Professional writer Andrew Phillips will be conducting these sessions. His poetry looks at themes such as loss and discovery and National and Personal identity. He strikes a fine balance between thinking and feeling in his poetry. These sessions will run for 90 minutes and are relevant to the English and/or RME departments.

Info: rbaxter
@eastlothian.gov.uk
0131 6535261

The Arrival - Drama workshops

Tuesday 18 - Thursday
27 May

The Arts Service Drama teachers will be exploring Shaun Tan's graphic novel

The Arrival to consider the impact on migrants of leaving their homeland and the cost on those they leave behind. These consist of 2 x 90min sessions for P6.

Info: rbaxter
@eastlothian.gov.uk
0131 6535261

Leaps and Bounds (Hoppet)

introduced by Scottish Refugee Council at Filmhouse and GFT only. Swedish, Kurdish with English subtitles
Monday 7 June - 10am, GFT
Monday 14 June - 10.15am DCA
Friday 18 June - 1pm Robert Burns Centre Film Theatre
Thursday 24 June - 1.30pm

Recommended for Primary 7 – Secondary S2 [History/Geography/Citizenship]

When war breaks out in Kurdistan, Azad and Tigris are separated from their family and end up in snowy Sweden. They struggle being so far away from home but with the help of some friendly locals and Azad's passion for the high jump, the boys grow to love their new home country. But will the boys ever be reunited with the parents?

Guidance: Contains some scenes of mild language and violence.

Trouble Sleeping (12A)

Filmhouse - with Q&A
Tuesday 8 June - 10am

When a figure from her past shows up unexpectedly, Halla must choose between old loyalties and new stability. This first feature from Edinburgh's Theatre Workshop, a company that collaborates with community groups, burns with relevance. Raw-edged and crafted by passionate collective effort, it's inspiring, provocative stuff.



Afghan Star (N/C 12+)
introduced by Scottish Refugee Council
In English, Dari and Pashto, English subtitles.
GFT
Tuesday 15 June - 10.15am

Recommended for Secondary 1 – 6 [History/Geography/Music/Modern Studies]

After decades of Taliban rule, TV is no longer banned in Afghanistan and the Afghan version of Pop Idol has taken the nation by storm. For many people voting by mobile phone, the show is first time they've experienced democracy. But for the contestants it is a matter of life and death as they risk everything to become the nation's favourite singer. Winner of countless awards and the UK's official Foreign Language entry to the 2010 Oscars.

Guidance: Contains some scenes of emotional distress and war.

WELCOME (15)
Robert Burns Centre Film Theatre
Tuesday 15 June - 10.00am

Recommended for Secondary 4-6 [Modern Languages/Social Studies]

A 17-year-old Kurdish boy Bilal has travelled through the Middle East and Europe to join his girlfriend, freshly emigrated to England. But his journey comes to an abrupt end when he is stopped on the French side of the Channel. An ode to the abandoned immigrants trapped on the shores of Calais and the good Samaritans who take risks to help them. Free learning resource available for higher and advanced higher students.

kate.beattie
@dumgal.gov.uk
01387 263061

**Hannah and Hanna -
Across the Curriculum**
Presented by Catherine Wheels Theatre Company
Friday 18th June
1pm - Invited audience
Changing House, Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow

In September Catherine Wheels will tour John Retallack's Hannah and Hanna to Secondary Schools across Scotland. The play explores the asylum issue through an engaging story told by two 16 year old girls. Catherine Wheels has been developing new cross curricular education work inspired by the play alongside Modern Studies and Drama departments from Glasgow schools. This event is the celebration of the school's work and a chance for pupils to debate the ideas that inspired them.



Patience

Patience Tsungu, 28, was forced to flee Zimbabwe in 2008 due to the political situation there. She now works in Glasgow.

'I've always had this determination to make a difference. That's the journey I've been on since childhood. When I arrived in Scotland I felt like I'd been given a second chance. I had escaped and I was safe. But going through the asylum process was tough.

When my application was refused I felt like the dream was over, and I lost confidence in myself. I appealed the decision and it went to tribunal. When the judge came in I was shaking so much I couldn't stand up but in the end I won my appeal and got refugee status.

Now I'm working at both Scottish Refugee Council and at employability agency A4E, helping refugees get back into work. In my spare time I've set up a community group for Zimbabweans in Glasgow. The work I do makes me feel like I'm breaking down barriers, and that I can be a driving force for change. That feels good.'

School Activities

refugeeweekscotland.com

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Sport



Stories for Schools with Sophia Kaseke

Monday June 14 – Friday 18 June – 9.30-12.30
Govanhill schools and nurseries

Sophia Kaseke will be thrilling children in local primary schools and nurseries with her stories, songs and dances from Zimbabwe.

With support from Unison.

During Refugee Week exhibitions will showcase young people's 'action projects' that they have developed in response to their learning. Details of exhibitions taking place will be available at the Red Cross website.

Info: www.redcross.org.uk/positiveimages

Supported by Show Racism The Red Card, Scottish Refugee Council, Scottish Fair Trade Forum, Jags Trust, Partick Thistle FC, UNISON and Glasgow Education Services.

Info: francine.whitmore@education.glasgow.gov.uk

A League for All Tournament

Thursday 27 May, 10am
Free event
Petershill Complex,
30 Adamswell Street,
Glasgow G21 4DD

Teams of primary seven pupils from 9 primary schools across north and west Glasgow have been taking part in a football initiative. They have been receiving football coaching alongside anti-racist educational workshops. All the school teams compete for the first time at this football tournament so come and support your local school and cheer them on.

Refugee Week Football Tournament

Saturday 19 June,
12-5pm, £10 entry per team. Free to watch and cheer
Location tbc

Come and watch this 5-a-side football tournament and cheer on your local community team. There is everything to play for with a trophy for the winning side. There will be a light buffet following the trophy presentation. If you have a team to enter please contact Greater Pollok Integration Network.

Info: 0141 649 2000
info@gpintegrationnetwork.co.uk



Tech Tuesdays & Tech Thursday

Tuesdays 15 & 22 June
Thursday 17 June
6pm-8.30pm Free events
Tuesday age 14-25
and Thursday age 16+
City Halls, ICT Suite,
Albion Street

Do you need access to state of the art music software and hardware to realise your musical ambitions? Then why not head down to the City Halls ICT Suite for two free drop-in sessions facilitated by one of our professional tutors? We hope to see both new faces and our regular participants at these specially programmed events.

Info: 0141 559 6026
www.glasgowconcert
halls.com

Journeys of the Silk Road

Wednesday 16 June,
10.30-12.00pm
Free event
The Burrell Collection,
2060 Pollokshaws Road,
Glasgow G43 1AT

Join in an art workshop linked to the amazing objects found along the journey of the Silk Road. Work with a practicing artist to paint an Islamic design onto a ceramic plate. Beginners are welcome and spaces need to be booked.

Info: 0141 287 2564
L&A@csglasgow.org

Journeys of Discovery

Saturday 19 June
10.30 am – 1 pm
Free event
Gallery of Modern Art
(GoMA), Royal Exchange
Square, Glasgow G1 3ES

To accompany the exhibition multi-story in Gallery 3 at GoMA, Street Level Photoworks and GoMA are offering the opportunity for families with children aged 3 -11 to do some hands-on activities. The art activities in this event take the theme of journeys as inspiration and will be run by the multi-story project artist Iseult Timmermans.

Feel free to drop in, there is no need to book a space.

Info: www.glasgow
museums.com
www.streetlevelphoto
works.org
www.multi-story.org
0141 287 3050

Seeds of Thought's Moving Messages

Saturday 19 June
1-3pm Free event but
booking required
CCA, Rm C5, Sauchiehall
Street, Glasgow G2 3JD

A fun and relaxed creative writing workshop. Moving between different 'destinations' we will reflect on each 'journey' and write postcards to each other. We will explore our individual sense of expression by condensing feelings into short poetic messages, assisted by the Seeds of Thought team. No poetry writing experience required, everyone has something to say.

Info: seeds_ofthought
@yahoo.co.uk

- » People seeking asylum make up just one per cent of the total population of Glasgow, Scotland's largest and most diverse city.
- » Most of the people who arrive in Scotland seeking sanctuary are from Somalia, China, Eritrea, Iraq, Iran and Zimbabwe. They have come here fleeing war, torture or persecution.
- » Most of the world's refugees are given sanctuary in the world's poorest countries. The UK hosts only two per cent of some 10 million refugees worldwide.
- » An asylum seeker is someone who has made an application for asylum, or sanctuary, and hopes to be recognised as a refugee. Everyone in the world has the right to claim asylum in another country if needed.
- » A refugee is someone whose application for asylum has been successful and who has been recognised as having a well-founded fear of persecution in their home country, as described by the United Nations Refugee Convention.
- » Persecution happens when someone is imprisoned, threatened or made a target because of their religion, race, beliefs or belonging to a certain group.
- » While they are waiting to hear if they can stay, asylum seekers aren't allowed to work and depend on small amounts of state support.
- » Most asylum seekers do want to work, and many are professionally trained with lots of skills to offer.
- » Almost one third of refugees have contributed to society by doing voluntary work since arriving in the UK.

Simple Acts

The Simple Acts campaign is about inspiring people to use small, everyday actions to change perceptions of refugees.

The campaign consists of 20 actions that can be done by anyone. By encouraging lots of people to do these simple acts, such as read a book about exile, watch a movie about refugees, or cook a dish from another country, we can begin to make lasting changes to the world around us.

It sounds simple – and it is!



Where do I find more information about the campaign?

Visit our website, www.simpleacts.org.uk for:

- » Explanations and suggestions for each action
- » An action 'counter' displaying a running total of how many actions have been completed across the UK
- » Downloadable resources such as quizzes and recipes
- » Toolkits, lesson plans and tips for getting your school or organisation involved.

Interested in getting involved?

For posters, postcards and more information, contact Belinda McElhinney: belinda.mcelhinney@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Thanks

Scottish Refugee Council would like to thank its funders and the individuals and organisations who have contributed to the programme. If you would like to get involved in Refugee Week Scotland 2010 please contact:

belinda.mcelhinney@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

www.refugeeweekscotland.com

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