



welcome to BRISTOL REFUGEE WEEK 14-22 JUNE 2014

WHAT'S REFUGEE WEEK ALL ABOUT?

Refugee Week is a celebration of...

- ...our country, alongside many other countries in the world, providing sanctuary to people escaping persecution
- ...the many ways in which refugees have contributed to and become part of our rich history and heritage.

WHO IS A REFUGEE?

Someone who has had to escape from serious persecution in their country of origin, and who couldn't get protection there.

People seeking refugee protection in the UK at the moment come from very dangerous or oppressive countries like Iran and Syria.

Someone who has asked the UK government for this protection, and is waiting for a decision, is called an 'asylum seeker'.

THE TRUTH ABOUT ASYLUM SEEKERS

Asylum seekers are ordinary people in an extraordinary situation. They don't get lots of benefits – adults get a maximum of £36.62 pw. They are not allowed to work, or to get council housing, and have to report to a police station regularly.

Despite these restrictions, asylum seekers in Bristol try hard to be part of our community, and are proud to invite you to the events we've organised.

PLEASE COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US!



BRISTOL REFUGEE WEEK 2014: EVENTS

SATURDAY
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BRISTOL WORLD CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

1.30–6.30pm, City Academy, Russell Town Avenue, Redfield, Bristol BS5 9JH

Festival of football; enter your team, come along and join in, activities for the whole family, great atmosphere. Women's indoor (screened) 'have a go' football sessions led by women coaches.

Contact Qerim Nuredini, Refugee Week Co-ordinator
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SOMALI CULTURE

5.30–10pm, Colston Hall, Colston Street, Bristol. BS1 5AR

5.30 **Debate: What is Happening with Somali Music?**

Hosted by Act for Somalia. Guest Speaker confirmed Aar Maanta, leading UK Somali singer and band leader, **FREE**.

7pm **Somali Youth Showcase** hosted by Bristol Somali Youth Network, Colston Hall Foyer, **FREE**

8pm **Homage to Magool feat. Farxiya Fiska & Nimco Degan, £10**

This unique concert brings together some of the leading contemporary Somali singers living in the UK to present the music of Somalia's most popular singer, Magool. It will be the first time that women from the UK's estimated 450k Somali community will be touring Britain.

more info: www.colstonhall.org

REFUGEE WOMEN OF BRISTOL DANCE EVENT

10am–2pm, Malcolm X Centre 141 City Rd, St Pauls, Bristol BS2 8YH

Women only event

Sudanese, Somali, Kurdish women along with women from other countries presenting traditional dances and providing the opportunity to join in and learn some new dancing steps. Lunch will be available (£1; free to asylum seekers) and a free crêche.

more info: email layla@refugeewomenofbristol.org.uk

BRISTOL REFUGEE RIGHTS WELCOME CENTRE OPEN DAY AND FUNDRAISER

11am–2pm The Malcolm X Centre, 141 City Road, BS2 8YH

fundraising feast, haircuts (men and women), henna, facepainting, ping pong, music, films, information and inspiration.

more info: www.bristolrefugeerights.org

FRIDAY
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TEA WITH THE LORD MAYOR & CITY OF SANCTUARY

3–5pm, The Mansion House Clifton Down, Bristol BS8 3LJ

To mark World Refugee Day & build City of Sanctuary support, CoS through the Lord Mayor of Bristol hosts a cup of tea and cake as the city's demonstration of welcome. The event will also see St Brendan's Sixth Form College being awarded the School & College of Sanctuary status.

FREE, RSVP – booking essential: bristol@cityofsanctuary.org or 0117 941 5969

THE ASYLUM PROCESS – HOW FAIR IS IT AND WHAT CAN WE DO?

6–9pm The Malcolm X Centre, 141 City Road, BS2 8YH

Organised by Bristol Defend The Asylum Seekers Campaign (BDASC) with light refreshments.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

1–6pm, Queen Square BS1

FREE International feast of music, dance and food.

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| 1.00 Moosa Kora, Senegal | 3.50 Iranian drummers |
| 1.30 Percussion Orchestra | 4.10 Kurdish dance session |
| 2.10 Tan Teddy Singers | 4.30 Bahman Salahshour |
| 2.50 Immigrant Swing Band | 5.10 Jamma with Cecelia Ndhlovu |
| 3.25 Deeqa, Somalia | |

Find out the real story of asylum seekers and refugees in our city, get involved with charities that work with them, dance to music from around the world including local refugee musicians and get an amazing choice of food on sale cooked by local refugees and asylum seekers.

Brought to you by Tribe of Doris with Refugee Action and Bristol Refugee Rights

more info: www.tribeofdoris.co.uk or call 07809 619580 for stalls

SUNDAY
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WATERSHED FILM "THE GOLDEN DREAM"

Watershed, 1 Canon's Road, Harbourside, Bristol BS1 5TX

Tickets: screenings before 16:00 £5.50/£4.00 concs; after 16:00 £8.00/£6.50 concs; asylum seekers free (subject to availability). These tickets are not available to book online; please show your ID card at box office when booking.

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