



Bristol Refugee Festival



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Bristol Refugee Festival is gearing up for an exciting programme of events this June/July.

Formerly Bristol Refugee Week, in line with the national initiative, last year it was decided for a number of reasons to run a month long programme. "This worked really well, allowing for a bigger variety of events and a wider reach" explains Jules Olsen, the Festival coordinator "so we have decided to continue and expand on this model and as the ethos is about celebrating the contribution refugees make to Bristol, we decided to rename it as a Festival.

This year the activities will run from 19th June – 16th July. The Festival will begin at the same time as National Refugee Week, but will continue through until mid-July to accommodate a varied citywide programme.

The Theme this year will be 'Our Shared Future' as we celebrate all the communities that make up our culturally rich and diverse city and consider how we can integrate settled and incoming communities still further to build on this legacy.

There will be something for everyone from talks, films, exhibitions, music showcases, fundraisers, school projects, and of course the annual 'Celebrating Sanctuary' event in Queen Square on Sun 9th July.

The launch event will take place on Mon 19th June @ The Arncliffe. This event will centre around creative writing and artwork, music and spoken word produced by refugees and asylum seekers in Bristol.

Details of this and all the events can be found on the Bristol Refugee Festival website and Facebook page. As part of the Festival, Ashley Community Housing are running a Bristol-Bath Cycle Ride. This will take place on Monday 10th July from 1pm-6pm.

We're looking for volunteers to accompany groups of tenants on the ride, which will follow the cycle path from Bristol to Bath via Warmley and Bitton.

Riders will travel back to Bristol by train, with cycles being returned by van. We are also seeking a volunteer to provide and/or drive this van.

If you'd like to volunteer go to our Neighbourly page to [sign up](#). If you'd simply like to take part, contact Rachel Sharp.



BRISTOL REFUGEE FESTIVAL
19th June - 16th July 2017

OUR SHARED FUTURE
Bristol Refugee Festival is a month long programme of art, cultural and information events. Below are some highlights, but further information and details of the full programme can be found online.

A few of the events happening:

Mon 19th June 6pm - 8pm
Festival Launch @ The Arnolfini
An evening showcasing creative writing, artwork and music from refugees and asylum seekers in Bristol *16 Narrow Quay, Bristol BS1 4QA*

Sun 9th July 1.30pm - 6.30pm
Celebrating Sanctuary
An afternoon of refugee music, art and spoken word including information food & craft stalls, kids area, games and more. A great family day out *Queen Square BS1 4LH*

Various Dates
Stars for Lives
A child-led initiative. Painting stars across the city to remember the missing children of the refugee crisis. *Various Locations. Check website for more details*

Bristol Refugee Festival is run in partnership with **Bristol Refugee Rights, Bristol Hospitality Network, City of Sanctuary, Borderlands, Ashley Community Housing, Tribe of Doris.**

  

For more information on the full programme visit:
www.bristolrefugeefestival.org

 



Refugee Week Bristol Refugee Festival 
Bike Ride

Monday 10th July 1pm - 6pm
Starting from Easton Community Centre
Everyone welcome!
Bring your own food & snacks

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