

Nottingham Refugee Week

15 — 22 June 2019

You, me and those who came before

#Generations

A festival of music, theatre, dance, film,
literature, art and food celebrating
the contribution of refugees to our city.



www.nottinghamrefugeeweek.org

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FOREWORD

Refugee Week in Nottingham has undoubtedly become a much anticipated yearly tradition. We come together to reflect and celebrate the resilience and valuable contributions that refugees and asylum seekers bring to our city.

In 2019 our programme will aim to raise awareness and promote better understanding of why people seek sanctuary. Refugee Week events include: art and culture, music and film, shared food and friendship.

We invite you to attend any of our events and look forward to welcoming you in solidarity and support for refugees.

You, Me and Those who came before
We owe a debt of gratitude to those who came before
For their heroism through struggles
For their pain, turned into gain
For their sadness, turned into gladness
Our ability to withstand affliction
Forging ahead, undeterred
Echoes the resounding fortitude of those who came before us.

Salani Mutseyami

Chair of Nottingham Refugee Week

Insiders/Outsiders

An illustrated talk by
Monica Bohm-Duchen

Five Leaves Bookshop

14a Long Row, NG1 2DH

Monday 10 June

19.00–20.30

ART/TALK — This talk examines the rich contribution of refugees from Nazi-dominated Europe to the visual culture, art education and art-world structures of the United Kingdom. In every field, émigrés arriving from Europe in the 1930s – supported by a small number of like-minded individuals already resident in the UK – introduced a professionalism, internationalism and bold avant-gardism to British art.

£3 on the door. All welcome.

Booking advised.

- events@fiveleaves.co.uk
- [www.fiveleavesbookshop.co.uk/
events](http://www.fiveleavesbookshop.co.uk/events)

Placeless People

Writing, rights and refugees
A talk by Lyndsey Stonebridge

Five Leaves Bookshop

14a Long Row, NG1 2DH

Wednesday 12 June

19.00–20.30

LITERATURE/TALK — Lyndsey Stonebridge gives an account of refugee history and literature, drawing on the work of Hannah Arendt, Kafka, W.H. Auden, Orwell and Simone Weil. This is the first literary history of modern statelessness that raises vital questions about sovereignty, and the future of human rights which highlights the importance of literature in understanding the challenges of today's refugee 'crisis'.

£3 on the door. All welcome.

Booking advised.

- events@fiveleaves.co.uk
- [www.fiveleavesbookshop.co.uk/
events](http://www.fiveleavesbookshop.co.uk/events)

International Music and World Food Night

All Souls Community Centre

Ilkeston Road, NG7 3HF

Friday 14 June

18.30–23.30

FOOD/MUSIC — Nottingham Arimathea Trust (NAT) is celebrating Refugee Week 2019 by bringing together different communities from all over the world to eat, dance, converse and learn from each other whilst appreciating the things we have in common. There will be live music from a range of different countries and amazing food from all over the world! This event will include NAT's AGM.

Free. All welcome. Dress code:

dress to impress!

- 01159249920
- kinsi@nottinghamarimathea.org.uk
- nottinghamarimathea.org.uk



WHOLE WEEK EVENTS

#I Welcome

Central Library

Exhibition Space

Angel Row, NG1 6HP

Sat 15 June – Sat 22 June

Monday – Friday 9.00–19.00

Saturdays 9.00–16.00

EXHIBITION — Nottingham Amnesty Group presents an exhibition curated by Amnesty International: images from Magnum photographers, showing the scale of international displacement since World War II, putting a human face to the statistics: from child refugees in Greece in 1946, to Lesbos in 2017. A glimpse into lives uprooted in past decades, and historical context to the current refugee crisis in Europe.

Free. All welcome.

- 0115 915 2828
- www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/nottingham-central-library

The City Arts Café & the Honest Tea Bar

City Arts

11-13 Hockley, NG1 1FH

Sun 16 June – Sat 22 June

10.00–16.00

FOOD — A welcoming place to relax and meet others during Refugee Week. Food cooked daily by women from the African Women's Empowerment Forum (AWEF). Pay what you can for a hot drink. Create a herbal infusion from plants in our community garden. Information about all refugee week activities will be available.

Free. All welcome.

- www.city-arts.org.uk

Markmaking

City Arts

11-13 Hockley, NG1 1FH

Private View: Saturday 15 June

19.00–21.00

Sun 16 June – Sat 22 June

10.00–17.30

EXHIBITION — Artists have been invited to create work reflecting on what it is to be a refugee in Nottingham, and how to leave their mark.

The exhibition also includes *The Book of Ours* – a collection of artworks by Bulwell school pupils, responding to the children's story *My Name is Not Refugee* – and *VOICES* – Ben Norris, in partnership with Inspire, worked with young adults from NNRF, sharing experiences through poetry. Photography by Ben Harriott.

Free. All welcome.

• www.city-arts.org.uk



SATURDAY 15

Refugee Week Launch

Council House Ballroom

Market Square, NG1 2BS

14.00–17.00

FOOD/SOCIAL — Join us for music, dancing, drumming, craft and food to launch Refugee Week celebrations. Find out more about the events that are taking place throughout the week, speak to charities working in the refugee sector locally and pledge your support for refugees in our photo booth! Back by special request are BeatFeet and the Nottingham Clarion Choir, new this year Arnica performing Iranian folk music and dance, Gambian Amie Cherry with John Berry, and Swan reciting her poetry.

Free. All welcome.

• nottinghamrefugeeweek.org



The Movement

Post-screening Q&A session with the director

Broadway Cinema

14–18 Broad Street NG1 3AL
13.00–15.00

FILM — The Movement documents the efforts of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to help migrants attempting to enter Europe. Shedding a light on the global smuggling networks and asking difficult questions of the authorities and border agencies.

[2018, Dir. Sharon Walia, 1h 32mins]

Standard Broadway ticket prices

15yrs+ Free tickets reserved for asylum seekers, available from the box office.

- 0115 952 6611
- www.broadway.org.uk

Daf Drumming Workshop

City Arts

11–13 Hockley, NG1 1FH
Family workshop: 17.00–18.00
Performance: 18.00–19.00

MUSIC/FAMILY —

Nottingham YANA community (You Are Not Alone) is hosting a Daf drumming workshop and a performance. The Daf is a large Iranian Kurdish frame drum used in popular and classical music in Iran. This event is fun, child-friendly offering everyone the opportunity to learn and play the Persian Daf rhythms. There will be food and drink provided by The City Arts Café and the Honest Tea Bar.

Free. All welcome.

- www.city-arts.org.uk

MONDAY 17

An Island of Refuge

Stories of refugees to the UK
over the centuries

The Television Workshop

Richmond House

1 Canal Street, NG1 7EG

19.30–21.00

THEATRE — An Island of Refuge: Young actors from Nottingham's BAFTA award-winning 'Television Workshop' in collaboration with Nottingham Amnesty International Group present a new drama with music based on this year's theme of 'You, me and those who went before': refugees to Britain over the centuries.

Free. All welcome. £5 donation suggested towards Amnesty
• thetelevisionworkshop.co.uk
• [www.facebook.com/
NottsAmnesty](http://www.facebook.com/NottsAmnesty)



British Red Cross Well Being Afternoon

St Andrew's Church

Goldsmith Street, NG1 5JT

14.00–17.00

COMMUNITY/SOCIAL

— This event is an opportunity for organisations across Nottingham, who can offer support, specific services and community to refugees and asylum seekers, to come together to network and publicise what they can offer. Refugees and asylum seekers are invited to attend to learn about these different organisations and speak to them directly.

Free. All welcome. Contact Bill Walton to arrange a stand.

• 07720 340500

Streetwise Opera Singing Workshop

Royal Concert Hall

Level 4 Foyer

Theatre Square, NG1 5ND

16.00–18.00

Meet at the Box Office: **15.45**

MUSIC/THEATRE/ COMMUNITY/WORKSHOP —

Experience the joy of singing, explore exciting stories and characters and meet new people at this friendly workshop led by professional music leaders and a support worker. No previous experience is necessary. Streetwise Opera is an award-winning performing arts charity for people who are or have been homeless.

Free. 18yrs+ Refugee and asylum seekers and those who are or have been homeless are warmly welcome. Booking essential.

- 07956 156 124
- victoria.munro@streetwiseopera.org
- www.streetwiseopera.org

Barbara Harrell-Bond: A life not ordinary

Presented by UoN

Human Rights Law Centre

Nottingham Playhouse

Ustinov Room

Wellington Circus, NG1 5AF

17.30–19.00

FILM — Through the prism of an extraordinary life, this documentary explores the achievements of Barbara Harrell-Bond – academic, refugee activist and refugee rights' advocate. The focus of Barbara's life-long work has been on refugee rights, and on keeping refugees at the centre of any intervention. Followed by a post-screening discussion about the role of universities in protecting refugees and asylum seekers with representatives from UoN and NTU.

Free. All welcome. Booking required, limited capacity.
• nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk

The Bundle

A play by Journeymen Theatre

Friend's Meeting House

25 Clarendon Street, NG1 5JD

19.00–20.30

THEATRE — The true story of a woman and her children, The Bundle follows Adilah's persecution and denial of human rights in Chechnya. Removed from her homeland by her father, abducted into a forced marriage and living a life of servitude, she escapes to the UK where she finds a home but encounters the Home Office's 'hostile environment'. Followed by talks from former refugees.

Free. 16yrs+ Bucket collection.

- 07906 908802
- nottinghamquakerssanctuary@gmail.com

TUE 18 + WED 19



No Direction Home: Pizza Shop Heroes

Presented by Phosporos Theatre

Nottingham Playhouse

Wellington Circus, NG1 5AF

Tuesday 18 + Wednesday 19 June

19.45

THEATRE — This unique, emerging company stars four young refugee men who made the dangerous journey to the UK on their own as children from Afghanistan, Eritrea and Albania. Having told their 'stories' to multiple authority figures they are now reclaiming them. Powerful, funny, celebratory, authentic.

'It will change your perception. It is a play that should be seen by all.'

North West End

£12/10 concession. 12yrs+

- 0115 941 9419
- nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk

A photograph of two women with dark curly hair, smiling. The woman on the left is wearing a blue dress with white polka dots. The woman on the right is wearing a bright yellow dress. They are standing close together, with their heads touching.

WEDNESDAY 19

Fashion with a Cause

FaGee Fashion Show

City Arts

11–13 Hockley, NG1 1FH

12.00–19.00

Catwalk shows: 16.00 and 18.30

FASHION SHOW/EXHIBITION

— FaGee Fashion host two mini catwalk shows of their fabulous clothes and accessories. The unique brand brings a range of African fashion to the UK. There will be items available to buy or commission throughout the day.

Food and hot drinks available from City Arts' Refugee Week café.

Free. All welcome.

• www.city-arts.org.uk

WalkThrough

Lis Rhodes art exhibition tour

Nottingham Contemporary

Weekday Cross, NG1 2GB

14.00

ART/SOCIAL/EXHIBITION —

Lis Rhodes' artwork prompts conversations around international law, human rights and global social justice issues. Led by Ida Danewid in recognition of Refugee Week 2019. Gallery seats available. In English with Arabic translation.

Free. 16yrs+ All welcome.

• nottinghamcontemporary.org

Nottingham Rainbow Project Celebration

Food and music celebrating asylum seekers and refugees

The Vine Community Centre

Bobbers Mill Road, NG7 5GZ

15.00–18.00

MUSIC, FOOD/SOCIAL —

Celebrating Nottingham's asylum seeker and refugee communities with food, music, games and an English class at 16.00. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fun and the music.

Free. Donations accepted. All

welcome. Booking advised.

- 07462092732
- info@nottinghamrainbowproject.org.uk
- www.nottinghamrainbowproject.org.uk

WEDNESDAY 19

Persepolis

Nottingham Contemporary

The Screen

Weekday Cross, NG1 2GB

18.30

FILM — Set in 1970s Iran, this animated film tells of a coming of age story during the Iranian Revolution. Refusing to conform or remain silent, Marji is sent to study in Vienna by her parents but how will she juggle this new culture and what awaits her on the return to a loving family back in Iran?

[2007, Dir. Vincent Paronnaud/
Marjane Satrapi, 92 mins, in Farsi
with English subtitles]

£5. 12yrs+ Limited free tickets available for asylum seekers and refugees, please contact Natelle at Nottingham Contemporary.

- 0115 948 9750
- nottinghamcontemporary.org/
whats-on



THURSDAY 20

FRIDAY 21

Beats of the Antonov

New Art Exchange

39–41 Gregory Blvd, NG7 6BE

18.30–20.30

FILM — Telling the story of the Sudanese populations of the Blue Nile and Nuba Mountain regions, the film is structured around the daily bombings carried out by the Sudanese government aiming to blast these 'rebels' out of existence. These tactics have only reinforced a determination to preserve a specifically African culture and led to the rich mix of music that has sprung up around the impromptu celebrations staged after surviving each bombing.

[2014, Dir. Hajooj Kuka, Arabic with English subtitles]

Free. 15yrs+ Booking advised.

- 0115 924 8630

- www.nae.org.uk

A Life Robbed

Book launch and conference
three-course dinner

Presented by AWEF and FaGee

Britannia Hotel

1 St James's Street, NG1 6BN

16.00–22.00

LITERATURE — An event to mark the launch of Faith Gakanje's new book, which reflects on her asylum journey. Inspirational speakers from refugee communities will discuss the UK asylum environment and its implications for people seeking sanctuary, including the challenges they face. Live dance music, a fashion show and art works will raise awareness of refugees' plight.

£25.00 Booking advised.

- 0115 952 6611
- 07774 962752 (Taku)
- 07425 580561 (Faith)
- www.awef.org.uk

RefuTalent 2019

Presented by Nottingham and
Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum

NNRF, The Sycamore Centre

33a Hungerhill Road, NG3 4NB

16.00–19.00

MUSIC/DANCE/FASHION —

Refugees and their friends and supporters will be displaying their diverse talents when they perform music, song and dance with a twist – including poetry and a fashion show – and DJ Simba providing the music.

Free. All welcome.

- www.nottsrefugeeforum.org.uk
- djsimba.com

Human Flow

Presented by Global Justice
Nottingham

Friends Meeting House

25 Clarendon Street, NG1 5JD

18.15–21.00

Tea and coffee from 18.15

Film starts at 18.25

FILM — More than 65 million people around the world have been forced from their homes, the greatest displacement since World War II. Filmmaker Ai Weiwei examines the staggering scale and its profoundly personal human impact. Over the course of one year in 23 countries, Weiwei follows a chain of urgent human stories that stretch across the globe.

**[2017, Dir. Ai Weiwei, 2h 20mins,
partly in English, partly with
subtitles]**

Free. 12yrs+ Bucket collection.

- www.globaljustice.org.uk/nottingham



SATURDAY 22

An American Tail (U)

There are no cats in America

Central Library

Angel Row, NG1 6HP

10.30-12.00

FAMILY FILM — Feivel

Mousekewitz and his family flee Russia, ruled by evil cats, for America where they have been told there are no cats and the streets are made of cheese. Feivel gets lost after a storm at sea on the journey but after a series of adventures he is eventually happily reunited with his family.

[1986, Dir. Don Bluth, 1hr 20mins]

Free. All welcome. Some perilous and scary moments. Parental guidance advised for children under 8 years.

- 0115 915 2828
- www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/nottingham-central-library

SATURDAY 22

The Hyson Green Cultural Festival

The Forest Recreation Ground

Hyson Green, NG7 6LB

12.00–18.00

MUSIC/DANCE/COMMUNITY/ FOOD/SPORT/SOCIAL/HEALTH

— The Hyson Green Cultural Festival (HGCF) has been an annual community event in Nottingham since 2014. Each year the Festival brings together local communities to share and enjoy their cultural diversity, promoting cohesion and integration within the City of Nottingham, reaching out to not only the local residents but other ethnic groups, refugees and asylum seekers living in Nottingham.

Free. All welcome. Outdoor event, bring your own food or buy at food stalls

• hysongreenculturalfestival.org.uk

Food, Fashion and Children's Entertainment

With Women of Faith Nottingham

All Saints' Church

Raleigh Street, NG7 4DP

13.00–16.00

FOOD/FAMILY — The Women of Faith Nottingham would like to invite everyone to celebrate and enjoy an afternoon of exotic food tasting, fashion diversity and cultural exchange. There will be a bouncy castle and other supervised activities for children.

Free. All welcome.

Refugee Week Finale Party

Nottingham Contemporary

Café Bar

Weekday Cross, NG1 2GB

18.30–21.00

MUSIC/DANCE — Join us to celebrate this year's Refugee Week activities with live music from legendary musicians from the Nottingham community. First off music from Arnica with a fusion of Middle Eastern and European melodies. They are followed by the stirring and vibrant sounds of Amie Cherry and multi-instrumentalist John Berry. Drinks and food available. Family friendly. Good vibes and positivity.

Free. Donations welcome. All welcome, children must be supervised.

- 0115 948 9750
- nottinghamcontemporary.org



POST-FESTIVAL EVENT

Island of the Hungry Ghosts

Post-screening discussion with the Morton Hall Detainee Visitor Group

Nottingham Playhouse

Ustinov Room

Wellington Circus, NG1 5AF

Friday 28 June

18.00–20.30

FILM — A moving story from inside Australia's Guantánamo: Christmas Island. On this island, 50 million red land crabs make their annual migration from the jungle to the sea. The same jungle hides a high-security Australian detention centre where thousands of asylum seekers have been locked away indefinitely. Their only connection to the outside world is trauma counsellor Poh Lin Lee. Screening courtesy of HOME Artist Film.
[2018; Dir. Gabrielle Brady; 1 hr. 38 mins; in English]

Free. 12yrs+

• nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk



Open your heart and your home to those seeking sanctuary

HOST Nottingham is a small charity which provides temporary accommodation for destitute asylum seekers and newly recognised refugees with volunteer hosts in their homes in Nottingham – offering a lifeline for some vulnerable individuals.

These placements are for between one week and three months and hosts are supported throughout the placements.

Do you have a spare room?
Is it something that you
might consider?

Would you like to talk to people who are hosts and ask questions about their experience?

HOST will be available to provide further information and answer your questions at the following events:

- Monday 10 – Five Leaves
- Friday 14 – NAT
- Saturday 15 – Launch
- Sunday 16 – The Movement
- Tuesday 18 – Red Cross
- Wednesday 19 – Women of Faith
- Friday 28 July – Island of the Hungry Ghosts

www.hostnottingham.org.uk

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For more info and updates:
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