

FREE EVENT
SUNDAY 22ND JUNE

'They Don't Want to Learn English'

Organised by the Nottingham National Coalition Building Institute

- They're not interested in integrating
- They'd rather sit at home watching satellite TV
- How can you be here 7 years and not learn English
- My neighbours don't speak English so how can I get to know them?
- We'd have to use interpreters for English learners to have a say in our group – we'll have to wait until they can speak English.

Come and celebrate and learn more about the issues faced by refugees and people seeking asylum who are English learners.

Venue: Sneinton

Time: 6.15 – 8pm

Contact: 07905 298137

conflicts and contradictions in the global system and the failings of refugee policy in Europe, North America and Australia.

Venue: The Square Centre, Alfred Street North

Time: 7pm

Contact: Stuart on 07891 701133 / stuartbrown236@btinternet.com

FREE EVENT
FRIDAY JUNE 20TH

REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Women and Migration: Arts, Politics and Policy

An AHRC 'Making the Connections' Regional Network Workshop

This event focuses upon 'women and migration' within the broader context of the asylum-migration nexus and the relationship between women's experiences as asylum seekers, refugees, or migrants and questions of culture, law, citizenship, and politics. What is clear from the available research and media representations is that women lack a voice, and that overall the voices of migrants are usually mediated by others (journalists, advocacy groups, researchers); and that women face many barriers including a gender biased asylum system.

The day will include speakers, presentations and workshops from a range of national and regional organisations and community groups, with an opportunity for all delegates to engage in discussion, and explore how the issues raised can be taken forward practically through the creation of a *Manifesto* for the region on 'What Women Want'.

Buffet Lunch and Refreshments are provided. Places are limited. We are also happy to assist with transport costs for unwaged delegates

Venue: The Business School, Loughborough University

Time: 10 – 4pm (registration from 9.15)

Contact: Richard Bessell on R.Bessell@lboro.ac.uk / (01509) 223383 by May 30th.

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE

FUNDRAISING EVENT

International food tasting event

Organised by the Rainbow Project

Come and enjoy food and drink from around the world. All proceeds will go towards work with refugees and asylum seekers.

Venue: The Vine Community Centre, Bobbersmill Road, Hyson Green

Time: 7pm-10pm

Tickets: £20

Contact: Dianne on 07977308905 / dskerritt@southwell.anglican.org

**FREE EVENT
TUESDAY 17TH JUNE**

THEATRE

Nomadica

Organised by Creative Room

Come along to see a unique 'work in progress' sharing of an exciting contemporary youth performance, as part of Creative Room's NOMADICA project. Funded by Arts Council England's Young Peoples Participatory Theatre programme (YPPT), NOMADICA is a youth led multi-disciplinary promenade style piece that involves theatre, new circus, sound and multi media. Young people, many of whom are recent migrants, young refugees or asylum seekers will be working with 4 professional artists to explore themes around home, displacement, identity, travel, and the sense of belonging in what promises to be a very challenging and exciting piece of work. The event will include the opportunity for the audience to participate and offer feedback. Limited spaces, so booking is essential.

Venue: College Street Arts Centre

Time: 7pm

Contact: Creative Room creative.room@nottinghamcity.gov.uk 0115 9159542 for more information and to book a place, group bookings are welcome.

**FREE EVENT
WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE**

FILM

Flame

She was the flame they could never put out.

Director: Ingrid Sinclair

<http://www.zimmedia.com/flame/>

Shot in Zimbabwe IN 1996 with an entirely Zimbabwean cast, *Flame* is about a woman soldier in the War of Liberation in Zimbabwe. The story focuses on the battle over land that is still causing upheavals in Zimbabwe today. Based on accounts of women who joined the Liberation War, this powerful fictional film arouses emotions and controversy wherever it is shown.

Venue: SUMAC Centre, 245 Gladstone Street, Forest Fields

Time: 7pm

Contact: Regis Manyanya / rmanyana@yahoo.co.uk

Admission free but donations welcome.

Organised by the Zimbabwean Community Network

**FREE EVENT
THURSDAY 19TH JUNE**

PUBLIC MEETING

Refugees in a Global Era

Speaker: Phil Marfleet is an activist and co-ordinator of the MA in Refugee Studies at the University of East London

Organised by Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum

Author of the book 'Refugees in a Global Era' Phil Marfleet explores issues of forced migration in an age of globalisation. Charting the changing patterns of migration and the refugee experience of displacement, flight and the search for asylum, his work discusses the

Uniquely, this man was befriended by a group of people and he shared a home with them for eighteen months. Video taped Interviews will describe their experience, lessons learned, and reminiscences as they began their own journey of discovery of the asylum process.

Venue: 1st Floor, Central Library, Angel Row

Times: Normal Library opening times

Contact: Kam Harte - 0115 915287 / kam.harte@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

FREE EVENT
SATURDAY 14TH JUNE

FAMILY FUN DAY

Beyond Borders - Refugee Week Launch Event

A day of art activities and workshops for all the family. Face painting, fun photos, percussion and puppets; community stalls, live music and food from around the world. Everyone welcome.

Venue: 1st Floor, Central Library, Angel Row

Time: 11 – 3pm

Contact: Kam Harte - 0115 915287 / kam.harte@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

TUESDAY 17TH JUNE

THEATRE

They Get Free Mobiles... Don't They?

Organised by the Race Equality Council

In this new production, Banner Theatre sets out to bust some of the media-generated myths about refugees and asylum seekers. This live multimedia show combining music, song, video, film and theatre, speaks for Britain's newest arrivals as they dodge borders, bullets and bureaucracy in their quest for safety and security from war-torn lands in Africa and the Middle East. "*They get free mobiles . . . don't they?*" interweaves a rich tapestry of musical styles – from rock, rap and reggae to blues, folk and jazz – to highlight the real-life experiences of people caught up in the whirlwind of the twenty-first century.

Venue: Westfield Folkhouse Young People's Centre, Westfield Lane, Mansfield, NG18 1TL

Time: 6pm

Tickets: Free (first come first served)

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Nottingham Refugee Week 2008

14th – 22nd June

www.refugeeweek.org.uk/InYourArea/East+Midlands/

FRIDAY 20TH & SATURDAY 21ST JUNE

INFORMATION ROADSHOW

Refugee Week in Nottingham coincides with a British Council and ECOTEC Road Show designed to inform young people, schools, local authorities, probation services and arts organisations on how they can all benefit from European funding for formal and non-formal education initiatives. The event will comprise presentations, activities and workshops.

For more details and programmes visit www.britishcouncil.org/connectyouth or write to connectyouth.enquiries@britishcouncil.org

FRIDAY 13TH JUNE

MEETING / FOOD / MUSIC

Small World Kitchen and No Borders present an evening of discussion, traditional African vegan food and live music.

No Borders Nottingham is part of a national and international network that believes that all national borders, legal and physical, need to be abolished, and that ordinary people across the planet should have the right to move, live and work wherever they want. On a practical level we are involved in self-help and solidarity activity in vulnerable migrant communities and between migrants and the host community, as well as offering support to asylum seekers whose 'leave to remain' is threatened.

Venue: SUMAC Centre, 245 Gladstone Street, Forest Fields

Time: 6.30pm – 11pm

Contact: Bill Walton / smallworldkitchen@yahoo.co.uk / www.nobordersnottingham.org.uk

1ST – 30TH JUNE

EXHIBITION

One Man's Journey Through The Asylum Process

Created by the Sankofa Foundation.

Set against the scene of some of the places and events that he left behind, this is a unique exhibition of photographs and video footage taken predominantly by one man of his life-seeking asylum over ten years in the UK. Leaving Kurdistan Iraq in 1998, ten years after the chemical bombardment of Halabja, seven years after the uprisings in Sulaimani, at a time when Islamic fundamentalists held a strong base in his home City, one man made a remarkable journey hoping for sanctuary. The Immigration Tribunal never doubted his story, but believed, erroneously, that he could relocate somewhere else in his country. This exhibition charts his life through the highs and lows of the process of sustaining himself when all rights were denied him. Suffering homelessness, destitution, despair, his integrity remained intact.