

Refugee
Week



20 - 26 June 2022

REFUGEE WEEK

"Healing"



Cambridge City of
Sanctuary

Welcome

This Refugee Week, we're inviting you to explore the theme of 'Healing'. Through creativity and conversations, Refugee Week 2022 will be a celebration of community, mutual care, and the human ability to start again.

Healing means recovering from a painful experience or situation, so that we can continue to live. No-one understands this better than those who have lost their homes and had to build new lives from scratch. We have much to learn from refugees about holding onto hope when going on seems impossible – as well as about how art, creativity and community can help us to heal. Those going through the asylum system also know that healing is an ongoing process, made harder by poverty, housing difficulties and the threat of being detained or deported. Asking for change, so that refugees can truly feel safe, is an act of care.



*Kindertransport memorial -
Liverpool Street Station*

Whether it's about looking after ourselves and each other at difficult times, overcoming political divisions or coming together to fight for the survival of our shared planet, healing matters to all of us. Whoever and wherever you are, we hope you'll join us for Refugee Week 2022 to imagine a world where healing replaces harm, and care becomes our shared currency.

#HealingTogether #RefugeeWeek2022

Cambridge City of Sanctuary - [cambridge.cityofsanctuary.org](https://www.cambridge.cityofsanctuary.org)

Event Calendar

Friday 10th June

Resettle Chesterton Ceilidh

Chesterton Community College

Grab your partners (and your friends!) and join us for the one and only Resettle Chesterton Family Ceilidh at Chesterton Community College on Friday 10th June. Don't worry if you don't know your Gay Gordons from your Strip the Willow, we'll have live music (and a caller) provided by the fabulous Cambridge University Ceilidh Band.

Please book in advance so that we know how many to expect (and we can get in enough beer and soft drinks to quench your thirst!).

[community-ceilidh-with-music-from-the-cambridge-university-ceilidh-band](#)

Saturday 18th to Sunday 26th June.

Artwork by unaccompanied asylum-seeking children

Cambridge Central Library

20th-26th June is Refugee Week 2022, and we're marking the occasion with a free exhibition featuring work by unaccompanied asylum-seeking children supported by the local authority reflecting on their experiences in the UK. Come along to our exhibition space on the 3rd floor of Cambridge Central Library from Saturday 18th to Sunday 26th June. You can visit the exhibition during library opening times.

Saturday 18th June.

Refugee Hub Meet and Greet

The Orator, Round Church Street, Cambridge.

June 20 is the [World Refugee Day](#) designated by the United Nations to celebrate the strength and courage of refugees around the globe. Under this year's theme "Whoever. Wherever. Whenever. Everyone has the right to seek safety", the [Refugee Hub](#) of the [Cambridge Centre for the Study of Global Human Movement](#) would like to ask refugees, host families, volunteers and those interested in advancing the agenda of refugees, whether in research, practice or policy, to join us for a drink at The Orator on Round Church Street on Saturday, 18th June. We will be there 4-6pm for a casual meet & greet to mark the beginning

of Refugee Week. Please feel free to circulate this and, if possible, let us know if you are planning to come so we can get a rough idea of numbers. We hope to see you there!

Sunday 19th June 11am - 2pm

Woodcraft Folk - The Great Get-Together Nature Walk. Exploring Cambridge's nature spots.

Start and finish: Logan's Meadow, opposite Museum of Technology, Cheddars Lane Near St. Andrews Church Chesterton, Cambridge, CB5 8LD.

Please let us know you are coming.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/refugee-week-walk-tickets-338011811427>

Monday, 20th June 2022 4pm -5.30pm

Crossing the Oceans: Memories, Manifestos and Migrations

In person: Sidgwick Hall, Newnham College

By zoom: Please register to join this discussion virtually by sending an email to Dr Jenny Mander (jsm15@cam.ac.uk) or Dr Katharina Bothe (bothe@dsm.museum)

This event will bring together international experts to discuss historic and current dimensions and experiences of forced migration and refugee movements caused by political and economic challenges, conflicts and crisis.

The speakers include:

Suketu Mehta, New York-based professor, reputed author of several books including "This Land is our Land. An Immigrant's Manifesto" and Pulitzer Prize finalist

Mohammed Haqmal, Afghan refugee and former Chief of Public Health in Afghanistan who was awarded National Public Health Hero 2019

Mike Levy, Cambridge-based scholar and author of a book on child refugees "Getting the Children Out! Unsung heroes of the Kindertransport".

Co-hosted by the Cambridge Centre for the Study of Global Human Movement, by the German Maritime Museum, the Leibniz Institute for Maritime History.

Tuesday 21st June 7.30pm - 9pm

Film: The Stansted 15 on Trial

Jesus Lane meeting house, 12 Jesus Lane, Cambridge CB5 8BA

Cambridge Quakers invites you to a free screening and discussion of Sue Clayton's film. 'The Stansted 15 on Trial' tells how 15 peaceful protesters staged an action highlighting the plight of refugees being deported from the UK to African states - and then risked 25 years in jail. Sue will speak about new UK policies that make such actions even harder

Sue will also read stories from her book 'The New Internationalists: activist Volunteers in the European Refugee Crisis.'

This link tells you all the details, including your choice in coming in person or taking part in Zoom:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-stansted-15-on-trial-refugee-week-tickets-344956142107>

If you register for Zoom you will receive the link for Zoom close to the time.

Wednesday 22nd June to Sunday 26th June

Art Installation

Great St Mary's Church, Senate House Hill, Cambridge

Great St Mary's will be hosting a temporary artwork by Syrian-born artist Issam Kourbaj, in honour of refugee week. You will find the work in the chancel, and you can read about the installation here:

[FINAL Issam Kourbaj 'Imploded, Burnt, Turned to Ash' Performance Press Release .pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](#)

This can also be experienced as an online 36-minute screening at the Fitzwilliam museum, and at Kettles Yard.

Wednesday 22nd June 1pm – 2pm

Poetry Workshop

Pavilion meeting room, Newnham College

In-person poetry workshop geared towards getting people to think carefully about the language used in news articles and media reporting. The event as I envision it will entail bringing existing newspapers or printed media articles—these will act as our raw materials. Armed with a black marker, each participant will be given a set of options, each yielding a different result. Based on the option that the participants select they will be pooled in groups. Each group will then be tasked with selectively blacking out words based on the prompt they have. Then, towards the end of the event, members from each group will be encouraged to read their finished erasure poem. Hopefully, the prompts and their interpretations will create poems that speak to one another in interesting ways. We can then reflect as a group on what this workshop has enlightened or occluded. One of the aims of designing the workshop in this way is to allow people to reflect on what it means to be a refugee reported through language, especially when that language is not one's own.

Reem Abbas is doing a PhD in English on the classical Persian literary influences in the poetry of Basil Bunting. She is also a poet and has had her work published in various literary magazines.

Louis Klee is a writer of poetry, prose, and philosophy. He is currently a fellow at Clare College, Cambridge.

No registration necessary.

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Wednesday 22nd June 4pm – 8pm

Afghan Voices through Poetry, Film and Journalism

Michaelhouse

Ariana Abawe, Bizhan Neromand and Meral Alizada present their journeys and the contributions of Afghan refugees to host communities.

Ariana Abawe is the Founder and Director of Ariana Magazine:
<https://arianamagazine.bigcartel.com>.

Bizhan Neromand is a British-Afghan Actor and Film Director. He plays the starring role in 'Salam London' <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm12144754/>.

Meral Alizada, author of 'Rumi's daughter' will discuss her creative journey as an Afghan woman in the arts, her diaspora and refugee experiences-centred poetry and provide a trauma explorative workshop.

Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/afghan-voices-through-poetry-film-and-journalism-tickets-367815775887>

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Saturday 25th June

CamCrag Summer Arts Fair, to be opened by Chris Smith

Alison Richard Building, 7 West Road, Cambridge CB3 9DT

The Cambridge charity [CamCrag](#) is hosting an arts event in support of Ukrainian and other refugees.

The event will feature a grand sale of art representing over 50 regional artists, an exhibition of fashion items designed by Anglia Ruskin University students for 'people on the move', professional music and dance performances, an art workshop for adults and children to produce a communal work of art on the theme of refugees and a vintage clothes stall. Refreshments will be available.

Sunday 26th June 3.45pm for 4.00pm start

Voices of Hope and Healing

Cambridge Corn Exchange Wheeler Street, Cambridge CB2 3PQ

HistoryWorks and Michael Rosen present 'Voices of Hope and Healing' which will be a moving fundraiser event to mark Refugee Week and Holocaust Memorial.

It is a Poetry and Song Concert which is free and unticketed and ALL are invited to come along to show & share empathy and support for refugees & asylum seekers. Michael Rosen will be performing and presenting this fundraiser in aid of the Cambridge Refugee Hardship Fund. You can donate at the event or online. <https://donorbox.org/refugee-hardship-fund>

More details can be found on this link:

[Voices of Hope & Healing: Creating My Cambridge](#)

English for Academic purposes: free course for refugee students:

<https://www.humanmovement.cam.ac.uk/refugee-hub/applying-uk-universities-english-academic-purposes-eap>