



## Positive Images Festival calling...

### *Welcome to your July update*

\*The virtual **Coventry Welcomes Festival 2020** was held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June. Dates of the national Refugee Week 2021 are 18 – 24 June. 20<sup>th</sup> June will be celebrated as World Refugee Day.

\***Coventry's year as UK City of Culture** will be marked from May 2021 to May 2022.



## And here is news from our partner organisations...

\***Chat Central** has produced its July update.

\***Cook & Eat Well's** July newsletter is full of ideas about summer salads and fruity desserts. There is also a reminder to look after our mental health.

\***Coventry Action for Neighbourhood's** newsletter dated 5<sup>th</sup> July contains interesting information about how people have been using lockdown time to brighten up their neighbourhood. Did you know that Coventry now has a Bicycle Mayor? To find out more, read CAN's 13<sup>th</sup> July newsletter.

\***Coventry Libraries** are delighted to invite Coventry children to join the fantastic free online 'Silly Squad' Summer Reading Challenge at [www.silysquad.org.uk](http://www.silysquad.org.uk)

\*A newsletter, covering the **Creative Health Festival**, has been circulated. Connecting For Good Coventry held a summit on 4<sup>th</sup> July. For further information, visit [www.connectingforgoodcov.com](http://www.connectingforgoodcov.com)

**Social media links** [Facebook/ ConnectingForGoodCov](#)  
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\***Coventry Transport Museum** is reopening on 20<sup>th</sup> July. **Herbert Art Gallery & Museum** reopens on 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

\***FWT** continue their weekly workshops and are offering remote support for Refugee & Leave to Remain women in Coventry.

\* **Maokwo** has issued its July letter. On 20<sup>th</sup> June, Maokwo hosted “Imagine, my reality event”, as part of Coventry Welcomes Festival. Maokwo is looking for individuals with a passion for arts to join its Board of Trustees.

\***Milan Asian Carers Support** Group meetings and Yoga and Relaxation sessions are taking place via Zoom.

\***Sahil** has started a Free Online Music Course for Mental Health Wellbeing.

\*Message from Graham Pountney, **Chair of Styvechale Virtual Open Gardens** -

*“Sadly, along with many other groups, we have been unable to open our gardens for charity this year. We have put together a virtual open gardens using photographs from six of the gardens. If you would like to see how the gardens are getting on, please go to:*

<https://styvechale-gardens.wixsite.com/ngs2020> & click on the individual gardens to see more photos.

\*Look out for **Sahyadri Group’s** online sessions on **Sun Salutation** and **crafts**.

\***The Tin Music & Arts** has been successful in an application to the Arts Council for a crash course filmmaking project.

\***United Nations Association Coventry branch** has issued its July newsletter, which contains useful information about local and global initiatives.

\* **VAC’s** latest newsletter covers Loneliness Week, Health Watch and Progress – part of the building better opportunities programmes supporting 14-25 year olds not in education, employment or training.



## Did you know?

**July is National Picnic Month.**

**1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July is Ice Cream Month.**

**16<sup>th</sup> July is National Cherry Day.**



## For your information/action:

\* This year's **Coventry & Warwickshire Children's Peace Poem competition** is on the theme of **Neighbourliness**.

\*Coventry City Council is keen to hear from individuals and groups about the impact of Covid-19. Here are the links to surveys:

- Residents' Recovery Survey: [https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/covid-residents-survey/survey\\_tools/covid-impact-survey](https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/covid-residents-survey/survey_tools/covid-impact-survey)
- Voluntary and community sector survey: <https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/voluntary-and-community-sector-recovery-survey>

\***Coventry Police** are carrying out a survey to enable people to have a say about policing in Hillfields. <http://bit.ly/ListeningtoYouHillfields>

\***Coventry University** is hoping to digitise Coventry's City of Culture Year and is also creating a digital archive of Coventry's past by working with partners and people from across the city. Coventry University is after photographs, documents, leaflets, audio, etc. that can tell the story of a particular project or activity.

\***Coventry Women's Partnership** has issued a report on "**Covid-19: The Impact on Women in Coventry**".

\*In partnership with **Film Hub Midlands, Coventry City of Culture Trust** is arranging workshops, covering skills needed to put on a film event. The course begins on 6<sup>th</sup> August. For more information, email [rico@filmhubmidlands.org](mailto:rico@filmhubmidlands.org)

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