



## Positive Images Festival calling...

*Welcome to your August 2020 update*

### Our news:

**Emilie Lauren Jones** continues to report very positive feedback about her online poetry workshops. Here is a selection of comments received:

\*I love the fact that we're able to listen to so many voices and try different styles of poetry. Keep up with these, they inspire me to write.

\*Another exciting, inspiring video (The YouTube video has been watched by 64 participants.)

Having attended a 2 hour virtual session with Help & Connect (a group that supports adults with special education needs), Emilie is adding a shorter video, as part of the main workshop sessions.

In association with Coventry Alive and Positive Images Festival, Emilie is launching a brand-new YouTube series with the aim of shining a spotlight on quality poetry from a variety of cultures and languages. A second intention is to bring poetry in languages other than English to an English-speaking audience. If you are interested in taking part or would like more information, please email [emilielaurenwriter@gmail.com](mailto:emilielaurenwriter@gmail.com)



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

\***Chat Central** has announced the appointment of Olugbemi Moronfolu as a Liaison Officer. Chat Central has also begun small group meetings outside.

\***Cook & Eat Well** has released its August newsletter, which contains a reminder about cycling to work.

\***Coventry Action for Neighbourhood** continues to produce its weekly newsletter. The July 18 newsletter mentions **Foleshill Creates' Wall Art Project** for the newly built Broad Street Meeting Hall. Anyone interested is requested

to contact Daksha Piparia via the Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/FoleshillCreates](https://www.facebook.com/FoleshillCreates) There is also information about the availability of community space for events/meetings – contact [coordinator@broadsthall.co.uk](mailto:coordinator@broadsthall.co.uk) A recent newsletter informs readers about the Great **British September Clean** from 11 to 27 September 2020.

And here is information from Dr Seyedeh Naseriniaki about her **Be Creative, Be Safe** project, started during lockdown. This is a community safety and artistic project, offering creative activities. Sessions aim to support disadvantaged women from different backgrounds, with a particular focus on refugees and asylum seekers. The project also provides women a platform to make friendships and share their difficulties with facilitators/other group members. For further information, email [nnniaki@gmail.com](mailto:nnniaki@gmail.com)

\***Coventry City Council** is working to create a **database of artists** whom the Council can work with to create more beautiful spaces in the city centre. [https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/32255/uk\\_city\\_of\\_culture\\_-\\_artist\\_database\\_callout](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/32255/uk_city_of_culture_-_artist_database_callout)

\*Coventry City Council's **Building Bridges Project** has issued its Spring/Summer update, which makes excellent reading.

\***Coventry Libraries** have put together **Black Lives Matter** reading material lists and a special list of Fiction in Translation to mark Positive Images Festival's events beginning in September.

\***Grapevine Coventry & Warwickshire** has issued a report **From Community Spirit to Community Power in Coventry**.

\***Normandy Day UK** and **Coventry Peace Orchard** announce the launch of **Your Peace Orchard 2020 – Art in a box**. 75 boxes will be produced to mark 75 years since the end of World War II. The box and its contents reflect the work of the Peace Orchard including a specially commissioned book. Local artist and poet Andrea Mbarushimana and artist Ammi Dhaliwal have been involved in the production of the booklet and the boxes, which contain poetry and arts and crafts projects and clear instructions.

Anyone can apply or nominate someone they know to receive a box. Ideally, people nominated should be those who don't ordinarily have the opportunity or materials to take part in arts and creative activities.

Recipients will also have the opportunity to exhibit their work at the **Art in the Orchard** event planned for Monday 31st August at the Peace Orchard based at Coundon Hall Park in Coventry.

Boxes can be requested by emailing Daksha Piparia at [dpiparia@gmail.com](mailto:dpiparia@gmail.com) by 17th August.

\***Photo Miners** are looking for Board Members, who can act as critical friends and offer guidance on development programmes. For further information, please email Mark Cook at [mc@photomining.org](mailto:mc@photomining.org)

\***WATCH Charity, and Community Centre**, which supports isolated individuals and BAME communities, is continuing to offer employment support, online ESOL classes and virtual Jobs Club. For help to find a job call WATCH on: **024 7655 0564**. Or fill out the referral form at:

<https://www.watchcharity.org.uk/contact-us-2>

Hillfields Community Library, located on the ground floor of WATCH Community Centre, has: books in English, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Farsi, Kurdish and Arabic; a collection of books to help with homework; Talking Books; DVDs and CDs; and language sets for learning a second language. Rhyme time and story time sessions are held regularly. For more information,

email: [hillfields.library@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:hillfields.library@coventry.gov.uk)

For further details regarding any of WATCH's services and activities, telephone 024 7655 0564 or email [reception@watchcharity.org.uk](mailto:reception@watchcharity.org.uk)

\***WEA** arranged a week of one-off online showcase sessions.



## Did you know?

**10 – 16 August 2020** is the **National Afternoon Tea Week**.

**19 August 2020** is the **National Potato Day**.



## For your information/action:

**Eden Project**, which coordinates the **National Big Lunch**, has suggested 10 lovely things people can do in their community: Step outside and spend a little more time outside your front door; Smile, wave, say hello; Get playful; Make time for a cuppa; Clean up your street or local area... To find out the remaining 5 lovely things, why not sign up for their newsletter. [www.edenproject.com](http://www.edenproject.com)

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