



POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling...

Welcome to your January 2021 update

Our news:

*We began the year with a planning meeting at which we announced the proposed launch date of Positive Images Festival 2021. Covid-19 guidelines permitting, we will hold our popular **Multicultural Craft & Food Fair** on 19th June. Our **Community Information Fair** will be held on Friday 9th July.

*The next **Festival Planning Meeting** is by Zoom 12.30pm-2.00pm on Thursday 18th February. Contact positiveimagesfest@yahoo.com for the link to the meeting before 18th February.

*The Festival **AGM**, delayed from October 2020, takes place by Zoom 12.30pm - 2.00pm on Thursday 18th March. Information about the AGM, including how to stand for a place on the Executive Committee, will be sent out by email on 29th January. To take part in the AGM, individuals or organisations must be affiliated to Positive Images Festival. To affiliate to the Festival, you need to be on the Festival email network. To join the network, contact Colin Scott, the Chair, at positiveimagesfest@yahoo.com

***Food for Joy** was the theme of an extra-special poetry project, presented in December 2020 by Emilie Lauren Jones, a published poet.

Please see the link to some brilliant poetry videos on the subject of food, put together by Emilie with poets - Stanley Iyanu, Karima Brooke, Ann Atkins and Lou Sarabadzic

On Positive Images Festival website, the link is <https://positiveimagesfestival.co.uk/foodforjoy>

The Youtube link is : <https://youtu.be/4oip9M0XsGw>:

And here is news from our partner organisations...

***Chat Central** has issued its January Newsletter. On-line events continue to take place. The final section of the newsletter is gratitude Journal, which invites readers to write something that they are grateful for.

***Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods** continues to produce its weekly newsletters to keep us informed about development plans in the city.

***Coventry Libraries** have started live online **Conversation Cafes**, which take place every Friday 10.30am This is an opportunity to practise spoken English with friendly staff.

To join in, follow the link to join in: <https://bit.ly/3pkoLqT>

To join in with libraries' 'live' online events, simply use Microsoft Teams for free.

***Coventry War Memorial Park** is marking its 100th anniversary in July 2021. Visit www.fwmpcoventry.org.uk 100years@fwmpcoventry.org.uk

***Creative Pathways Job Support Skills** sessions start in February. For further information, please visit www.learningthroughthearts.co.uk or call 07510917517 or email events@learningthroughthearts.co.uk

*For information about **Green Week**, please email David chapman sustainability@warwick.ac.uk

***Hillfields Readers Group** has issued its January 21 newsletter, which includes info about online meetings, proposed visits, shortlists for Costa Book Awards 2021, new books, books on TV and Radio and a Quiz.

***Hillz FM** is arranging two radio show training programmes. For further information, please ring Nadia on 07851 976 369 or email youth.admin@hillzfm.net

***IDENT**, UK's annual arts festival featuring Black performers, marked the 2020 festival virtually. To watch it on YouTube, the link is https://youtu.be/2_Npo0jnZAo

*For information about **Sexual Abuse workshops** in February, please email Manjit Rehal manjit.rehal@crasac.org.uk

***Sue and Graham Pountney** continue to send us their quiz questions. Those interested in receiving the quiz are requested to email us for contact details.

*For information about **Zoom** training, please visit <https://warwick.ac.uk/study/cii/about/aboutus/pif2021-zoomtrainingneeds>

For your information and action...

***The Office for National Statistics** is hiring staff across England and Wales for **Census 2021. MiFriendly Cities** is holding Census 2021 Jobs Information & Advice Session on Tuesday 26th January from 11.00am to 12.30pm. Please email julie-anne.wright@birmingham.gov.uk for the Zoom link.

***Sky Blues in The Community** has secured funding from the National Lottery's Reaching Communities programme to deliver the mental health "Men Talk" programme, beginning on 22nd February. For further information, please email Robert.chandler@sbitc.org.uk

***Wriggle Dance Theatre** is arranging a free creative dance project for Coventry families with children aged 2-5. For further particulars and booking, email lucy@wriggledancetheatre.co.uk

Special Days

***Holocaust Memorial Day** takes place on 27 January. Its theme in 2021 is 'Be the Light in the Darkness'. Holocaust Memorial Day is the day for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur. It honours the survivors of these regimes and challenges everyone.

***World Interfaith Harmony Week** takes place from 1 to 7 February. It is a UN recognised Week which was proposed to the UN General Assembly by HM King Abdullah of Jordan. The first UN World Interfaith Harmony Week took place in February 2011. <http://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com>



We congratulate **Chaitrali Chitre** of Sahyadri Friends Group on being named one of Coventry's Heroes.

Colin Scott
Chair



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Secretary