



# POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling...

## Welcome to your February 2021 update

### *Our news:*

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\*Positive Images Festival's **AGM** will take place by Zoom on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 12.30pm to 2.00pm.

\***Meetings** attended by us include: University of Warwick Sanctuary Roadshow meetings; Coventry Welcomes Festival planning meetings; 21 Streets meetings; Digital Coventry presentation.

\*3 of our members attended the Zoom training organised by Mark Hinton.

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

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\*The **Albany Theatre's** latest newsletter contains information about free online classes and the theatre's spring programme.

\***Belgrade Theatre** invites young people in Coventry to take part in online workshops in order to create photography that tells their stories and the story of their city. The artwork will be published and displayed during Coventry 2021 - City of Culture programme. Previous experience of photography is not essential. The workshops will take place in February 2021 during evenings and weekends on Zoom! The theatre would also like participants to share their photographs that are from the family album and show generations of the family, special occasions like birthdays, weddings or family holidays or a memorable moment at home with friends or family. The project is supported by Coventry City Council and Arts Council England and is delivered by GRAIN, which supports photography opportunities.

\*Canley has signed up to participate in the City of Culture **Window Wanderland** project, a series of events taking place between 20<sup>th</sup> February and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 when streets across Coventry and Warwickshire will light up their front windows and gardens and become beautiful walking trails. Full details - including what areas of Coventry are registered, how you can take part, FAQs - can be found here: <https://coventry2021.co.uk/get-involved/window-wanderland/>

\***Chat Central's** February newsletter has information about on-line events, Culture Club topics, a pancake recipe and exciting programmes for young people aged 16-25.

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

\***Coventry Libraries** are holding online events for all ages every week. For further information: [libraries247@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:libraries247@coventry.gov.uk)

\***FabLab** has arranged remote learning sessions for Digital Fabrication, Upcycling, DIY and much more. To register interest, please visit <https://fablabcov.coventry.ac.uk/booking>

\***Earlsdon Library** informs everyone about *Envelopes of Entertainment* (containing puzzles, craft ideas, etc), which can be sent to isolated, lonely, vulnerable people living in Earlsdon. The scheme is free. The recipient receives two envelopes per month. In case you know of individuals who could benefit from this scheme, could you please seek their permission and pass on contact details to [entertainmentenvelopes@gmail.com](mailto:entertainmentenvelopes@gmail.com)

\***FWT** in association with Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre (CRMC), Voluntary Action Coventry (VAC), Belgrade Theatre and Coventry City of Culture Trust, is working on *Integrate Coventry Project*, to support refugees and other third country nationals to rebuild their lives in safety and become fully self-sufficient and establish themselves within the wider community in Coventry. The project's first newsletter gives detailed information about partner organisations and activities planned by each of them.

Coventry Independent Advice Service (CIAS), in partnership with FWT, is offering online free training and advice on family finances on Mondays in March 2021.

\*The **Herbert Art Galley & Museum's** latest newsletter has very interesting information about a new programme – Historic Cooking, which recreates dishes from history. Recipes will appear on the Museum's website.

\*The **Wider Migration Network meeting** will be held on 25/02/2012 from 11:00 - 13:00 on ZOOM. The agenda items will include: Census 2021, Community Champions and COVID-19

\***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 your information/action ...*

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\***Arthritis Action** invites people to join zoom meetings to meet others, share hints and tips, and learn about self-management techniques. To register, email [info@arthritisaaction.org.uk](mailto:info@arthritisaaction.org.uk)

\*A **community testing centre for Covid-19** has been set up at the Indian Community Centre, 243 Cross Road, Coventry, CV6 5GP.

\***Hillfields Violence Reduction Unit** is arranging free online workshops for people who would like to become community ambassadors. The sessions are open to people with a Hillfields connection. To register please call 07415715256 or email [sbhayat@coventryhaven.co.uk](mailto:sbhayat@coventryhaven.co.uk)

\*Micro Rainbow's exciting new project for **lesbian, bisexual, trans and intersex refugee women**, who have been struggling during COVID-19 to be online and access support online, will offer several activities across three months, January 2021-March 2021. For further information, please email [movingon@microrainbow.org](mailto:movingon@microrainbow.org)

\*To receive the **Royal Osteoporosis Society's** newsletter, please email [info@theros.org.uk](mailto:info@theros.org.uk)

### *Special Days*

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**February 6 is International Zero Tolerance Day – FGM.** For information about support available in Coventry, please visit [https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/191/public\\_health/2623/female\\_genital\\_mutilation\\_fgm/2](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/191/public_health/2623/female_genital_mutilation_fgm/2)

**February 1-28 is LGBT History Month.**

**February 17 is National Random Acts of Kindness Day.**

**February 20-28 is National Bread week** – international celebration of support for your local bakery and baking your own bread.

**February 22 is World Thinking Day**, a day of international friendship and speaking out on issues affecting girls and young women.

## *Culture Noticeboard...*

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**City of Culture Trust** has issued its February newsletter, which is full of information about forthcoming events, opportunities, etc.

\*City of Culture Trust is offering FREE performance workshops for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Coventry and Warwickshire, led by [Stand and Be Counted Theatre Company](#). They begin on 1 March. You can read more at <https://coventry2021.co.uk/get-involved/can-you-hear-me-now-call-out/>

\***Foleshill Creates** is working with Coventry City of Culture to provide online workshops for people taking part in this year's *Window Wanderland*. For more information and how to register <https://coventry2021.co.uk/get-involved/window-wanderland/>

\*Members of the public are being asked to contribute to the first ever major exhibition in the UK devoted to the **2 Tone** music sensation which will be presented at the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum in Coventry from 14 May to 12 September 2021. 2 Tone fans are requested to share their favourite 2 Tone memories, photos and videos by emailing them to [2Tone@culturecoventry.com](mailto:2Tone@culturecoventry.com) by Sunday 28 February 2021.



We congratulate **Emilie Lauren Jones**, our Publicity Officer, on being selected as one of the 8 creatives by Coventry City of Culture Trust. As a community connector, Emilie will create her own artistic community event and inspire and engage people across the city. For further information about the **Community Connectors** programme, please visit [www.coventry2021.co.uk/community-connectors](http://www.coventry2021.co.uk/community-connectors)

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