



POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling...

Welcome to your March 2021 update

Our news:

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

***Meetings** attended by us include: Twin Cities Meeting; Virtual Singing Group's 1st Anniversary and Valentine Day celebrations.

***Emilie Lauren Jones**, our Publicity and Promotions Officer and a local poet, is working alongside the City of Culture Trust to create a collection of photographs, personal and historical accounts and positive stories relating to Styvechale and Finham. She will curate these into a digital film. Emilie would appreciate people's stories, memories or positive thoughts about Finham and Styvechale. To send in comments and stories for the project:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JZSKTCW> To contact Emilie, please email emilielaurenwriter@gmail.com or ring her on 078 0510 4743.

And here is news from our partner organisations...

*The **Albany Theatre** has secured capital funding for the development of new creative spaces.

***Arty-Folks** is running free *Creative Arts on Referral* courses and workshops for adults at a low point in life and who are struggling with low to moderate mental health challenges in Coventry and Warwickshire.

***Broad Street Hall** runs a luncheon club every Wednesday at 1.00pm. For more information, please visit www.broadstreetmeetinghall.co.uk

***Chat Central's** March newsletter has interesting info about International Women's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Nowruz. And there's also a recipe for Choc Mug Cake.

***Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods** continues to produce weekly newsletters, which contain information about Rotary Clubs Competition for schools – Design a Peace Garden; Census Day Sunday 21st March, International Women’s Day, New Look Hertford Street, etc.*

Coventry Libraries Newsletter has information about free training webinars run by Re-Solv, the UK national charity working in the field of volatile substance abuse. To book your place or find out more, please phone 01785 817885 or email v.leigh@re-solv.org Coventry Libraries also invited Eleanor Nesbitt to give a talk on *The trail of Coventry’s Literary Links*. The talk - covering writers who had lived in, passed through and written about Coventry, was well-received and attended by 48 people from different parts of UK. Attendees complimented Eleanor on “the depth and breadth of her knowledge.”

*For information about **Fablab**’s online workshops, please visit <http://www.seahorsearts.co.uk/register-for-online-classes/> To book: <https://fablabcov.coventry.ac.uk/booking> or ring 7974984522 or email: helen.lewis@coventry.ac.uk

***FWT** has created a series of FREE online Wellbeing Workshops for women. To book a place, contact the employment team: Tirth on 07538 093004 or tirth.hyare@fwt.org.uk Jo on 07950 813581 or joanna.selby@fwt.org.uk or Lucia on 07950 800503 or lucia.vinolo@fwt.org.uk As a lead partner of **Coventry Women’s Partnership**, FWT is pleased to announce that the Partnership has secured over £630,000 to support women in Coventry.

***Godiva Trust** has released a film to mark the Chinese New Year **2021**. To view the film, please visit <https://youtu.be/AWLJhqlb2E0>

*Coventry City Council’s **Migration team** has circulated a fortnightly regional and national update about asylum issues. The Migration Team has issued its 2nd newsletter, which contains an inspiring story about Mohsin, a determined refugee, who has grabbed every available opportunity and is now employed by PYF as a Youth Engagement Officer.

*Peace House’s **Online Singing Group**, starts its meetings in March. To book visit www.covtelecon.uk or ring 07868 534599.

*A **Virtual Singing Group** (aka Geet Mala Group), which enjoys singing South Asian songs, meets every Wednesdays from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Recently held events include a Christmas party and a joint first Anniversary & Valentine’s Day celebration since it went virtual on zoom platform. To join the group, please ring Mrs. Fazal on 077448002063 or email: taherafazal@yahoo.com

For your information/action ...

*For information about Community Testing, please visit:

<https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/testing-any-questions>

***Coventry Youth Violence Prevention Strategy**, which aims to empower young people to be safe in our city, has been released.

***Guidance for parents and carers on safeguarding children in out-of-school settings** (DfE): <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-safeguarding-children-in-out-of-school-settings>

Also available in different languages

Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service has arranged a free video session for parents/carers of young children with disabilities. To book a place for the session on 18 March, Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email iass@coventry.gov.uk

Special Days

1st Thursday of March – World Book Day

1st to 8th March – Food Waste Action Week

8th March – International Women’s Day

14th March – Mother’s Day (UK)

15th to 21st March – Shakespeare Week

17th March- St. Patrick’s Day

18th March – Global Recycling Day

21st March – Census Day

Refugee Week 2021 will be marked from 14-20 June. The theme of Refugee Week 2021, ‘*We Cannot Walk Alone*’, is an invitation to extend your hand to someone new. Someone who is outside your current circle, has had an experience you haven’t, or is fighting for a cause you aren’t yet involved in.

Culture Noticeboard...

Coventry City of Culture Trust has made its second announcement about future programmes. For further information, please visit <https://coventry2021.co.uk/coming-soon/>



Positive Images Festival congratulates:

***Gabrielle Back**, our Environmental Ambassador, who has received the *Inspirational Educator Award in Environmental Education* for her outstanding contribution to the teaching of Environmental Education.

***Dr Seyedeh Naseriniaki** of Chrysalis Craft Coventry CIC for being named as one of the *100 inspiring Social Enterprise Leaders* in a list compiled by Women in Social Enterprise (WISE).

Colin Scott
Chair



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