



# POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling...

## Welcome to your June 2021 update

### *Our news:*

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Positive Images Festival is participating in **Coventry Welcomes Festival**, which will be marked from 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Our 3 online events include:

\***Putting the Flags Out** – a workshop in which Kate Hills, Emilie Lauren Jones and Seyedeh Naseriniaki will help participants to create unique buntings. 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2.00pm – 3.30pm

\***Blackout Poetry** – a poetry workshop with Theo Ioannou and Emilie Lauren Jones. 17<sup>th</sup> June, 11.00am – 12.30pm

\***Positive Images Poetry Workshop** with Emilie Lauren Jones, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 1.00pm onwards

Tickets for these events and other Coventry Welcomes Festival events are available from <https://coventry2021.co.uk/what-s-on/> and Coventry 2021 shop in Hertford Street.

**Meetings attended:** Coventry Welcomes Festival; Culture Diary; Event Management Training; Twin Cities; Coventry Moves Religious Leaders; CAIF AGM; South Asian Leaders; and Sacred Space meetings.

Our **next festival planning meeting** will be held on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June** from 12.30pm to 1.30pm via Zoom. Our planning meetings are open to all.

For information about events, please visit [www.positiveimagesfestival.co.uk](http://www.positiveimagesfestival.co.uk)

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

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\***The Albany Theatre** will welcome back limited audiences and has created a short video to show the audience what to expect. For further information, please visit [www.albanytheatre.co.uk](http://www.albanytheatre.co.uk)

\***Arty-Folks** is starting Art for Relaxation course (For more info and to book your place <https://bit.ly/34H5OGA>) and A Passion for Plants – a painting course (For more info and to book your place <https://tinyurl.com/y7c4n9y4>)

\***Chat Central's** June newsletter covers Chat Central's programme, samples of art work, activities for people aged 16-25 and information about events. For further information, contact Heather and Olugbemi at [Chatcentral@vacovertry.org.uk](mailto:Chatcentral@vacovertry.org.uk) or call 07840 550801.

\***Climate Change Solutions Ltd** is holding a free event Climate Action for A Fair Green Future on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 from 10.00am to 12.30pm at the United Reform Church, Warwick Row. For registration, the link is <https://www.climate-change-solutions.co.uk/product/climate-action-for-a-clean-green-future/>

\***Cook and Eat Well's** May newsletter has tips on gardening for beginners and pasta and chocolate brownie recipes.

\***Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods (CAN)** continues to keep us well-informed about events: The Sherbourne Valley Project; the Assembly Festival Garden, which will open on the site of the former Civic Centre buildings; . It reports that: 15 May is the International Day of Families; Culture Coventry has joined forces with Coventry Sports Foundation and is now called CV Life; Coventry City Council is asking people for thoughts about their area. For more information, please visit [https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/Tell-us-about-your-area?utm\\_source=ehq\\_newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=ehq-Current-Consultations-and-Tell-us-about-what-do-you-love-about-where-you-live](https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/Tell-us-about-your-area?utm_source=ehq_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ehq-Current-Consultations-and-Tell-us-about-what-do-you-love-about-where-you-live)

\***Coventry City of Peace** and **UNA Coventry Branch** have issued their June newsletters, which are full of information about activities taking place in and around Coventry.

\***Coventry Libraries** are open again for people to visit, with lots of safety measures to keep everyone safe.

\***Coventry Peace Orchard** is hosting an Art in the Orchard event on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June between 11.00am and 4.00pm, at the Orchard, based at Coundon Hall Park.

\***FWT** is working in partnership with Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust to develop processes to ensure that parents who suffer the loss of a baby can access the right information. Women willing to talk about their experiences, are requested to ring Surindar Nagra on 07399 504051 or email [surinder.nagra@fwt.org.uk](mailto:surinder.nagra@fwt.org.uk)

\***Friends of the War Memorial Park's** Centenary Newsletter 5 has information about the Sensory Garden; Memorial Park Rededication Event; and Park Bench Project. For more information, please visit [www.fwmpcoventry.org.uk](http://www.fwmpcoventry.org.uk)

\*We continue to receive quiz questions from **Sue and Graham Pountney**.

\***Starfish** are currently developing a project called *Into The Woods* and in June/July they will be running some sessions in woodland at Wyken Slough and Wyken Croft Nature Park for young people aged between 18 and 30 who have a diagnosis of autism/neurodiversity. For further information email [kerry@thestarfishcollaborative.co.uk](mailto:kerry@thestarfishcollaborative.co.uk) or ring 07907 823 125.

### ***For your information/action ...***

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\*To watch the video of an **International Women's Day** event, aimed at South Asian women, please click

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejeogvzaTvY&t=242s>

\*The Department for Education's **Holiday Activities and Food Programme** (HAF) has provided Coventry funding for free Summer Holiday Clubs and Activities with nutritious food to be made available for school-age children eligible for benefits-related free school meals in Coventry. Youth leaders, those running a holiday club, or people interested in running a holiday club for children or visiting holiday clubs to teach or deliver a session in crafts, sports, cookery or life skills or have resources to share that could help run a Holiday Club are requested to email [hafprogramme@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:hafprogramme@coventry.gov.uk)

### ***Culture Noticeboard...***

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\*Emilie Lauren Jones, community Connector for Finham and Styvechale, worked with over a hundred people, who shared photographs, stories and historical knowledge of the area for the project **Stories from our Streets – Finham and Styvechale**. Local Councillors and our MP took part in recorded interviews. The film based on these contributions will be available to view on YouTube from the middle of July. Emilie records her thanks to **City of Culture Trust** for funding the project and **64 Million Artists** for their support.

\***Risers Exhibition**: a celebration of rising local artists – Box Foyer, Fargo Village – 20-25 June

## *For your information and action...*

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\***Birmingham 2022** are looking for more than 13,000 volunteers for the Commonwealth Games. To become as volunteer, visit [www.birmingham2022.com/volunteering](http://www.birmingham2022.com/volunteering) and fill in an application form.

\*The search has begun for **Coventry's 1<sup>st</sup> Young Poet Laureate**. Young people applying should be 13 years or older and under 18 on 31st August on 2021. This honorary post, appointed by Coventry Library Service and the Coventry UK City of Culture 2021, will run until 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023. For further information, please visit: [www.coventry.gov.uk/poetslaureate](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/poetslaureate)

\*The first newsletter re: **My Coventry Project** has been released. My Coventry Project is a 2 year partnership, which aims to address local, social and economic inequalities that hinder the integration of new communities. For further information, please email [mycoventry@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:mycoventry@coventry.gov.uk)

\*People living or working in Wood End are invited to join a virtual **World Café** on 20<sup>th</sup> June about the delivery of policing in Wood End. To book a place, please email [coventry\\_partnership@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:coventry_partnership@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

\***West Midlands Police** have also released information about their Cadets Scheme for young persons and adults. For further information, please email [cadets@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cadets@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)



**Chaitrali Chitre**, who runs Sahyadri Friends Group, has won the Prime Minister's Points of Light Award, which recognises outstanding individual volunteers who are making a change in their community

*Colin Scott*  
**Chair**



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**Secretary**

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