



POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling...

Welcome to your August 2021 update

Our news:

Positive Images Festival 2021

*We are delighted to report that our 2021 **Multicultural Concert of Music and Dance**, held at the Ukrainian Hall on Saturday 31st July was a roaring success. The hosts were very helpful, the performers superb and the atmosphere very pleasing.

*The **July poetry workshop**, delivered by Emilie Lauren Jones via YouTube, was well-attended and well-received.

***The Coloured Synergy Festival** brought together 3 multicultural festivals - Embrace Africa, Sahyadri Colours of India and Caribbean Cultural Festival. Attendees enjoyed cultural performances and the homely atmosphere. Audience participation in dance items was a very pleasing feature of the event. A number of community organisations displayed information about their services. Food from diverse cultures proved to be popular.

Forthcoming events:

***Looking Back**, an exhibition arranged by Donna Bridgewater, who captured people's emotions during lockdown through portrait images. The exhibition can be viewed at Theatre Absolute, Shop Front Theatre, 38 City Arcade from 17th to 31st August.

***Multicultural Craft & Food Fair** and **Community Information Fair** on 4th September, 10.00am-4.00pm in Broadgate.

For information about future events, please visit our website

www.positiveimagesfestival.co.uk

Our celebrations will go on right up to May 2022. So keep sending us information about your events. Email positiveimagesfest@yahoo.com

And here is news from our partner organisations...

***The Albany Theatre** is celebrating its 120th year and has issued a newsletter, detailing its dazzling shows.

***Chat Central**'s latest newsletter has information about online and live events, programmes for 18+ and much more. Organisations are requested to complete Chat's End of funding/annual report survey. The link for the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CCAUG2021> Sadly, Heather Parker and Olugbemi Moronfolu will leave Chat Central at the end of August when the funding from National Lottery Community Fund comes to an end. Positive Images Festival thanks them for their contribution and wishes them success in their new ventures.

***Cook & Eat Well**'s July newsletter includes tips about staying safe in the sun, recipes and information about fats in the diet.

***Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods** newsletters inform us about: Godiva Festival; Coventry Heritage Action Zone, Metropolis: Coventry's Medieval & Modernist Ambitions exhibition at the Metropolis Gallery (formerly Drapers' Bar); the life & legacy of John Kemp Starley; the problem of litter; growing food; Coventry Hiroshima Day; Climate Change; and the public opening of the event and exhibition space above the Litten Tree Pub, Warwick Row, on Saturday 21st August.

*Exciting news in the latest **Coventry City of Peace** newsletter: Howes School winning the national competition for its Peace & Reconciliation video; the presentation of a Peace Award Certificate to Blue Coat School; and the presentation of a Certificate of Commendation by the Japanese Ambassador to the Lord Mayor's Committee for Peace & Reconciliation.

*Coventry & Warwickshire's world-leading transport innovation is celebrated in **Our Future Moves** exhibition at **Coventry Transport Museum**. The Electric Car Club event in October will provide an opportunity for electric vehicle owners to share stories and expertise and visitors will be able to see a range of vehicles on display. The Museum's summer family programme is centred around Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

*Information from **Coventry Libraries & Information Services**: A reading list for adults; information about services available from www.kooth.com re: mental wellbeing

***The Herbert Art Gallery & Museum** is arranging activities and exhibitions to keep the whole family entertained during the school holidays. Tickets need to be booked.

***Sahil's** team is performing at the Generate Festival at Blue Coat School, Terry Road on Sunday 22nd August from 2.00pm onwards.

***UNA Cov's** latest newsletter covers international issues and the arrival in Coventry of a group of Spanish environmental activists on 9th October

Culture Noticeboard...

*A new City Hosts pack, with information about volunteering for City of Culture Trust 2021 has been issued. The link for the updated pack is <https://bit.ly/CH-Assets-July>

For your information and action...

*Emilie Lauren Jones is the current Artist in Residence for the Central Hall Methodist Church in Coventry. Several events on the theme of *Hope & Peace* are being arranged from September to November. To view events posters, please click <https://www.emilielaurenjones.co.uk/single-project> FREE tickets for all events can be booked via:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--coventry/emilie-lauren-jones

*The Government has launched the **National Disability Strategy**, aimed at transforming disabled people's everyday lives

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