



POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling...

Welcome to your January 2022 update

Our news:

*We were delighted with the response to our call out to emerging artists for our **Positive Images and Words** Project. 17 applications of a very high standard were received. Successful applicants will attend workshops at Finham Library, with facilitators Emile Lauren Jones – Coventry Poet Laureate 2021-2023 and Kate Hills – artist and Positive Living Coach.

***POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL Moves into 2022.** We will continue to mark Coventry's Year as City of Culture UK right up to May 2022. We request you to provide us with information about your events.

*Our next **festival planning meeting** will be held via Zoom on Thursday 20th January from 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm. An agenda and the link for the meeting will be circulated shortly.

*Our next free **monthly poetry workshop**, led by Coventry Poet Laureate Emilie Lauren Jones, will be held on Sunday 30th January via YouTube. For further information, please email emilielaurenwriter@gmail.com

And here is news from our partner organisations...

***Arty-Folks** reports: In 2021, 556 people attended an online course Art of Wellbeing in Warwickshire. For details of their January/February 2022 courses, visit www.arty-folks.org.uk/whats-on

***Bell Green Library** invites people to share their stories about their CV2 postcode and the surrounding area. This community-focused project will explore **“How places feel”** and what makes a neighbourhood become a **“Home”**. The project runs until Spring 2022 and is a collaboration between Bell Green Library, CV2 residents and commissioned artists Georgiou and Tolley. For further information, please email bellgreen.library@coventry.gov.uk

***Chat Central** has released its programme of varied activities in January 2022.

***Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods (CAN)**' December 2021 newsletter includes a magnificent view of Coventry's restored Drapers' Hall; information about 3 policy planning documents about Affordable Housing; Energy; and Open Space. The consultation for each of these runs until 18th January 2022. Documents are available on https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/111/planning_policy/3598/planning_policy_consultations

*Coventry artist, designer and stylist **Daniel Lismore's** first UK exhibition will open at the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum on Friday 18th February and end in June. Public booking for this free event is now open.

***Coventry Transport Museum** is celebrating women of the past and present with a brand new exhibition **Women in Motorsport**, which can be viewed between 29th January and 31st May 2022.

FWT is offering free online workshops every Friday from 11-12 to support Refugee and Leave to Remain Women. For further information, please ring Zivar on 07508 517654 or Maryam on 07399 511927 or email zivar.zahaf@fwt.org.uk or maryam.baboli@fwt.or.uk

Hillz FM is starting a free radio training course - Skillz with Hillz. For more info: <https://www.hillzfm.co.uk/radiotraining/>

*We thank **Sue and Graham Pountney** for continuing to send us quiz questions. The quiz issued on 31st December 2021 contains a footnote, prompted by Eleanor Nesbitt, who provided interesting information about Charles Dickens' visits to Coventry.

*Highlights from **UNA Cov News**: a tribute to Archbishop Desmond Tutu; all categories of UN's 2021 "Champions of the Earth" awards won by women; International Women's Day (IWD) 2022 - theme Break the Bias and Maokwo's No Apology conversation at Warwick Arts Centre on IWD.

Culture Noticeboard...

*UK's first permanent immersive digital art gallery "**The Reel Store**" will open in April 2022 as part of Coventry UK City of Culture celebrations. It is located in the former home of Coventry Evening Telegraph paper.

Did you know?

27th January is **International Holocaust Remembrance Day**.

1st February is the **Chinese New Year of the Tiger**.

1st March is **Pancake Day**.

7th – 13th March is **The Green Week**. For information about Coventry and Leamington Spa's Green Week, visit www.greenweek.coventry.domains/

For your information/action...

*Coventry City Council has issued a **Domestic Abuse Bulletin**, spotlighting services in the city.

***St. Francis Employability** Scheme has released its programme of activities from January to March 2022. For further information, please visit www.stfranciscoventry.org

*A free six-week course “**Storytelling for Wellbeing**”, run by Recovery & Wellbeing Academy, will start on 13th June via Zoom. For bookings, please visit www.recoveryandwellbeing.co.uk/enrolment For enquiries, please ring 07946 585978.

*The dates for **Refugee Week 2022** – 14 to 20 June



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