



POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling...

Welcome to your February 2022 update

Our news:

*Positive Images Festival has commissioned 10 local, emerging artists to create a piece of work for the ***Positive Images and Words*** exhibition. Taking place in The Litten Tree Building from Saturday 26th March until Friday 8th April, the exhibition will celebrate the theme of eco-friendliness, with many of the pieces being created using recycled materials.

The 10 commissioned pieces will be displayed alongside work created in workshops with community members. The workshops have been taking place every other Tuesday afternoon at Finham Library, Coventry, with Kate Hills - artist and Positive Living Coach and Emilie Lauren Jones – Coventry Poet Laureate 2021-2023. To find out which artists were commissioned, please visit <https://positiveimagesfestival.co.uk/imagesandwords> This project has been funded and supported by Coventry City Council and Positive Images Festival.

***Positive Images Festival's Finale Event** will be held on Saturday 21st May at Tin Music & Arts, Canal Basin.

*Our next **free monthly poetry workshop**, led by Coventry Poet Laureate - Emilie Lauren Jones, will be held at the Central Library from 1.00pm to 3.10pm. Attendees discuss poems, take part in fun writing activities, share their words and eat biscuits! This is a diverse, friendly and relaxed group. New attendees welcome.

And here is news from our partner organisations...

***Chat Central's** February newsletter outlines a busy programme of varied activities (live as well as online) for 18+ . And there is also a gratitude journal and an appeal for volunteers. For further information, please email chatcentral@vacoventry.org.uk

***Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods (CAN)** newsletters have information about the new changes to the Highway Code; food waste; Green Week; fly-tipping; Community Green Grants Fund and Coventry City of Culture Trust's future projects.

*In association with *Get It Loud in Libraries* (which gives music lovers the chance to see top-notch artists in their local library), the **Central Library** presents a performance by Yorkshire-based *The Lounge Society*, on 2nd April from 8.00pm onwards. Tickets cost £8 and can be bought from Get It Loud in Libraries website <https://getitloudinlibraries.com/gigs/>

As part of City of Culture, the **Library service** is delivering a project called *Reading Rooms for Children* aged 8-11. Children will be able to meet in the library once a week to share a story and through that explore their feelings. The sessions, starting in February/March, will be held at Aldermoor, Bell Green and Tile Hill Library. Each session will be guided by trained library staff. Interested families need to contact their library.

The Tile Hill Library Project is part of the Thriving Communities Fund (Arts Council England), which aims to support local voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) projects that bring together place-based partnerships to improve and increase social prescribing community activities – especially for those people most impacted by COVID 19 and health inequalities. It is seeking to commission a local artist or collective to work collaboratively with individuals, community groups and library staff in 8 workshops, which will take place in April, May and June 2022.

***Coventry Peace News** – Roger Harrabin, Energy and Environment Analyst at the BBC, will deliver the Lord Mayor's Peace Lecture on 11th November.

*For people looking for things to do, **Herbert Art Gallery & Museum's** newsletter has a list of interesting activities such as Silversmithing workshops, etc. *Creative Connections*, an exhibition featuring internationally celebrated cultural and political figures who were born in Coventry or are associated with Coventry, opens on 4th March and runs until 30th May.

*As part of This is Africa Series, **The Highlife Centre** has arranged a two day conference, *She Speaks*, which seeks to inspire and empower women of colour. Forming part of International Women's Festival, the 2 events will be held on 5th and 12th March 12.00 noon – 4.00pm at Coventry Transport Museum. The link to register is: <https://www.thisisafrica2021.co.uk/events/she-speaks>

*Coventry City Council's **Migration Team's** *English Conversation classes*, which started in January, will continue up to March. For further information, contact rattan.bhorjee@coventry.gov.uk

***Styvechale Open Gardens** event makes a welcome return after a gap of two years. On 12th June 2022, visitors will be able to feast their eyes on lovely mature gardens. Look out for details in our next update. Contact: thegaughts@yahoo.co.uk

***Sue** and **Graham Pountney** continue to send us quiz questions.

Culture Noticeboard...

*Coventry UK City of Culture Trust announces the return of the **Assembly Gardens** in spring and a host of events taking place in March.

*The Trust is also inviting applications from people interested in becoming **City Host Volunteers**.

*From Saturday 19th February to Friday 25th March, streets across Coventry & Warwickshire will once again light up their front windows and gardens as part of **Window Wanderland 2022**.

*Coventry's very first **Sacred Music Festival**, arranged by Sacred Space Initiative, takes place at Warwick Arts Centre on Saturday 5th March from 6.30pm onwards. Sacred Space Initiative is a project, which highlights the arrival as well as the contribution of diverse communities to the economic, cultural and social fabric of Coventry. This show-stopping event will include Qawwali, Giddha, Bharathanatyam dance, a Ghatka demonstration, drumming and performances by a Ukrainian group. To obtain tickets, which cost only £5.00 each, please visit <https://www.warwickartscentre.co.uk/whats-on/made-in-coventry-sacred-space-2336/>

Did you know?

*February 27 is National Strawberry Day.

For your information/action...

*The Lord Mayor of Coventry's **Committee for Peace & Reconciliation** is arranging a public meeting on the Nuclear Threat, on Saturday 5th March from 10.30am to 12.00 noon at the United Reform Church, Warwick Row.

*Eden Project has launched the **Big Jubilee Lunch**, as part of the official celebrations for Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend 2-5 June.

*A West Midlands Roadshow will take place virtually on 30th June on the topic of *Ending the Postcode Lottery*. The link is [https://parliament-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/u50tcu2grDkpG93uZEoV44Zi4Ek9PjL4uM6x](https://parliament.uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/u50tcu2grDkpG93uZEoV44Zi4Ek9PjL4uM6x)

*People living and working in Hillfields, Wood End & Henley & Manor Farm or Canley & Tile Hill are invited to a community event, focussing on **policing and community safety**. Here are the booking arrangements for these events run by the charity ROC:

Book Hillfields event <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../roc-conversation...>

Book Wood End and Henley and Manor Farm event <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../roc-conversation-woodend...>

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