



POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling... Welcome to our March 2022 update

Our news:

***Positive Images & Words Exhibition**, created by 10 commissioned upcoming artists, can be viewed at The Litten Tree, 1 Warwick Road, CV1 1EX from 26th March to 8th April. Artists celebrated the theme of eco-friendliness in workshops facilitated by Kate Hills - artist and Positive Living Coach and Emilie Lauren Jones – Coventry Poet Laureate 2021-2023.

*Positive Images Festival's free **February poetry workshop**, led by Emilie Lauren Jones, was very well-attended – people were happy to be back in-person. Attendees looked at the work of Warsan Shire, a Somali British poet, and wrote poems inspired by her piece called *Home*. Next workshop – 20 March 1.00 - 3.10pm Central Library.

*Our **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Thursday 24th March 1.15pm - 2.00pm and on Thursday 31st March 6.00pm – 7.00pm.

And here is news from our partner organisations...

*Free online and in-person courses and workshops, supporting the mental wellbeing of adults, continue up to April. For more information and to book a place, visit <https://arty-folks.org.uk/whats-on/calendar/>

***Belgrade Theatre** invites young people aged 11-18 to join its Black Youth Theatre.

***Chat Central** has arranged an interesting and varied programme for March – talks, art tours, city walks and much more. Contact: d.sithole@vacoventry.org.uk

***Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods (CAN)** newsletters cover: fuel poverty; Coventry Local Development Plan 2022 relating to housing; free exhibitions in Coventry...

*Coventry City Council's **Migration Team** invites young refugees and migrants wanting to get into a job, education, training or start their own business to email thomas.claughton@coventry.gov.uk or ring 07720 063075.

***Coventry Peace Newsletter** for March contains information about forthcoming events and the situation in Ukraine.

***CRASAC** will mark its 40th Anniversary with a *Survivors' Art Exhibition*. It is looking for survivors to contribute their own artwork or to join others to create art during a series of workshops. Contact: catherine.humphrey@crasac.org.uk

*For information about **Fablab Coventry** and **Eco Furniture Coventry's** short courses and workshops, email fablabcov@coventry.ac.uk

***Finham Library** would like to have a lot of bunting around the library to celebrate the Queen's 70th Jubilee celebrations. People interested in contributing a bunting need to ensure that the bunting: has relevance to royalty or UK or a Commonwealth country; is no more than 15cm wide and 20cm long; has a cloth base. The library will collect buntings after Easter up until the 3rd week in May. Contact: finhamlibrary@gmail.com

***FWT** continues with its Friday online sessions to support refugee & Leave to Remain Women

***The Highlife Centre's** free Confidence Building and Business Awareness sessions for those not in employment and in receipt of benefits take place at The WAVA Hall, 31 Barras Green, Upper Stoke, CV2 4LY, every Thursday 10.00am-12.30pm. Contact: rosemond@thehighlife.org or call 07368 523118

*As part of the Feeling Safe Initiative, **Kairos WWT** is holding women only sessions at FWT in March.

Breath of Fresh Air Wellbeing* sessions are taking place at Moat House Park with the **Starfish Collaborative on Tuesdays 1.00pm-3.00pm from March to May. Contact: Kerry 07907 823125 or at admin@thestarfishcollaborative.co.uk

*After a 2 year absence **Styvechale Open Gardens** is back on 12th June 11.00am-5.00pm. Tickets are £5 per adult, accompanied children go free. Tickets and map are available on the day from the Church Hall at West Orchard United Reformed Church, The Chesils, Coventry CV3 6FP. Proceeds will go to the National Garden Scheme caring charities and Myton Hospice. There will be up to 15 lovely mature suburban gardens open with many of them providing refreshments and plants for sale. Plenty for you to see and perhaps some ideas for you to take home.

***Sue and Graham Pountney** continue to send us quiz questions from time to time. Do let us know if you would like us to forward these to you.

***Watch Charity** www.watchcharity.org.uk now has a new company logo and ands branding.

Culture Noticeboard...

The City of Culture Trust has released a booklet covering activities right up to May.

For your information/action...

*A **Health & Wellbeing Event** will be held on Sunday 20th March from 10.00am to 2.30pm at Coventry Muslim Resource Centre CV6 5EE.

***Imagineer Productions** is running a free training programme for young people aged 16-30, not in employment, education or training, and interested in the creative or technical side of live events and outdoor arts. Training sessions will be held up to May at Daimler Powerhouse Creation Centre. Contact:

kathi@imagineerproductions.co.uk or tayyaba@imagineerproductions.co.uk or call Jane Hytch 07808 429619

***Sky Blues in the Community** has started *Mentalk*, designed to bring men together to improve their well-being. Contact: Robert.chandler@sbitc.org.uk or 07845 812639

***Wellness Junction** holds a variety of weekly activities that help to reduce loneliness, isolation and support mental and physical well-being in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. The group meets on Mondays & Wednesdays from 11am to 1:30pm at Broad Street Hall, 124 Broad Street, Coventry, CV6 5BG. Activities currently taking place are healthy Cooking classes, Gentle exercises, Singing classes, presentations by Guest Speakers, workshops and discussion and computer classes. All welcome to join, for further information please call 024 7674 0493 or email admin@broadsthall.co.uk or follow us Facebook [wellnessjunctionatbroadstreethall](https://www.facebook.com/wellnessjunctionatbroadstreethall) or www.broadstreethall.co.uk

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