



# POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling...

## Welcome to your March 2023 update

### ***Our news:***

We invite you to participate in the 2023 Positive Images Festival, which will be launched on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June in Broadgate. We hold a planning meeting each month at the Central Library. The meeting time is from 12.30pm to 1.45pm. Anyone interested can also attend the meeting via Zoom. The link will be sent on request. Contact [positiveimagesfest@gmail.com](mailto:positiveimagesfest@gmail.com)

Dates of future meetings: March 21<sup>st</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup>, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. All welcome.

Our **Free Poetry Workshops**, run by Coventry Poet Laureate Emilie Lauren Jones, are held at the Central Library on the last Sunday of each month from 1.00pm to 3.15pm.

Free **Women's Arts and Craft Workshops** are run weekly at WATCH LTD by Kate Hills from 1.00pm – 3.00pm. All materials are provided. The programme is funded until the end of October 2023.

### ***Summer festival events:***

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1.00pm-3.00pm **Positive Images Free Monthly Poetry Club** at the Central Library, led by Coventry Poet Laureate, Emilie Lauren Jones. All welcome, whether experienced or beginners.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm-9.30pm **Multicultural Concert of Music & Dance** at the Ukrainian Hall.

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

\*Drama lovers are requested to visit [www.albanytheatre.co.uk](http://www.albanytheatre.co.uk) to see what's on offer. The theatre is also excited to present a first peek of *Around the World in 80 Days*, which is coming to the theatre this May-June.

\***Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods (CAN)** newsletters shed light on the City Centre regeneration Scheme, the City Centre Cultural Gateway (former IKEA building), Charterhouse opening and much more...

\*Poetry enthusiasts are invited to a poetry morning at the **Central Library** on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 11.00am onwards. Poets Roz Goddard, Brenda Read-Brown and local poet, Lillian Geuken, will be sharing their poems at this informal event. Free entry. No booking required.

**Coventry Libraries'** latest update includes information about: weekly football training sessions for girls aged 13-17 at St. Finbarrs Sports Ground; online ante-natal exercise classes; and post-natal exercise classes at Longford Park.

\***The Highlife Centre** will hold *She Creates: International Women's Day* event on 24<sup>th</sup> March from 5.00pm to 9.00pm at Wava Hall, 31 Barras green, CV2 4LY. Free entry, booking essential. For further information, email [yvofficial@thehighlife.org](mailto:yvofficial@thehighlife.org) or call 07495155329

\*For information about upcoming events at **The Tin Music and Arts** and to purchase tickets, visit [www.thetinmusicandarts.org.uk](http://www.thetinmusicandarts.org.uk)

\***Wellness Junction** is holding its *International Women's Day* event on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 11.00am to 1.30pm at Broad Street Hall. For further information, please call 024 7674 0493 or email [admin@broadsthall.co.uk](mailto:admin@broadsthall.co.uk)

\*YXNG AND GXFTED, a fortnightly programme that looks to educate young people aged 11-17 about **Black British History**, started at the Belgrade Theatre on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. To join, please email [youthparticipation@maokwo.com](mailto:youthparticipation@maokwo.com)

### **Date for your diary:**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April** – 12.30pm – 2.00pm **Hillfields Readers Group** meeting at St Peter's Centre



**HILLFIELDS READERS GROUP (HRG)**

For further information, please email [hrgcov2005@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hrgcov2005@yahoo.co.uk)

## ***Did you know?***



The theme for this year's **International Women's Day (8<sup>th</sup> March)** is ***DigitALL: innovation and technology for gender equality.***

**20<sup>th</sup> March** is **International Day of Happiness.**

## ***For your information/action:***

\*Nominations are invited for the 11<sup>th</sup> Community Inspiration Awards 2023. Organised by the Community Foundation, these awards recognise outstanding contribution made by staff from public sector organisations, charities, businesses and members of the community, whose efforts have made a positive difference in the community and have inspired and motivated others. The deadline for nominations is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The Awards Ceremony will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023. For further information and to complete a nomination form, please visit <https://forms.gle/1ZqMhHRFMuwbSUr66>

\***Coventry City Council's Community Resilience Team's** February Newsletter has information about: its Community Recovery Support Grant; funders; the Council's Climate Change Strategy and Coventry Muslim Forum's Ramadhan Health and Wellbeing Event on 12<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am to 2.00pm at Coventry Muslim Resource Centre, CV6 5EE. There is also an interesting Community Stories section. To contribute a story about what is happening in your community, email [communityresilience@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:communityresilience@coventry.gov.uk)

\*The annual **Refugee Week Conference** (on the theme of Compassion) takes place online on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am to 12.30pm. For further information and to register for a free ticket, visit [www.refugeeweek.org.uk](http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk) You can also sign up for Refugee Week Updates.

\*People with a long term health condition or disability and living in Bell Green, Wood End, Manor House, Henley Green or Manor Farm Estate are invited to join local creative artists in local parks and woodland for a **Wellbeing Wander**. To book a space on the project or for further information, email Kerry [kerry@thestarfishcollaborative.co.uk](mailto:kerry@thestarfishcollaborative.co.uk) or call on 07907 823125.

The **Starfish Collaborative** is also starting **Anime Youth Club Project**, for 11-16 year olds, who prefer less mainstream hobbies.

\*Young people aged 16-29 years and not in employment, education or training and living in Coventry and wanting to gain experience in *Live Events* and *Outdoor Arts* are requested to email [tayyaba@imagineerproductions.co.uk](mailto:tayyaba@imagineerproductions.co.uk) or call Jane Hytch 07808 429619.



Positive Images Festival congratulates **Diane Hill** of Coventry Ambassadors on the award of OBE in the New Year's Honours List. Diane, an employment tribunal lay panel member, receives her award for services to the administration of justice

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