



POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling...

Welcome to your April 2023 update

Our news:

Positive Images Festival 2023 will be held from 17th June to 8th July. And here is an outline of events for you to enjoy/participate in:

Pre-festival event

11 June 11.00am – 5.00pm *Styvechale Open Gardens*. Tickets from The Mary Roper Room, St Thomas Church, Knoll Drive, CV3 5DE



17 June 10.00am – 4.00pm *Festival launch and Fairs* Broadgate

21 & 28 June, 5 July 1.00pm – 3.00pm *Create to Motivate free weekly Arts & Crafts Workshops* for women WATCH Centre

24 June 1.00pm – 4.00pm *Hillfields Readers Group Open Day* St Peters Centre (tbc)

25 June 1.00pm – 3.00pm *Positive Images Monthly Poetry Club* Central Library

8 July 7.00pm – 9.00pm *Free Multicultural Concert of Music and Dance* Ukrainian Hall



Post-festival event:

15 July *Book launch of A Dictionary of Experimental Language* by Leanne Bridgewater. Details tbc.

Are you planning any events? We will gladly include information about your events on our website www.positiveimagesfestival.co.uk

And here is news from our partner organisations:

*For information about what's on at **The Albany Theatre** in April, please visit www.albanytheatre.co.uk

***CAIF** is supporting the visit of Dresden Poet Christian Manss from 4-7 April. This was organised by Poet Laureate Emilie Lauren Jones, who visited Dresden last year as part of a Coventry- Dresden exchange programme. He will perform at a Fire and Dust event and will be interviewed for Hillz Radio. CAIF will receive visitors from our twin city of Kiel from 21-25 April. CAIF has released its newsletter for 2022. This contains a review of their numerous events during the year.

***Chat Central**, which has recently received fantastic media coverage, has released its April newsletter, listing the numerous activities it arranges. VAC has been nominated for the Cov Cares Awards 2023 and would appreciate your votes.

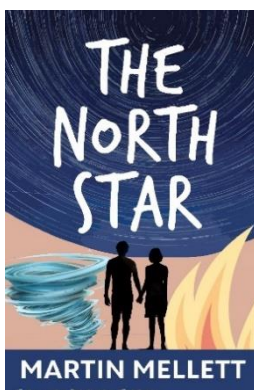
***Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods (CAN)** continues to keep us all well-informed about events as well as issues: Coventry City Council's plan to turn derelict houses into family homes; litter and fly tipping, etc.

*For information about what's on in **Coventry Libraries**, please visit

<https://librarycatalogue.coventry.gov.uk/whats-on#/>

*Important information in **Cov Peace News** April newsletter: 10 Coventry students will be going to Japan in September 2023 to attend UNESCO's Partner Schools 70th Anniversary International Peace Conference, providing sufficient funding can be obtained. Also included is information about peace-related events.

Coventry Open*, featuring over 100 works by local artists, is now open at **The Herbert Art Gallery and Museum. The exhibition can be viewed until 21st May.



***Martin Mellett** is doing a book signing of his book, *The North Star*, at Kenilworth Books on Saturday 22nd April 10.30 - 2.30pm. *The North Star* is a simple story about what truly matters as we get older.

***Sue Pountney** has sent us the last quiz of *When the clocks go back – Series 2* and hopes to be back for Season 3 on the weekend of 28th/29th October.

***The Starfish Collaborative** are looking for local groups and organisations to join them for a day! Their first free community event, *The Greenhouse*, is on Saturday 22nd April in Moat House Park. At this FREE Community Day with free creative

activities and free hot drinks, you will be able to try something new, connect with nature and interact with your local community. If you are interested in being part of the event and would like to find out more, please email Alice on alice@thestarfishcollaborative.co.uk or call / text Alice on 07861 375 352.

***The Tin Music and Arts** is delighted to announce that California-born and now Manchester-based Jesca Hoop will perform at The Tin on 18th October.

***UNA Cov** April newsletter carries information about: Ways of helping Ukraine; Mother Earth Day; Coventry's International Young People's Essay Competition 2023 and much more.

***WEA** has released information about its summer IT courses and Welcome to the UK courses. For further information, please email lhavard@wea.ac.uk

Did you know?

April is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month.

22 April is World Earth Day. It marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environment movement in 1970.

23 April is English Language Day.

29 April is International Dance Day.

For your information/action:

*Office space is available at **Voluntary Action Coventry**. If you are interested in a discussion about what's available and how your needs can be accommodated, please contact **Sue Ogle** 024 7652 1158 or s.ogle@vac Coventry.org.uk for an informal chat.

***Coventry Arts, Culture & Heritage March 2023 Newsletter** carries information about: application for a street party road closure for the celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III; Charterhouse opening; Godiva Festival – 30th June to 2nd July and much more...

*Coventry has been successful in becoming a new development area for a national organisation called **The Outdoor Partnership** (TOP) www.outdoorpartnership.co.uk Sarah Ramsey, who has been appointed the Outdoor Activity Development Officer for Coventry, will be working alongside a stakeholder group of people committed to working together to develop a wide range of outdoor provision, from pathways to employment in the outdoors to new activity opportunities for everyone. For further information email Sarah.ramsey@outdoorpartnership.co.uk or call 07742 875222

*For information about the **Coronation Big Lunch** and to sign up for a free organiser pack, visit www.coronationbiglunch.com

*An online *Black Business Showcase* takes place on Saturday 15th April from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. This is a chance to familiarise yourself with black-owned businesses from a variety of industries and discovering their products and services. Free entry. Register at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/black-owned-business-showcase-tickets-597823705797>



Positive Images Festival thanks **Di Hills OBE** (Coventry Ambassadors) and **Manjit Rehal** (CRASAC) for their contribution to our festival as representatives of their respective organisations. We wish them well in their new ventures.

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