



POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling...

Welcome to your May 2023 update

Our news

This year, Positive Images Festival is 30 years old. Here is the programme outline of the 2023 Positive Images Festival:

10 June 11.00am – 3.00pm Big Lunch in Canley, with Warwick Arts Centre organising a parade

11 June 11.00am – 5.00pm *Styvechale Open Gardens*

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

17 June – Warwickshire Wildlife Trust's event in Millennium Place re: Sherbourne Project

21 June 1.00pm – 3.00pm *Create to Motivate Free Arts & Crafts Workshops for Women*. Repeat events on 28 June & 5 July

21 June – 5.00pm – 7.30pm *Collaboration Station*, Café Morso, Corporation Street. Share Ideas, Make Connections and Take Action. Repeat events on 16 August and 18 October

25 June 1.00pm – 3.10pm *Positive Images Monthly Poetry Club*

1 July 1.00pm – 4.00pm *Hillfields Readers Group Open Day*

2 & 3 July Picnic and display of art work at Peace Orchard, Coundon Hall Park

8 July 7.00pm – 9.30pm *FREE Multicultural Concert of Music and Dance* in aid of Ukraine

15 July *Book Launch: a Dictionary of Experimental Language* by Leanne Bridgewater. Details tbc

The final festival planning meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th May from 12.30pm to 1.45pm at the Central Library and by Zoom.

Interested in volunteering? Positive Images Festival is looking for designers of posters, funding researchers, stewards at events and Social Media assistants. Interested individuals are requested to contact Volunteer Co-ordinator, Shabana Sarguro, at ssarguro@yahoo.com

And here is news from our partner organisations:

***Chat Central's** May newsletter lists exciting activities on offer.

***Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods (CAN)** newsletters draw our attention to: new City Centre South plans; struggling pharmacies; dirty rivers; Charterhouse and the new *Guess the Coventry Kids* board game; police spending more time in local communities; the Council's consultation on Homes in Multiple Occupation (HMOs); a meeting on Wednesday 17th May 7.30pm at Friends Meeting House re: peace talks to *End the War in Ukraine*; AGE UK Coventry & Warwickshire's *Guide to Later life*; the rise of diabetes; stress; a plea for volunteers from Coventry Independent Advice Service ...

***Coventry Libraries** inform us about: a Family Links Antenatal Course www.coventry.gov.uk/positiveparenting ; Healthwatch Coventry's Photography Competition to mark its 10th anniversary www.healthwatchcoventry.co.uk ; translated cost of living videos www.coventry.gov.uk/costofliving ; free school meals for families with no recourse to public funds

***Coventry Peace News** and **UNA Cov News** May Newsletter include information about: the receipt of Library of Sanctuary Award by Coventry Libraries; International Day of Living Together in Peace; a meeting on *How to bring Peace to the Horn of Africa*; Peacekeepers Day Conference; Coventry Against Racism's Zoom meeting; Coventry's International Young People's Essay Competition 2023 ..

***VAC's** May newsletter includes information about: training and activities on offer; 2 remarkable case studies of 2 individuals, who benefitted tremendously from the Accelerate Project; Healthwatch Coventry's 10th Anniversary Photography Competition and funding opportunities.

***WATCH's** 25th Anniversary event takes place on Saturday 13th May from 1.00pm to 4.30pm. The event will also celebrate the King's Coronation. Anyone who would like to book a free information stall is requested to contact Kate Hills kate@hillzfm.net

For your information/action:

*For information about **Refugee Week's** Simple Acts 2023, Event Organiser Pack and a report on Refugee Week 2023 Conference, visit www.refugeeweek.org.uk

*The historic **Weaver's House** has received approval for plans to develop and reveal more of the history of the buildings in Spon End's Black Swan Terrace.

***The Fragile Earth**, an exhibition by the Fleming Collection of Scottish Art, can be viewed at Coventry Cathedral until 29 May.

***Men's health awareness event** - 10th June 2023; 10AM-4PM @ Coventry Transport Museum. Arranged by Lions Club of Coventry Godiva along with Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board and Coventry Navigation 1 PCN.

*Fact sheets about: choking, falls, poisoning, burns and road safety have been translated into Arabic, Bengali, Punjabi, Polish, Romanian, Somali and Urdu and can be accessed through <https://capt.org.uk/csw-translations/>

**Woman, Life, Freedom: The Sounds of a Revolution*, a programme reflecting on feminist mobilisations in Iran through art, performance, music and talks, will take place on Saturday, 20th of May, 6:00pm at Coventry Cathedral. The Eventbrite link for more details on the event and registration: <http://bit.ly/3m26AKp>



Positive Images Festival thanks **Trish Evans**, Centre Manager at WATCH, for her prolific input into Positive Images Festival over the years. Trish's enthusiasm and unflinching support revitalised the festival presence in Hillfields. We extend our best wishes to Trish as she moves on. as she m

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