



# POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling...

## Welcome to your June 2023 update

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

Our **pre-festival events** began on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, with: a Community Fun Day at Bell Green Community Library and at Moat House Leisure & Neighbourhood Centre; and Canley Big Lunch and Parade.

And here are dates for your diary for other exciting events during **Positive Images Festival 2023:**

11 June Styvechale Open Gardens

17 June Festival Launch and Fairs, featuring crafts, food and information stalls; Abstract Painting Sessions at Tin Community Space

21 June Create to Motivate Free Weekly Arts & Craft Workshops for Women at WATCH Centre (Repeat event 28 June, 5 July); Collaboration Station at Café Morso (Repeat events 16 August and 18 October)

25 June Positive Images Monthly Poetry Club at Central Library

25 June-30 June Poetry Fab Lab

2 July Family Fun Day & Caribbean BBQ at Xcel Leisure Centre

6 July Open Mic Evening at St Mary's Guildhall

8 July Hillfields Readers Open Day at St Peter's Centre; Free Multicultural Concert of Music & Dance at the Ukrainian Centre

15 July Book Launch for Leanne Bridgewater

***For details about the above events, please visit***

***[www.positiveimagesfestival.co.uk](http://www.positiveimagesfestival.co.uk)***

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

\*The play *Black is the Colour of My Voice*, inspired by the life of Nina Simone and featuring many of her songs, will be staged at the **Albany Theatre** on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Booking is also open for tickets for the play *The Snail and the Whale*, which will be performed in August.

\***Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods (CAN)** newsletters cover: activities, exhibitions in a variety of venues; Historic Coventry Trust's appeal for volunteers; the state of the NHS; Priory Visitor Centre; Coventry's first ever River Festival on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June, in Millennium Place (outside Coventry Transport Museum); Talking Birds' *Nestival of Ideas: War & Peace* on Thursday 8th June 2023 10am - 12:30pm at The Nest Unit 3, Sandy Lane Business Park Coventry CV1 4DQ. Book your (free) place via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/641177417917> More info: [www.talkingbirds.co.uk](http://www.talkingbirds.co.uk)

\***Sahil Project** has released its programme of varied weekly activities. For further information, telephone 024 7663 8754 or email [info@sahilproject.co.uk](mailto:info@sahilproject.co.uk)

\***Voluntary Action Coventry** host a completely FREE online directory with information about voluntary and community organisations registered with them.

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

\*A collaboration and networking event takes place on Tuesday 19 June 2.00pm – 4.00pm at **Park Edge Family Hub**, CV2 1NE. To register your interest, email [r.burdett@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:r.burdett@coventry.gov.uk) or ring 024 7551 5909.

\*The exhibition *Reason for Painting* can be viewed at the Mead Gallery, **Warwick Arts Centre** until 25<sup>th</sup> June.

For **Refugee Week 2023**, different parts of Britain have been working on interesting programmes. To get a copy of the newsletter covering programme highlights, Refugee Week 2023 Ambassadors, book recommendations and much more, please email [media@refugeeweek.org.uk](mailto:media@refugeeweek.org.uk)

\*UK will mark **Inter Faith Week** from 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November. The week's aims are to:

- Strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels
- Increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society
- Increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs

For more information and ideas about activities, visit [www.interfaithweek.org](http://www.interfaithweek.org)

\*To view *Report: Reablement for people living with dementia from Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups*, please visit <https://raceequalityfoundation.org.uk/health-and-care/report-reablement-for-people-living-with-dementia-from-black-asian-and-minority-ethnic-communities/>

**\*Bands in the Park** take place from 11 June to 17 September in many of Coventry's beautiful parks on Sundays from 2.00pm to 3.30pm.



Positive Images Festival congratulates **Dr Nor Aziz** on being recognised as one of just 500 *Coronation Champions*. The Coronation Champions Awards celebrate the extraordinary volunteers who have been contributing to their communities.

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