



# POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling...

## Welcome to your September 2023 update

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

\*From September onwards, we will start **planning Positive Images Festival 2024**, when we mark our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. By membership request, we have changed the day of our meeting from Tuesday to Thursday. The new meeting time will be from 1.45pm to 3.00pm. All meetings will be held at the Central Library as well as via Zoom. Here are the dates of future meetings: 21 September, 19 October, 23 November and 14 December.

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

\***The Albany Theatre** ([www.albanytheatre.co.uk](http://www.albanytheatre.co.uk)) has released its programme for September, jam packed with a variety of shows from comedy to music and culture.

\*Highlights from **Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods'** newsletter: Heritage Open Days: Litten Tree/Intershop's celebration of the history of the building on 9, 10, 16 and 17 September; Nest/Daimler Powerhouse Open House on 16 September 11.00am-4.00pm; a list of useful telephone numbers; tips for the protection of keyless entry vehicles....

\***Coventry Green Drinks** is restarting on Thursday 28 September 2023 at the Slug & Lettuce Coventry. Interested individuals aged 18+ can drop in any time between 5.30pm and 8.30pm. Coventry Green Drinks is an informal face to face networking event, bringing together people who work in the green sector, have an interest in sustainability and/or want to live a more natural, healthy lifestyle. As a table has been reserved, the organiser would like prior information about your attendance. For further information, please email [enquiries@givingtimeandsolutions.com](mailto:enquiries@givingtimeandsolutions.com) and visit the website [www.greendrinks.org/Coventry](http://www.greendrinks.org/Coventry)

\***Coventry Libraries & Information Service:** Bloomsbury Mentorship Programme 2023 is offering a mentoring programme for unpublished and underrepresented fiction writers. For more details please visit their website <https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/connect/bloomsbury-mentorship-programme-2023/>

Talks arranged by **Coventry Libraries and Information Service:** **Chris Arnot's** talk about his new book *Coronation Streets: England then and now*, on 14<sup>th</sup> September from 2.00pm to 3.00pm at Tile Hill Library and from 2.00pm to 3.00pm on 18<sup>th</sup> September at Jubilee Crescent Library; **Vendon Wright**, a registered blind author, will talk about his book *The forgotten leap year* on 30<sup>th</sup> September from 11.00am at the Central Library; **Martin Mellett**, author of *The north star*, will be visiting Tile Hill Library on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 11.30am

\*Coventry City Council's **Resilience Team** would like to draw people's attention to the availability of: Suicide Prevention Grant Fund; Health Protection Community Grant, Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund and much more. For further information or to speak to an officer about your ideas for a funding project, please email [communityresilience@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:communityresilience@coventry.gov.uk)

\***Dame Goodyvers Daye**, a feast day dating back to the 15<sup>th</sup> Century, will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 12.30pm to 4.00pm. Lady Godiva and 30 Godiva Sisters, representing communities from across the globe, will gather at the Lady Godiva Statue in Broadgate and then proceed to Priory Gardens, where there will be a celebration of diversity through music, dance and poetry.

\***UNA COV NEWS:** Entries to Coventry's International Young People's Peace Essay Competition close on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

\*The exhibition ***What we wore: Stories of South Asian textiles and fashions*** can be viewed at **St Mary's Guildhall** up to 30<sup>th</sup> September. The exhibition and associated activities, taking place in the South Asian Heritage Month, mark collaboration between St Mary's Guildhall, Hardish Virk and Coventry Artspace. There is a booking fee of £1, which can be paid at reception on arrival.

St Mary's Guildhall has launched its **Community Grants Programme**. For details, visit [www.stmarysguildhall.co.uk/community-grants/](http://www.stmarysguildhall.co.uk/community-grants/) Anyone interested in applying/would like more information, can email [niamh.carton@noordinaryhospitality.com](mailto:niamh.carton@noordinaryhospitality.com)

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

\***2023 Coventry Biennial** will run from 6 October 2023 to 14 January 2024. Coventry Biennial is a social, political and critical platform for contemporary art. For further information, please visit [www.coventrybiennial.com](http://www.coventrybiennial.com)

\***The Big Tree**, part of the *10,000 Stars for Coventry* project, is on display at the Central Hall until 23 November.

\***Bands in the Park** will continue to take place up to 17 September in many of Coventry's beautiful parks on Sundays from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. For information, visit [www.coventry.gov.uk/bandsinparks](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/bandsinparks)

\***The Coventry Music Museum** has received the *Trip Advisor 2023 Traveller's Choice Award* – its ninth in a row!

\***The International Day of Peace** is on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023. The Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University, invites people to take part in a short survey. The aim is to find out what it means to people to work, learn, volunteer and worship in UK's only City of Peace and Reconciliation. The link is <https://coventry.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/coventry-city-of-peace-and-reconciliation-survey-2023> Results will be published just before 21<sup>st</sup> September.

\***Refugee Week 2024** will be marked from 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June. The theme will be announced before the end of the year.

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