



POSITIVE IMAGES FESTIVAL calling...

Welcome to your November 2023 update

Our news:

In **2024**, we mark the 30th Anniversary of Positive Images Festival. Our cycle of planning meetings began last month. The dates of future meetings are: 22 November and 13 December. Meetings are held at the Central Library and via Zoom from 1.45pm to 3.00pm.

The 2024 Positive Images Festival will be marked from Saturday 15th June to 5th July. The joint **Multicultural Craft & Food Fair and Community Information Fair** will be held on Saturday 15th June in Broadgate.

And here is news from our partner organisations:

***Chat Central's** November programme includes: Training for Volunteers; Gentle Bhangra session; City Walks, and much more

***Coventry Action for Neighbourhoods (CAN)** will release its newsletter monthly. In its latest newsletter, it informs readers that the Litten Trees Studio will remain open until March 2024 because of a change in the plans for city centre south development.

***Canley Popupcafe**, held from 11.30am to 2.30pm on 21st October, attracted almost 100 visitors. The food sale arranged by the Malaysian community and Bollywood Dancing proved to be very popular.

***Coventry Green Drinks** meeting: 30 November

***Coventry Libraries** are excited to announce two new Coventry Poets Laureate for 2023-2025. John Bernard, a gifted poet and rapper, is the new Adult Poet Laureate. Aamani Kanda, currently studying for her A-Level, is the new Young Poet Laureate.

If you are interested in finding out how you can help older people needing a friend, you can get information at a meeting at Foleshill Library on 21st November at 11.00am.

For information about Coventry support for 18+ in Coventry, phone 024 7623 1999 or email info@ageukcovwarks.org.uk

***Gabrielle Back**, Positive Images Festival's Environmental Ambassador, is inviting schools to design a poster about *Energy Saving*, in the shape of an energy-consuming appliance. Certificates will be awarded for winning entries and participating schools. Entries, which will be displayed at an exhibition, should be sent by the end of December 2023 to Gabrielle Back, 3 Underhill Close, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6RB.

***Hillfields Readers Group** (HRG) is working towards its 20th Anniversary, which takes place in December 2024.

***UNA Cov News** November newsletter contains an interesting article about Minjeong Goh's journey from a Maths teacher to UN staff member.

For your information/action:

***2023 Coventry Biennial** will run up to 14 January 2024. Coventry Biennial is a social, political and critical platform for contemporary art. For further information, please visit 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.

***Coventry Caribbean Association** presents *Tunes on Tuesday*, every Tuesday from 11.00am to 2.30pm at The Caribbean Centre, 159 Spon Street, CV2 3PP. Disco is primarily for people who need support to get out and live their best lives! Entrance is wheelchair accessible.

***Coventry City Council** is organising an Adult Social Care Information Fair on Wednesday 15th November from 10.00am to 2.00pm at Cheylesmore Community Centre, Arundel Road, CV3 5JX.

***Coventry Music Museum** has made it into Tripadvisor's top 25 best hidden gem attractions in England.

*The **Disabled Poets Prize 2024** is open. Entries close on 31st October 2024. For further information, please visit www.disabledpoetsprize.org.uk

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

***Sue and Graham Pountney** started a new series of their weekly quiz when the clocks went back at the end of October. If you would like to join the quiz, please email grahampountney@btinternet.com

CONGRATULATIONS

Positive Images Festival congratulates **Emilie Lauren Jones**, Coventry's first ever Poet Laureate, on the release of her first children's poetry book – ***A Poetic A to Z of Awesome Animals***.



The book takes readers on an enchanting journey through the animal kingdom. Perfect for bedtime stories, classroom read-alouds or independent reading, the book priced at £6.99 can be ordered through www.emilielaurenjones.co.uk/books

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