



# EVENTS IN OXFORD & READING 2022

## FREE - FILM SCREENING

Thursday 16 June, 7.30pm

Whitty Theatre, Wokingham RG40 3EU

**TICKETS: £6.50 (+BOOKING FEE)**

Oscar- and BAFTA-nominated animated documentary from Danish writer/director Jonas Poher Rasmussen. Flee tells the true story of 36-year-old Amin, who arrived as an unaccompanied minor in Denmark from Afghanistan. Includes a panel with Q&A after the showing.

For more information: [tinyurl.com/2ec7sxbu](http://tinyurl.com/2ec7sxbu)



## POP-UP COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES

Saturday 18 June, 1 - 3.30pm

Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford, OX1 2AG

**FREE**

Ten-minute performances by six schools and local performing groups will take place every half hour from 1pm.



## SHUT THEM DOWN! RESISTING IMMIGRATION DETENTION IN 2022

Tuesday 21 June, 7.30 - 9pm

Online

**FREE**

Join an interactive webinar with speakers including Agnes Tanoh (Women for Refugee Women), Rosie Newbigging (Shut Down Yarl's Wood) and Jonathan Ellis (The Detention Forum) discussing how to resist immigration detention.

To book a place: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shut-them-down-resisting-immigration-detention-in-2022-tickets-347363442407](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shut-them-down-resisting-immigration-detention-in-2022-tickets-347363442407)



## OXFORD ALTERNATIVE WALKING TOUR

Saturday 18 June, 11am-4pm

Cowley Road area

**FREE**

Three guided tours led by Oxford-based refugees and asylum seekers, and NGO leaders, introducing some of the core services, locations and community groups for people seeking asylum and building new lives in Oxfordshire. The tours will take place between 11am-1pm, 12-2pm, and 1-3pm.

All tours will begin at Asylum Welcome:

Unit 7, Newtec Place, Magdalen Rd, Cowley, Oxford OX4 1RE

Tours end with refreshments at Za'atar Bake:

166 Cowley Rd, Cowley, Oxford OX4 1UE

If you would like to join, please email us with your choice of tour: [advocacy@asylum-welcome.org](mailto:advocacy@asylum-welcome.org)



## COMMUNITY QUILT MAKING

Monday 20 June, 12 - 3pm

The Rising Sun Arts Centre, 30 Silver Street, RG1 2ST

**FREE**

A community quilt project/taster session run by Ravinder Kaur to provide a relaxed session of communal quilt making with the aim of bringing people together creatively and socially. Each participant will create a patch for a small quilt to represent a day of sharing and learning.

To book a place: [www.risingsunartscentre.org/](http://www.risingsunartscentre.org/) or email: [larry.watson@risingsunartscentre.org](mailto:larry.watson@risingsunartscentre.org) or call 07765 599433



## LIGHT OF HOPE EXHIBITION & BOOK LAUNCH

Exhibition: 17 June - 31 July, weekdays 8am - 4pm

Book launch: Saturday 9 July, 7 - 9pm

Art Space in St Nicholas, Sutcliffe Avenue, Earley RG6 7JN

**FREE**

Bringing together poetry, prose, paintings and photographs created by 32 people from all over the world. Half of the creatives who have generously provided their work are refugees, and the rest are friends and supporters of refugees. There will be copies of the artworks for sale. Fully disabled access, car parking, bike shelter. Ten-minute walk from Earley station.

For more information: [www.stnicholas.org.uk](http://www.stnicholas.org.uk)



## EXILE AND HEALING: AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND POETRY

Wednesday 22 June, 7pm onwards

St Mary's Church, Church Way, Iffley, OX4 4EJ

**TICKETS: £8; CONCESSIONS: £5; UNDER 16S: FREE**

An exciting evening featuring author Mark Haddon, music from around the world (including Arne Richards and Isabel Knowland), poetry from Pat Winslow, and readings by former refugees from their published work.

To book a place: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-of-music-and-poetry-exile-and-healing-tickets-336432718317](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-of-music-and-poetry-exile-and-healing-tickets-336432718317)



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## HOSTILE - FILM SCREENING

Thursday 23 June, 7.30 - 11pm

Reading Biscuit Factory, RG1 7QE

£7.50 (ADULT)

Hostile is an award-winning feature-length documentary written, directed and produced by BAFTA-longlisted filmmaker Sonita Gale. The film focuses on the UK's complicated relationship with its migrant communities. Told through the stories of four participants from Black and Asian backgrounds, the film reveals the impact of the evolving 'hostile environment' - a term used by the UK government in 2012 to illustrate the atmosphere they wanted to create for migrants, with the intention of provoking them to leave of their own accord.

Includes a panel with Q&A after the showing.

For more information:

[readingbiscuitfactory.co.uk/whats-on/hostile-panel-discussion](http://readingbiscuitfactory.co.uk/whats-on/hostile-panel-discussion)



## MAYA YOUSSEF: QANUN PERFORMANCE

Saturday 25 June, 7 - 8pm

Festival Marquee, Magdalen College School, Oxford OX4 1DZ

TICKETS: £15 (ADULTS);

£12 (CONCESSIONS);

£5 (UNDER-25)

Maya Youssef is hailed as 'queen of the qanun,' the 78-stringed Middle Eastern plucked zither. Her intense and thoughtful music is rooted in the Arabic classical tradition but forges pathways into jazz, Western classical and flamenco styles.

To book tickets:

[artsfestivaloxford.org/events/maya-youssef/](http://artsfestivaloxford.org/events/maya-youssef/)

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## READING COMMUNITY CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday 25 June, 10am - 2pm

University of Reading, Whiteknights Campus

After the success of last year, we're pleased for the return of the Reading Community Cup!

Bringing together Berkshire's only refugee football team, Sanctuary Strikers Football Club, along with several guest teams, the competition aims to promote unity and integration through the international language of football.

For more information:

[refugeesupportgroup.org.uk/refugee-week/](http://refugeesupportgroup.org.uk/refugee-week/)



## TEA CONCERT

Sunday June 26th, 3pm onwards

The Memorial Hall, Brown's Lane, Charlbury, OX7 3QW

£12 - ADULTS; £6 - UNDER-16S

Charlbury Refugee Action Group will be welcoming back harpsichordist Alastair Ross, who will be performing Geminiani cello sonatas with his son George Ross, a very talented and prominent baroque cellist.

Tickets are available from Cotswold Frames or bookable in advance by phoning 01608 811558. Tickets will also be available on the door.

For more information:

[www.charlbury.info/events/7964](http://www.charlbury.info/events/7964)



## ALL-DAY BAZAAR

Saturday 25 June, 11am - 5pm

Festival Marquee, Magdalen College School, Oxford OX4 1DZ

FREE ENTRY (PLEASE BRING CASH FOR STALLS)

As part of Refugee Week and Oxford Festival of the Arts, Oxford's Refugee Community Organisations are coming together with Asylum Welcome to organise an all-day bazaar in the grounds of MCS. Groups including Syrian Sisters, Iraqi Women Art and War and Refugee Resource Women's Group will sell food and crafts, share art and music, and raise awareness about their valuable work. Syrian musician Maya Youssef will offer music workshops on the qanun. At 4pm, BBC Political Correspondent Rob Watson will chair a panel discussion, with guests including Cllr Dr Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini and Baroness Jan Royall.



## HOSTILE - FILM SCREENING

Wednesday 29 June, 7.30 - 10.30pm

Corn Exchange, Newbury RG14 5BD

£12 (ADULT); £10 (UNDER-18S)

See listing details for 23 June at Reading Biscuit Factory.

To book tickets:

[cornexchangenew.com/event/refugee-support-group-presents-hostile-q-a-panel](http://cornexchangenew.com/event/refugee-support-group-presents-hostile-q-a-panel)



## ARTISTS FOR UKRAINE

1 - 31 July

Art Space in St Nicholas, Earley, Reading

An opportunity for local artists to offer a painting to raise money for the Ukraine DEC Appeal.



# EXHIBITIONS

## OF ORDINARY THINGS - EXHIBITION

1 April - 24 September  
Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm

Museum of Oxford, Oxford Town Hall, St Aldates, OX1 1BX

**FREE**

Iraqi women in Oxfordshire share their life stories through art. Visit this exhibition curated by the Iraqi Women Art & War Group (IWAW) in Oxford.

For more information:

[www.asylum-welcome.org/event/of-ordinary-things-exhibition/](http://www.asylum-welcome.org/event/of-ordinary-things-exhibition/)



## MY EXILE IS YOURS - SHORT FILMS

29 April - 17 June, 9am-8pm  
Marble Hall, Wolfson College,  
Linton Road, Oxford, OX2 6UD

**FREE**

Daughter and granddaughter of Spanish returnees, visual artist Elsa Gomis explores the collective imagination of migration using family footage.

For more information:

[www.asylum-welcome.org/event/elsa-gomis-my-exile-is-yours/](http://www.asylum-welcome.org/event/elsa-gomis-my-exile-is-yours/)



## REFUGEE LITERATURE DISPLAY

6 - 24 June  
Monday-Friday: 9am-7pm, Saturday: 10am-1pm

English Faculty Library, St Cross Building, Manor Road,  
Oxford, OX1 3UQ

**FREE**

SolidariTee is an international movement of students striving for empowering, long-term change in the treatment of refugees and asylum seekers worldwide (see: [www.solidaritee.co.uk](http://www.solidaritee.co.uk)) Take a look at recommendations from librarians and the SolidariTee Oxford team on literature about and written by refugees, with books from the Bodleian libraries. There will also be another display to learn more about SolidariTee and the work that they do.

For more information:

[www.facebook.com/events/1194242654761614/?ref=newsfeed](https://www.facebook.com/events/1194242654761614/?ref=newsfeed)

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## LIVED TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES - EXHIBITION

7 June - 15 July  
Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm  
(until 7pm on Thursdays)

Upper Gallery, Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, OX1 2AQ

**FREE**

Transition Lighthouse's exhibition informs and educates on lived experience of trauma. Transition Lighthouse will be joined by partners including Terrence Higgins Trust, AFRUCA, Refugee Resource and Victims First Specialist Service. Drop in to learn and engage.

For more information:

[oldfirestation.org.uk/exhibitions/lived-traumatic-experiences/](http://oldfirestation.org.uk/exhibitions/lived-traumatic-experiences/)



## FLOFEST

18 June, 11am - 4.30pm  
Florence Park, Cornwallis Road,  
Oxford OX4 3PW

**FREE**

**TICKETED AFTER-PARTY FROM 6-11PM**

Asylum Welcome's youth club, Venda, are displaying their artwork at FloFest.

For more information:

[www.flofest.uk](http://www.flofest.uk)



## HAVE HEART, TAKE HEART EXHIBITION

From 20 June, Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm

Museum of Oxford, Oxford Town Hall, St Aldates, OX1 1BX

**FREE**

"Hello! I came to Oxford 83 years ago, a refugee from Nazi Germany - quite as terrible as Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, etc. today. Here's wishing you peace and prosperity in Oxford."

The 300 messages of welcome and support to refugees and asylum seekers in Oxfordshire that make up this exhibition send a powerful message that Oxfordshire refuses to turn our backs on refugees. Come and add your own message of solidarity to our growing collection.





## LIVING HOME: NEIGHBOURING DIFFERENCE - EXHIBITION



**23- 24 June, 12 - 4pm**

*OpenHand OpenSpace, 571 Oxford Rd, Reading RG30 1HL*

**FREE**

An exhibition of Second Year University of Reading Architecture students in collaboration with Design Partners from the Reading Refugee Support Group. Wheelchair accessible (outdoor space).



## MAGIC FOR SMILES

Magic for Smiles perform magic shows and provides magic tuition for vulnerable and traumatised children, particularly child refugees. They promote the use of magic as a tool for enhancing wellbeing through psychosocial support. If you are working with vulnerable children who could benefit from what Magic for Smiles offer, please visit [magicforsmiles.com](http://magicforsmiles.com) or email [hello@magicforsmiles.com](mailto:hello@magicforsmiles.com)



## THAMES VALLEY IMMIGRATION ALLIANCE

The **Thames Valley Immigration Alliance** was formed in April 2022 as a collaboration between four organisations: Oxford-based Asylum Welcome, Reading-based Refugee Support Group, Slough Refugee Support and the EU support group Settled. The TVIA works across the region to strengthen and increase access to immigration advice and legal services. An OISC-accredited solicitor and team of caseworkers offer free and confidential immigration advice to refugees, asylum seekers and EU citizens in the Thames Valley area.

For more information, contact: [tvia@asylum-welcome.org](mailto:tvia@asylum-welcome.org)



# Refugee Week

[refugeeweek.org.uk](http://refugeeweek.org.uk)