

EVER WANTED TO TRAVEL THE WORLD, BUT NOT QUITE GOT ROUND TO LEAVING DERBY? REFUGEE WEEK IS THE FESTIVAL FOR YOU! IT IS A UK WIDE CELEBRATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS TO OUR COMMUNITY. IN DERBY OVER 20 ORGANISATIONS HAVE WORKED TOGETHER TO BRING YOU THE BIGGEST EVER PROGRAMME OF MUSIC, THEATRE, FILM AND MORE FROM AROUND THE WORLD. REFUGEE WEEK IS YOUR PASSPORT TO DISCOVERING HOW ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES ENRICH THE LIFE OF OUR CITY.

More information at www.refugeeweek.org



**CELEBRATING REFUGEE WEEK!
DERBY,
16-22 JUNE 2008**

**MUSIC, DANCE, THEATRE,
FILM...AND MORE**



WELCOME TO DERBY'S BIGGEST EVER REFUGEE WEEK FESTIVAL!

Derby City is home to a vibrant and diverse population that includes over 40 refugee nationalities. But these communities bring more than great music and food! This week will give you an opportunity to discover more about refugees and asylum seekers and experience the wealth of talent, skills and fresh ideas they contribute.

It's not all good news though. Refugees and asylum seekers have had to leave their countries because of some horrific experiences. Many have been tortured or raped – victims of war or repressive governments. Some have had to leave family and children behind. Most escape to developing countries with only a fraction coming to the UK. Although asylum seekers are often highly qualified they have no right to work. Instead many volunteer their time to help other people in the community and be involved in events like these.

Going through the UK asylum system is no walk in the park either. Asylum seekers get a lower level of support than other people on benefits. It's often very difficult for people to convince the Home Office that they have faced persecution. Asylum seekers whose cases are turned down, often after years of waiting, lose all entitlements to benefits. They still have no right to work, but fear returning home, so they are left destitute with no means of supporting themselves.

Derby is a city well known for its diverse community and welcoming attitude to refugees over the years. There are many organisations and individuals working in Derby to help refugees and asylum seekers. They want you to know the facts about refugees not the myths which often go around. These groups have worked together to put on this programme of arts, music, theatre, film and dance for everyone to enjoy.

Come and join us as we celebrate Refugee Week in Derby!

**For more information check out:
www.refugeeweek.org
www.refugeeaction.org.uk
www.longjourneyhome.org.uk**



Dilemma
by Bruno Ngumbwe

Refugee week has been co-ordinated by *Long Journey Home* and *Refugee Action*

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During the week, money raised will go toward supporting Derby Refugee Forum which provides advice to refugees and asylum seekers and basic provisions for the destitute.



CELEBRATING REFUGEE WEEK!

DERBY 16th – 22nd June 2008

SUNDAY
15th

REFUGEE WEEK CELEBRATION SERVICE

6.30pm FREE New Life Christian Centre, Normanton Rd, Derby, DE23 6UU
Find out what life in the UK is really like for refugees and asylum seekers and what people in Derby are doing to help. Commissioning of Emmanuel Neba Fuh for his 'Barefoot Walk' to London.

Real life stories, music and refreshments. Everyone welcome.

MONDAY
16th

BAREFOOT WALK OF SUFFERING LAUNCH

11am in front of the Derby City Council House
Emmanuel Neba Fuh (a political refugee from Cameroon) will be starting his barefoot walk from Derby to London. This is part of a campaign to collect one million petitions from Africans for an African Union Civil Rights Charter.

To find out more visit www.derbyforafrica.org

PERFORMANCES IN WESTFIELD CENTRE

12.30 – 4.30pm FREE EVENT
Come and find out what Refugee Week is all about and enjoy music and performances from around the world with *Long Journey Home*. Free balloons and information from *Refugee Action*.



TUESDAY
17th

MAYORS RECEPTION

7.30 – 9pm FREE
The Reception Room at The Council House, Corporation Street Derby, DE1 2FS
The Mayor of Derby will host a Civic Reception for representatives of Derby's Refugee and Asylum Seeking communities. It will be a celebration of the contribution made to the city by these groups.

Limited spaces, to request an invitation email: mayor@derby.gov.uk or tel: Phil O'Brien Tel 01332 255483

WEDNESDAY
18th

CITIZENSHIP EVENT

1.30pm – 5pm FREE Central Library, The Wardwick, Derby DE1 1HS
Find out more about the Citizenship test

FILM SCREENING – THE KITE RUNNER (PG-13)

7.30pm Tickets £2.50 available on the door. Free soft drinks!
The Council House Theatre, Corporation Street Derby, DE1 2FS
After spending years in California, Amir returns to his homeland in Afghanistan to help his old friend Hassan, whose son is in trouble. Based on the bestselling novel by Khaled Hosseini

BOLLYWOOD KEEP FIT CLASS

7:30pm-8:30pm Cost £2, FREE to refugees and asylum seekers.
Normanton Park Community Centre, Normanton Park, Warwick Av, Derby, DE23 8DA
Drawing on exercises from Classical, Bhangra, Street Dance, and even Yoga, Bollywood colour, energy and music is used to inspire this get-fit-and-feel-great class!
For information contact Surtal Asian Arts. Tel 01332 720730



THURSDAY
19th

INTERNET AND E-MAIL TASTER SESSIONS

10am – 1pm FREE
Pear Tree Library, Pear Tree Road, Derby DE23 8NQ

POETRY NIGHT

7pm – 8.30 FREE EVENT refreshments provided
Pear Tree Library, Pear Tree Road, Derby DE23 8NQ
Runaway Writer (Burton on Trent)

FRIDAY
20th

INTERNET AND E-MAIL TASTER SESSIONS

10am – 1pm
Central Library, The Wardwick, Derby DE1 1HS

PERFORMANCE OF ASYLUM DIALOGUES

6.30 for 7pm. Tickets £4 / £3 concessions
FREE to refugees and asylum seekers
Derby Dance, Chapel Street, Derby, DE1 3GU
An *iceandfire* production, scripted by Sonja Linden

'I honestly used to say – send 'em all home. They shouldn't be here. It's an English country. They take all our money. Then this woman turned up to clean my office and turned the world upside down.'

What happens when you meet someone who has fled their country to seek refuge in the UK? What happens when that person becomes your friend and needs your help? Drawn from real life conversations, *Asylum Dialogues* explores the everyday encounters between asylum seekers and British people, encouraging us to challenge our own preconceptions.

Launched in conjunction with the national charity *Refugee Action*, *Asylum Dialogues* will be performed for one night only in four cities during Refugee Week.

www.iceandfire.co.uk/afhr

To book call Derby Dance on 01332 370911



SATURDAY
21st

WOMEN OF THE WORLD

2-5pm FREE ENTRY Normanton Park Community Centre, Normanton Park, Warwick Av, Derby, DE23 8DA
An afternoon of arts workshops, performances and children's activities exploring our diversity and friendship as women.

Female only, boys under 7 permitted.

FILM SCREENING – GROW YOUR OWN (PG)

7.15pm Tickets £4 / £2.50 concessions
Mickleover Community Centre, Uttoxeter Road, Mickleover, Derby DE3 0DA
www.mickleovercommunitycentre.co.uk

A touching and hilarious British comedy based on a true story. Local allotment gardeners are shaken up when a group of refugees are given plots of land to cultivate. The allotment owners respond with a set of hard-line rules which no one likes. Then a mobile phone company wants to install a mast...

Tickets from Mickleover Community Centre between 10 and 2 on weekdays, or call 01332 510726.

Refreshments sponsored by *Sound Bites* wholefood shop
www.soundbitesderby.org.uk



SUNDAY
22nd

ONE WORLD FAMILY PARTY

2-6pm FREE EVENT
The Spot Banqueting Suite, 73 Sacheverel St Derby, DE1 2JR
Celebrating the end of *Refugee week* this event will bring together dance music, food, arts and fashion from around the world.
Workshops, activities and games for children.
A great fun afternoon for everyone!

ASSOCIATED EVENTS

FUNDRAISING GIG THURSDAY 12th

8pm Admission £3 FREE to refugees and asylum seekers
The Flowerpot, 25 King's Street
Delusions of Grandeur with special guests *Bana Congo*.
Proceeds to Derby for Africa Initiative

CITY-ZEN SATURDAY 14th

6pm – 11:30pm FREE EVENT
West End Community Centre, Mackworth Rd, next to Britannia Mill, off Ashbourne Rd.
Pre-Refugee Week Special. Join the City-Zen Crew for an evening of music, art, food, expression, inspiration and participation!
For more information e-mail City-zen@riseup.net

NORMANTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LEARNING PROJECT CELEBRATION WEDNESDAY 18th

4pm Food provided
The Spot Conference Centre, Sacheverel St
'Open' event for everyone living, working or volunteering in Normanton.
For information contact Peter Walker, University of Derby, Tel 01332 594081

WOMEN AND MIGRATION: ARTS, POLITICS AND POLICY FRIDAY 20th

10 – 4 FREE EVENT
Loughborough University Business School.
Workshops, speakers and discussion. Lunch included.
Travel costs for R and AS.
To book a place contact Richard Bessell on R.Bessell@lboro.ac.uk Tel: (01509) 223383