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Refugee Week

18 - 24 June 2007



Refugee Week is a UK wide celebration of the massive cultural, social and economic contribution refugees make to the UK.

Refugee Week is a time to facilitate positive encounters between refugees and the general public in order to encourage greater understanding and overcome hostility. It is a time to raise awareness of the reality of refugee experiences.

The increasing negative media coverage continues to promote the popular myths around asylum and increase public misconception of the issues. During Refugee Week in Exeter and Devon we will provide opportunities to see things differently, as well as showcase the talent and expertise of local refugees and asylum seekers.

We invite you to join us to make this year's Refugee Week a memorable one! Most events are FREE unless otherwise stated and NO BOOKING REQUIRED for ALL events – for more information telephone Refugee Support Group Devon 01392 682185 or send us an email info@rsgdevon.org.uk

Did You Know...

A Refugee is someone who, forced to leave their country, is given protection in another country because of "a well-founded fear of persecution in their own country for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion".

When a refugee arrives in a new country, they are known as an asylum seeker until they are granted refugee status.

Refugees' reasons for fleeing include war, a volatile political situation, a totalitarian regime, human rights abuses, persecution or lack of safety.

The UK detains more asylum seekers (including women and children) for longer periods and with less judicial supervision than any other comparable country in Europe (UNHCR)

Refugee Support Group Devon is a small local charity (no 1092410) that provides information and support to asylum seekers and refugees in Devon. We have limited funds and rely on your support to provide vital assistance to individuals, particularly in emergencies. If you would like to support us please complete and return the slip below.

Name Address

I would like to make a donation of(please make cheques payable to 'Refugee Support Group Devon')

*I am a UK Tax payer and would like my donation to be treated as GIFT AID (For every £1 we can claim 28p from the government – if this applies to you, please sign below)

Signature

*I would like to receive further information *delete where appropriate

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Exhibitions: look out for displays at Exeter College, Exeter Library, Triverton Library, Global Centre Exeter, and Devon Schools throughout the week.

Keep your wits about you in Exeter City Centre on Saturday 16th and Thursday 21st June – can you pass the Citizenship Test?

Saturday 16th June 12 – 3pm

Multi-faith Celebration and Feast

Organised by Exeter Amnesty International Group, the celebration consists of readings from various faith groups in Exeter and world music from SONGLINES choir. Please bring food if staying for the feast afterwards. All are welcome – see you there!
Friends Meeting House, Magdalen Road, Exeter (opp Barcelona Hotel) FREE

Monday 18th June 1.30 – 3.30pm

Gouldosi Workshop

Come and learn the art of Gouldosi (Afghan embroidery) – with finished pieces on display.
Drama Studio, Exeter Phoenix, Gandy Street FREE

Monday 18th June 6 – 7pm

Speaker – Refugee Action Destitution Campaign

Refreshments from 5.30

Are you aware there are destitute asylum seekers living in your area? Perhaps on the street, perhaps on your neighbour's sofa? Refugee Action looks into why this is happening and what we can do about it.
St Sidwells Centre, Sidwell Street, Exeter FREE

Tuesday 19th June 6.30pm

Film – 'Tickets' Cert 15

1 hr 40mins

Three of the world's most celebrated directors Abbas Kiarostami, Ken Loach, and Ermanno Olmi - join together to direct a trilogy of interwoven stories about passengers on a train to Rome, who meet each other in passing but are linked by deeper themes and issues.

Exeter Picture House, Bartholomew Street East

Please contact Exeter Picture House for costings

Wednesday 20th June 12 – 2pm

Afghan Lunch

The Cultural Kitchen presents food from Afghanistan for today's lunchtime menu.

St Sidwells Centre, Sidwell Street, Exeter

Prices vary: typical lunch £3 - £5

Thursday 21st June 1 – 2pm

World at Lunch

Bring your lunch and join in a discussion on refugee issues in Exeter and Devon.
The Global Centre, Exeter Community Centre, 17 St Davids Hill, Exeter

Thursday 21st June 8 – 9.30pm

Asylum monologues

Ice and Fire theatre and national network Actors for Refugees

An account of the UK asylum system told first-hand in the words of the people who have experienced it. Scripted by award-winning playwright and Artistic Director of Ice and Fire theatre, Sonja Linden, it is an important and powerful work not to be missed.
Auditorium, Exeter Phoenix, Gandy Street, Exeter FREE (suggested donation of £5.00)

Friday 22nd June 8 – 11pm

Ceilidh

Learn some great folk dances from around the world with Martin Hodge and wonderful live music from Paul and Allison Whittall.

Matthews Hall, Fore Street, Topsham, Nr Exeter (next to fire station)

£7 (£5/£3.50) Unwaged/children

Saturday 23rd June 10am – 1pm

Coffee morning

Come along for refreshments and to meet key organisations involved in Refugee Support in Devon.
St Stephens church, High Street, Exeter FREE

Saturday 23rd June 12 – 4pm

Exeter Respect Playdays

Stalls, food and activities from around the world. Lots of colourful people being made at the Refugee Support Group Tent with the help of Holsworthy Family Resource Centre. Make a friend to take home!
Belmont Pleasure Ground, Exeter (off Blackboy Road/Clifton Hill) FREE

Sunday 24th June 10am – 1pm

Football Tournament

5-a-side football tournament featuring 8 enthusiastic local football teams.
King George V playing fields, Topsham Road, Exeter

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