



NEWSLETTER

Introduction

Happy Refugee Week! This month's newsletter is mainly focused on Volunteer Week and Refugee week. It will include all the exciting events our partners have planned and how you can get involved. We now have a website! Please visit www.integratecoventry.co.uk for more information on all our activities, partners and eligibility information. Available in different languages.

Foleshill Women's Training

Come & join us for our **WOMEN ONLY**
VIRTUAL REFUGEE WEEK CELEBRATION

From the comfort of your own home.

Friday 18th June 11:00am-12:00
midday via Zoom

Poetry, Art and Storytelling

With the Theme of "We Cannot Walk Alone"

Please call Zivar on 07508 517654 or Maryam on 07399 511927

to receive the link to join the celebration.

Email: Zivar.sahaf@fwt.org.uk or Maryam.baboli@fwt.org.uk

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Follow the link for to find out what's happening during Coventry Welcomes week!

<https://coventry2021.co.uk/what-s-on/coventry-welcomes-2021/>

<https://coventry2021.co.uk/media/lm1lbtzw/brochure.pdf>

Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre

We are very busy providing one to one casework appointments for clients, mostly over the phone but in some cases are now able to offer face to face services. We regularly help our clients with housing, benefits, utilities, employment, and counselling as well as providing different social activities and helping clients to access provisions around the city. Many of our activities are or will soon be moving in person, held at different locations around the city. If you are a third country national or UASC then you can contact our Referral Officer royak@covrefugee.org to ask about what support, you can receive and ask about the different activities.

We now have a Men's Group! This is a new monthly group for men to be able to socialise, play table tennis, pool and there will also be access to laptops and wifi. Come along to meet people and make friends. Taking place on the second and last Thursday of every month – next date 24th June – at JCT, Lamb Street, CV1 4AE from 13:00-15:00. Refreshments available. Contact geoffm@covrefugee.org 07747 219116

Next Welcome Session taking place on Thursday 17th June via Zoom, 10:00-11:00. More information about the project and all the different activities on offer. Contact royak@covrefugee.org 07747 213269 or carolineh@covrefugee.org 07747 219117

Eritrean Women's Support Group every Friday 13:00-14:00 via Zoom. Peer support group for Tigrinyan speaking women facilitated by our Therapy Services team.

HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

Voluntary Action Coventry

Skills for Volunteering Intensive day
course

07 July 2021

9:30 – 2:30pm

Half Day Workshop

"Working with refugees"

16th July

9.30am to 12.30pm

*Subject to Covid restrictions

Coach Trip to Stratford Upon Avon

14 July

9:30am – 2pm

For more information contact Ruth or Viktoriya to secure your place!
Phone: 07707 436034 or Email:
r.burdett@vac Coventry.org.uk
v.sesi@vac Coventry.org.uk

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"We Cannot Walk Alone" –

There will be a lot of activities to be involved in throughout the week.

To join in contact Roya

Phone: 07747213269

Email: royak@covrefugee.org

Friendship Group – Every Tuesday
1-2pm via Zoom

Contact Maryam on 07467822389 or

maryamb@covrefugee.org

Cooking Group – Every Thursday
3-5pm via Zoom

Contact Maryam on 07467822389 or

maryamb@covrefugee.org

Football Group – Every Tuesday
6-7pm

Contact Stefan on 07436167945 or

stefans@covrefugee.org

ESOL/IAG sessions weekly –

Contact esol@covrefugee.org



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Volunteer Week!

Volunteers' week is an opportunity to recognize the work of volunteers, to celebrate the fantastic contribution that volunteers make to our society. Run by NCVO in June 2021, Volunteers Week is highlighting the volunteers who have supported people and their communities during the Covid Pandemic. At VAC we are sharing thank yous to people those who have given their time and resources to provide art materials/food and other things to others during the Covid Pandemic



Voluntary Action Coventry

We have a few updates to tell you about this month!

- We are working with 30 people to support and help them to develop their skills, knowledge, and experience through volunteering.
- As part of Volunteers Week and as part of Refugee week, we are going to highlight the work of one individual who has been making a difference to her neighbors' lives by supporting them through lock down.
- One of our clients has applied to become a volunteer at the Job Centre and is offering his services as an interpreter to the people who need help with translating meetings and information.
- VAC/ Integrate Coventry will be slowly moving its services and workshops/training back to the office on Trinity Street now that Covid restrictions are lifting. We hope to be back by the middle of June.
- Our new group on "skills for volunteering" has started and its members are growing in confidence, knowledge, and skills. The group members are beginning to make plans for their great futures in the UK.

Belgrade Theatre – Sharing Cultures

The Sharing Cultures group is excited to present two projects that they have been working on for Coventry Welcomes week!

We Walk Together A video made by the participants in the Sharing Cultures group of Belgrade Theatre Coventry and Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre's Sharing Cultures Tue 14 June 11am release of a video <https://www.belgrade.co.uk/projects/theatre-of-sanctuary/>, Free Access captioned, Suitable for all ages.

We "walk" together each Tuesday when we gather to share our thoughts, our creativity and our cultures. We walk with others as we explore our city of Coventry. A digital video from the Sharing Cultures group, a collaboration between Belgrade Theatre Coventry and Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre, funded by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF).

Can You Hear Me, Now? Live socially distanced performance A Stand and Be Counted Theatre Production, commissioned by Coventry UK City of Culture 2021. In partnership with Belgrade Theatre Coventry and Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre. Sun 20 June 1-2pm, Swanswell Park CV1 4FF, Free Access BSL, Suitable for all ages.

Thank you

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Thank you to all of our wonderful staff for continuing to work under uncertain circumstances and always prioritising the needs of our clients.

VAC

Thanks to the project management team Sue Ogle, and Lee Pettifor, for their support.

Thanks to Sini for his great help in the training sessions.



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