



Oxford Refugee Week 2020

OXFORD REFUGEE WEEK PROGRAMME

15-22 JUNE 2020

Monday 15 June

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7:00 pm "ROUTES TO ABOLITION: WINNING THE FIGHT AGAINST IMMIGRATION DETENTION IN THE UK". Oxford Against Immigration Detention <http://www.oaid.org.uk> present an on-line panel discussion. Speakers: Zoe Gardner of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI), Philip Armitage of Duncan Lewis Public Law, and representatives from Freed Voices and (TBC) Docs not Cops and Medical Justice. Free to attend. Register on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/routes-to-abolition-winning-the-fight-against-immigration-detention-tickets-109004098192>

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5:30 pm "THE PERSONAL JOURNEY OF A STATELESS REFUGEE". In conversation with Basma Eldoukhi. Guided by Professor Cathrine Brun and followed by Q & A. In collaboration with Oxford Human Rights Festival /Centre of Development and Emergency Practice (CENDEP) /Oxford Brookes University and Oxford City of Sanctuary. Free. Register on Eventbrite: <https://refugeeweekstoryofastatelessrefugee.eventbrite.co.uk>

8:00 pm "REFUGEE WEEK MESSAGE" from Anneliese Dodds MP for Oxford East. Free to attend. Register on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/refugee-week-message-from-anneliese-dodds-mp-tickets-109035351672>

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5:00 pm "DABKE DANCE: A SYMBOL OF LOVE, LIFE, AND STRUGGLE". Learn about Dabke dance and what it means to Palestinians in this workshop led by Basma El Doukhi. Dabke has been a constant in Levantine Arab culture and identity. It is born from the deep rooted connection with our land and is an indication of pride and identity. Come to learn about Dabke and what it means to Palestinians and women in particular watching a very interesting videos about Dabke. Free to attend. Register on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dabke-dance-a-symbol-of-love-life-and-struggle-tickets-109126203412>

7:00 pm "FEEDING THE DARKNESS". This 65-minute performance, commissioned by Q-CAT (Quaker Concern for the Abolition of Torture), is being performed by Journeymen Theatre on behalf of Freedom from Torture Oxford Group. It is a result of extensive research into the dark world of state-sanctioned torture and its stark impact on victims, perpetrators, families and those who collude in the 'process'. Followed by Q&A. Tickets £5. Register on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/feeding-the-darkness-tickets-109039467984>

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6:30 pm " 'IMAGINE' OXFORDSHIRE". Refugee Resource are asking people to respond creatively to this year's Refugee Week theme of 'imagine' by drawing, painting, crafting or writing a poem in relation to their experiences here in Oxfordshire, either as a refugee or as somebody wishing to welcome refugees or recognise their contributions. Register on Eventbrite: <https://imagine-oxfordshire-refugee-resource.eventbrite.co.uk>

Friday 19 June

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5:00 pm "NARRATIVES OF HOPE, SOLIDARITY AND RESILIENCE". Webinar panel discussion guided by Basma El Doukhi, a Masters candidate at the Centre of Development and Emergency Practice (CENDEP) at Oxford Brookes University. Panel: Basma El Doukhi (Palestinian stateless refugee), Oxford Lord Mayor Cllr Craig Simmons, ChakerKhazal, founder of Candle of Hope and Razan Al Sous Founder of Squeaky Cheese/Yorkshire Dama Cheese. In collaboration with Oxford Human Right Festival/ CENDEP/Oxford City of Sanctuary. Register on Eventbrite: <https://narrativesofhope.eventbrite.co.uk>

8:00 pm "COVID-19 THROUGH IRAQI ARTIST EYES". Online exhibition of the artwork of Rana Ibrahim, followed by Q&A with the artist. <https://iwawblr.tumblr.com/>. Register on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/covid-19-through-iraqi-artist-eyes-tickets-109029036784>

Saturday 20 June

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6:00 pm "CHAGOS ISLANDS: THE JOHN PILGER REPORTS". Video screening and discussion. In May 2019, the UN General Assembly voted overwhelmingly in favour of the Chagos Islands, including Diego Garcia, being returned to the displaced Chagos islanders. Is the continuing UK & US military occupation of the Chagos Islands illegal? Free to attend. Register on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chagos-islands-the-john-pilger-reports-tickets-109042593332>

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7:00 pm "PUT YOURSELF IN THEIR SHOES, CHALLENGE YOURSELF". Spend an hour challenging your concepts about refugees and asylum seekers moderated by Basma EL Doukhi. Put yourself in their shoes to understand their plight, concerns, success and wishes. The event will be an online discussion with you reflecting about your own concept and perceptions about refugees and asylum seekers and sharing some global and UK facts and numbers about refugees. Free to attend. Register on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/put-yourself-in-their-shoes-challenge-yourself-tickets-109127938602>

Monday 22 June

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5:30 pm "RE-INTEGRATE" Covid-19 has had a significant impact on our economic, social and mental well-being. The pandemic repercussions have been doubled for newly arrived communities who came to settle in the UK. Taken the nature of most integration activities, these have been aimed mostly at refugee population and have little or no engagement of the local community. The talk will include Q&A with Dr. Reem Doukmak Early Career Fellow at Warwick University and Paul O'Donnell Art Producer who are leading on Re-integrate project. Free to attend. Register on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/re-integrate-tickets-109130375892>

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Refugee Week is a UK-wide festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees. Founded in 1998 and held every year around World Refugee Day on the 20 June, Refugee Week is also a growing global movement.

Through a programme of arts, cultural and educational events alongside media and creative campaigns, Refugee Week brings about positive encounters between communities, helping them to connect and learn from each other, and promoting a culture of welcome.