

Scottish Refugee Council Press Release



20 May 2005

Ceud Mile Failte: Listings for refugee week finalised

Over 75 events to take place across Scotland 18-26 June

The countdown has begun to Scotland's annual celebration of refugee contributions to the arts, culture, music and theatre in Scotland. This year's event is the biggest ever and is based on the theme of Ceud Mile Failte (a hundred thousand welcomes); the traditional Gaelic greeting, with which Scots have always welcomed travellers and those fleeing persecution.

Although the events officially begin on 18 June, some are beginning as early as 11 June. Full details of all the events are attached to this release.

Full details of all events will be available on our website at www.refugeeinscotland.org.uk from 1 June.

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Refugee Week in Scotland Events Schedule 2005

Saturday 11 June

BEST Wishes: Aung San Suu Kyi Exhibition

Runs until June 22nd

City of Edinburgh Council, BEST

10.00am – 5.00pm (not Sundays)

The City Art Centre
Market Street, Edinburgh
Free

Painting & Photographs by Chris Robinson, Norma and Maurice Joseph; cards drawn by refugee and child artists from Edinburgh and Burma as well as SSA artists. Open workshops by Chris Robinson.

Monday 13 June

9 Strong 'Scientific' Paintings from Different Eyes"

Stromness Library
Orkney
Free
Runs until Friday 17.

An exhibition of paintings by refugee artists Pavel Romanov.

Wednesday 15 June

Asylum Matters for Scotland: Working better with asylum seekers

Atlas Partnership

9.30-4.30pm
Hamish Wood Building, Glasgow Caledonian University
Cowcaddens Road, Glasgow
Free

Tickets: Call 0141 287 8230 or 0141 287 9588 for a booking form

Asylum Matters for Scotland is a free, workshop-based conference and exhibition organised by Atlas Partnership. It offers people from mainstream and specialist organisations a chance to learn how to work more closely with asylum seekers. It will provide practical learning to take back to your workplace, organisation, group or community. Telephone: 0141 287 8230/9588. Email: Richard.brunner@ced.glasgow.gov.uk. www.atlas-scotland.co.uk.

Photo to be credited: 'Ibrahim and Globe: copyright Street Level'

IkaZe & The Welcoming Project

Ikaze Refugee Drama group

2.00pm – 4.00pm
Methodist Central Hall
West Tollcross, off Lothian Road, Edinburgh
Free

IkaZe Drama group with a membership of refugee actors, will explore some of the issues facing refugees in Scotland today. The drama will include Arrival, Housing and Looking for Work. A discussion will take place after the play and sections will be re-run with members of the audience participating themselves in the drama to explore different ways of looking at the problems posed.

Thursday 16 June

Creative Workshops

Footloose Community Arts

12.00 – 4.00pm & 5.00 – 8pm
The Carnival Centre
2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow
Free

Tickets: 0141 552 8637

Footloose Community Arts offer workshops that freely use music, dance, song, words and images to explore and express responses to the situation facing refugees and asylum-seekers in Britain and the rest of the

world, with the option of taking part in a public event on June 18th to mark the official release of Amnesty International's report on the detention of asylum seekers in the UK on June 20th.

Faith, Democracy & Persecution

Edinburgh Interfaith Group

7.00pm
St George's West
Shandwick Place, Edinburgh
Free

An interfaith Seminar. A panel drawn from a variety of faiths discuss Persecution and "Faith as a tool for Democracy". The panel will include **Dr Myint Su**.

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See Thursday 16

All Nations Club

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2.00pm – evening
The Carnival Centre
2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow
Free

Tickets: 0141 552 8637

For all the family. Bring the kids for children's stories from around the world. Author, academic and musician Pax Nindi will be here with a presentation on local and international carnival celebrations. With a delicious selection of cuisine from all over the globe it promises to be an experience not to be missed!

Sacrifice

Amnesty International Scotland, Edinburgh Filmhouse

6.15pm

Edinburgh Filmhouse
Lothian Road, Edinburgh
Check press or venue for ticket prices

Tickets: 0131 226 2688

Sacrifice is an award winning film that examines the social, cultural, and economic forces at work in the trafficking of Burmese girls into prostitution in Thailand. It is the story of the valuation and sale of human beings, and the efforts of teenage girls to survive a personal crisis born of economic and political repression.

Club Virunga with DJ Tchicho

Club Virunga

10.00pm – Late
The Carnival Centre
2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow
£5.00

Tickets: On the door, 0141 552 8637 or djtchicho@yahoo.com

Experience global rhythms at our World Music night. Dance the night away with DJ Tchicho and special guests playing R&B, Ragga, Reggae, African, Latin, Soca and Bhangra. There's food too: try the delicious world cuisine!

Spirit Aid Refugee Week Peace Sessions

(Also Saturday 18 and Sunday 19)

Patchworked cloth of messages from children and young people saying what they feel about peace and life. The cloth will be displayed when the G8 comes to Scotland. Come along and make your contribution. All materials supplied. Aged up to 16.

For venues and workshop details please see website www.spiritaid.org.uk or telephone 0141 552 6111.

Saturday 18 June

Refugee Week in Scotland Launch Event Aung San Suu Kyi birthday party

Amnesty International Scotland, City of Edinburgh Council, BEST, Burma Campaign and Scottish Refugee Council

Tree Planting Ceremony City of Edinburgh Council

12.30pm
The Gardener's Lodge
Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh
Free

Bring a picnic and a birthday cake with candles to share – to make a birthday wish for Burma's people.

Party in Parliament Square City of Edinburgh Council, Amnesty International Scotland, BEST, Burma Campaign UK, Scottish Refugee Council

1.30pm
Parliament Square
Royal Mile, Edinburgh
Free

Birthday Party and rally with line up of celebrity and Burma speakers and video screen. **Bring a cup cake and candles to blow out for a Birthday wish for Burma.** Live party music from Community Arts Organisations, local bands & surprise guests. Check website or local press for further details
www.egfl.net/Teaching/Advice/Bulletins/international.htm

There will also be an exhibition of birthday cards designed by Edinburgh schoolchildren in the City Art Centre and a display of letters and documents from Burma at the National Library of Scotland.

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Stilt-walking Workshop

Scottish Carnival Arts

12.30 – 2.30pm
The Carnival Centre
2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow
Free

Telephone- 07870 272851

Come to the Carnival centre and feel ten feet tall! Anyone with a sense of adventure is welcome for a fun afternoon under the skilled guidance of Selvin our instructor. All you need is a head for heights and a pair of training shoes!

Africa Bambataa 3

Club Africa Bambataa

8.00pm – late
The Carnival Centre
2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow
Tickets £5
Kids Welcome

Telephone 07960 381126

Recognised for its distinctive concoction of Afrikan music with thought provoking lyrics. Ivory Coast, Congolis, Ndomboloo, Angolan, Ugandan, Kenyan, Bongo Flava, Kinyau nyau, R & B, Hip-Hop, Ragga, and also a young Afrikan R & B, Hip-Hop singer, MC Elvis, will be singing on stage. With Glasgow's best Afrikan DJ's Karim, Fuad and Spincy.

Sunday 19 June

Refugee Week Challenge Shield

(Under 14 & Under 17 Tournaments)

Show Racism the Red Card, Glasgow Ansar and the Scottish Refugee Council

K7X
Rouken Glen Park, Rouken Glen road, Giffnock, Glasgow, G46 6UG
Free

To register teams call Zuby – 07971 787 654 or download the form from www.glasgowansar.com

Glasgow Ansar's successful six monthly 5-a-side Tournament will this year be run in conjunction with support from the Scottish Refugee Council. This will enable us to build on previous successes, in a city wide context, to promote racial and religious tolerance and provide a platform to showcase young BME soccer talent.

Exchanging Words

Artists in Exile Glasgow

12.00pm – 5.00pm
The Arches
Argyle Street, Glasgow
Free

Translation/dialogue workshops: people are invited to share the process of poetry translation with members of Artists in Exile Glasgow. In the morning session we will all share in translating poems from other languages (Arabic, Albanian, Farsi). The poems will be read, with their English translations, at "The Artists

Book Launch" on Saturday 25th June. For the second session writers who wish to attend are invited to send in poems in English (one poem per person), from which three poems will be selected for translation into the other languages.

Poems should be sent to A C Clarke, 0/1 25 Craigmillar Road, Glasgow G42 9JZ, no later than 31 May. Authors whose poems are selected will have the chance to read them, and to hear the translations read, at the Spoken Word event the following week.

For further details: <http://aieglasgow.tripod.com>

A Birthday Lunch

BEST, Edinburgh Refugee Centre, City of Edinburgh Council

1.00pm
St George's West
Shandwick Place Edinburgh
Free

A meal typical of those eaten in Burmese refugee camps in Thailand to mark the start of Refugee Week.

Today will also be an interfaith day of prayer for Burma.

Spirit Aid Refugee Week Peace Sessions

Spirit Aid

2.30pm
Lansdowne Bar & Kitchen
Lansdowne Crescent, Kelvinbridge, Glasgow

A jamming multi-cultural day of music dedicated to Peace on the planet! For line up and further details please see website www.spiritaid.org.uk or telephone 0141 552 6111.

The Burma Play

BEST, **City of Edinburgh Council**

3.30pm
The City Art Centre
Market Street, Edinburgh
Free

Free performance

Contemplative Walk round the Burmese Collection in the Botanic

BEST, City of Edinburgh Council, ERBG

2.00pm
Royal Botanic Gardens
Inverleith Row
Edinburgh
Limited number of free tickets bookable through website:
www.eqfl.net/Teaching/Advice/Bulletins/international.htm

Headroom

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4.00pm – late
The Carnival Centre
2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow
Tickets £5 on door
Acts to be confirmed

Telephone 0141 552 8637

An all-day multi-media social featuring local DJ's/ MC's/ VJ's, beat-boxers, break-dancers, graffiti artists. Expect hip-hop, funk, beats and breaks with visuals, performances and demonstrations throughout the day. Food, drink and dancing into the night.

Sana Bilgrami Films

The Filmhouse and the Edinburgh International Centre for World Spiritualities, EICWS

The Filmhouse
Lothian Road, Edinburgh

Finalised details and times on <http://www.filmhousecinema.com/>

Sana Bilgrami Films exploring themes of migration, community, and identity. There will also be an accompanying discussion event with Sana Bilgrami.

Monday 20 June

World Refugee Day Celebration - Edinburgh

Celebrating Sanctuary: Celebrating Success

Exhibition runs until Sunday 26th

Amnesty International Scotland

Launch event - 6.30pm
St George's West
Shandwick Place, Edinburgh
Free

Contact Scotland@amnesty.org.uk 0131 466 6200 www.amnesty.org.uk/scotland

An exhibition of portrait photographs and a collection life stories of people who have fled persecution over the last 100 years to arrive in Scotland. The stories celebrate the enormous contribution that refugees and their descendents have made to Scotland in fields as diverse as the arts, law, local authorities and the charity sector. Some of those featured in the exhibition will speak at the launch event.

The Burma Play

BEST, **City of Edinburgh Council, Edinburgh** Active Citizenship Group

Part of Celebrating Sanctuary – Celebrating Success
St George's West
Shandwick Place, Edinburgh
Free

Free performance and popular education event followed by a panel discussion.

What's your top line on asylum?

Exhibition runs until Sunday 26th

Amnesty International Scotland

Part of Celebrating Sanctuary – Celebrating Success
St George's West
Shandwick Place, Edinburgh
Free

Contact Scotland@amnesty.org.uk 0131 466 6200 www.amnesty.org.uk/scotland

A display of diverse responses from people across Scotland to the statement 'I support rights for refugees because...'. An interactive stall will allow people to add their response and take part in Amnesty actions against the detention of asylum seekers in the UK.

'The Asylum Monologues' plus guest speakers, poets, story tellers

IkaZe plus guest speakers, poets, story tellers.

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St George's West
Shandwick Place, Edinburgh
Free

Exhibition by Artists in Exile Glasgow

Exhibition runs until Sunday 26th

Artists in Exile, Glasgow

Part of Celebrating Sanctuary – Celebrating Success
St George's West
Shandwick Place, Edinburgh
Free

Artists in Exile Glasgow is a vibrant network for international, displaced and exiled artists living and working in Glasgow. This is an exhibition by the visual art group whose work has been received with growing acclaim over the first twelve months of the group's existence. Artists in Exile Glasgow is supported by Glasgow City Council and Scottish Arts Council. <http://aieglasgow.tripod.com>

Osama + Removed

Glasgow Film Theatre

6.30pm
Glasgow Film Theatre
Rose Street, Glasgow
£5.00, £4.00 concessions

Tickets: GFT Box Office: 0141 332 8128

Osama (12A)

The Taliban have forbidden women to leave their houses without a male "legal companion", but there is no one left to support the family. Having no other choice, a mother disguises her daughter as a boy...

screening with:

Removed

Extract from documentary about Dungavel Detention Centre for Asylum Seekers.

World Refugee Day Celebration Glasgow

Welcome To The Asylum

Huggawugga Arts supported by Scottish Refugee Council

The power of the state indeed is great but the peoples will is greater still

7.00pm

Buddha's Backyard

Albion Street, Merchant City, Glasgow

Free

Huggawugga Arts are a contemporary new company, based in Glasgow that aims to promote social development through participation of the visual and performing arts.

Archive (*runs until Wed 23rd*)

Part of 'Welcome To The Asylum'

Lily Reilly exhibits her work of black and white photographic prints and montages archiving documented footage of political, social and cultural events that have taken place in Glasgow over the past five years.

Anon Performance Group

Part of 'Welcome To The Asylum'

A group of young artists debut their performance The Asylum, a devised live circus based production exploring war and peace and the world in which we live. They experiment with drama, music, movement and live art resulting in a piece of new work that is socially and artistically diverse.

Answers Please

Part of 'Welcome To The Asylum'

Mahri Reilly directs a short film asking questions to MP's, political party leaders and the people who run Scotland's' government relating to issues surrounding the General Election, G8 Summit and the war on terrorism.

4D Four Dimentions

Part of 'Welcome To The Asylum'

Four Dimensions are a young Glasgow based rap/hip hop band who come from four different cultural backgrounds with a common understanding that the power of music can raise awareness of cultural diversity. They write all their own materiel and have produced a cd that is available upon request, 4D will be headlining the evening with a live music gig.

World Refugee Day Party

Scottish Carnival Arts

9.00pm – late

The Carnival Centre

2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow

Telephone 0141 552 8637

Scottish Carnival Arts host their own World Refugee Day party in their own inimitable style! Acts to be confirmed. Phone venue or check website for details.

Tuesday 21 June

Refugee Jobs Fair

Scottish Refugee Council, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, Jobcentre Plus, Glasgow Employers Coalition

10.00am to 3.00pm
The Trades Hall
85 Glassford Street, Merchant City, Glasgow

A refugee jobs fair will be held at The Trades Hall 85 Glassford Street Merchant City Glasgow on Tuesday 21st June from 10.00am to 3.00pm. This event organised by Scottish Refugee Council, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, Jobcentreplus and Glasgow Employers coalition will primarily target refugees who are seeking work and will be represented by a cross section of employers who are seeking to fill vacancies.

Osama + Removed

Glasgow Film Theatre

12.45pm
Glasgow Film Theatre
Rose Street, Glasgow
£3.00

Tickets: GFT Box Office: 0141 332 8128

See Monday 20

Refugee Week – Govanhill

Crossroads Youth Community Association and Govanhill Free Church

6.00pm
Govanhill Free Church
Belleisle Street, Govanhill, Glasgow
Free

Tickets: 0141-423-5955

A social get together for the whole community with international food, an exhibition about asylum issues, a celebration of the contribution refugees make to the UK, videos, arts and crafts from around the world and holistic therapies from Glasgow!

DIFFERENT - BUT NOT DIVIDED?

Scottish Refugee Council

6.00pm
Borders Bookshop
Buchanan Street, Glasgow
Free

Carnegie Medal winning author Theresa Breslin will talk about the background to her new novel set in Glasgow (DIVIDED CITY) and her experiences when talking to asylum seekers within the city

Fascist Disneyland

National Library of Scotland, **BEST**, City of Edinburgh Council

7.00pm
National Library of Scotland
Causewayside, Edinburgh
Free

Tickets: events@nls.uk or 0131 622 4807

Liz Lohead, Iain Banks and Sarah Boyack MSP read from the letters of imprisoned Nobel Peace Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi on the occasion of her being given the freedom of the City of Edinburgh.

'A Scottish Welcome? Encouraging and Enabling Immigration to Scotland'

Helsinki Citizens Assembly, Scotland & Edinburgh International Centre for World Spiritualities

7.30 pm
St George's West
Shandwick Place, Edinburgh
Free

Tickets: On the door

A reality check on Scottish official policy to encourage immigration. Immigrants from different parts of the world describe their potential contribution to a multicultural Scotland and their actual reception - and a policy adviser on integration responds.

Open Circuit: A Spoken Word Performance and Concert

Artists in Exile Glasgow and Guests

7.30pm
Bar Mono
Kings Court, King Street, Glasgow
Free

A Music, Poetry, Performance and Mixed Media event. Check <http://aieglasgow.tripod.com> for details.

Eastern European Night

Carnival Arts

The Carnival Centre
2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow
Acts/prices/times to be confirmed

Tel – 0141 552 8637

An exciting evening in celebration of eastern European culture. As usual we'll have authentic cuisine and authentic sounds from this corner of the globe.

Wednesday 22 June

Cranhill Music Club Songwriting Workshop: The importance of song in community life

Tapselteeerie Music Agency, Cranhill Community Project, Glasgow City Council & Scottish Refugee Council

10.30 - 4.00pm
Cranhill Community Church
Bellrock Street, Glasgow
Free

Tickets: Telephone 0141 774 3344

The workshop will examine the use and importance of song in community life. The intention is to bring together 15 - 25 people from as many cultures as possible to create a song to performance and recording level.

Refugee Stories with Ghazi Hussein

National Library of Scotland

Morning and Afternoon sessions.
National Library of Scotland
George IV Bridge, Edinburgh

"Hussein's writing is borne out of anguished memories of his homeland and of his anger with the oppression of his people, and his words... echo the experiences of everyone who has ever been driven from their native land by the madness of war." -The Edinburgh Guide Theatre Review

This workshop is designed to support NQ students of: English, Geography, History, Modern Studies, Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies.

For more information, or to book places for your students, contact:
Laura Murphy, Education and Outreach Officer, National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge
Edinburgh, EH1 1EW. Tel. 0131 623 3841. Email: l.murphy@nls.uk

Refugees in Scotland – Human Rights issues: Ways forward for Scotland

The Welcoming Project, Adult Learning Project
MEHIP (Minority Ethnic Health Inclusion Project)

2.00pm – 4.00pm
Methodist Central Hall
West Tollcross, off Lothian Road, Edinburgh
Free

There will be a panel of speakers talking about recent UK legislation and the undermining of the rights of refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland. There will also be contributions on how we can offer more protection for refugees and asylum seekers and on the contribution of refugees make to UK society. Discussion groups will include one for people practising English.

5 in Stereo

Stereo Bar

5.00pm
Stereo
Kelvinhaugh Street
Glasgow
£4.00 Proceeds to asylum charities

5 Local bands present their talents:-

The People – performing a fusion of folk, blues and roots.
Some Young Pedro – showcase their uncompromising punk rock.
Down the Tiny Steps – unhinged and energetically off-kilter folkpop.
Findo Gask – a combination of emotionally charged punk and sweet melodies.
Dead City Radio – quirky lo-fi songs with a melodic crafted pop rock sound.

Tel – Alastair – 0781 458 6889

Homegrown

Alien Arts Performing Group supported by the Scottish Refugee Council

7.00pm
Borders Bookshop
Buchanan Street, Glasgow
Free

Tickets: 07731 418296 or for more info 0141 333 1770 (Mila Brown)

A one hour text, poetry, music and spoken word event, which is the final celebration of a series of workshops held at Maryhill Community Centre. It will showcase the unique multi-ethnic voices of the city and explore themes of displacement and exclusion. A poignant, thoughtful and inspirational evening from artists not included in the arts and literary life of the city.

Taster dance class with Academia De Salsa

Academia De Salsa

7.00pm – 8.00pm
The Carnival Centre
2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow
Free

Tel – 0141 552 8637

Bring your dancing shoes and get in the mood for later tonight with a class from the renowned Academia De Salsa. Get all the right moves to impress your friends and be the belle of the ball.

Welcome To The Asylum

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7.00pm
Buddha's Backyard
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Free

See Monday 20th

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7.30pm
St George's West
Shandwick Place, Edinburgh
Free – Donations to Refugee Survival Trust

See Monday 20th

Casa Cubana with DJ Shannon

Casa Cubana

8.00pm - late
The Carnival Centre
2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow
Free

Tel – 0141 552 8637

Still got your dancing shoes with you? Then experience a taste of Cuba with entertainment to put a swing in your step and a smile on your face. Cuban sounds are guaranteed to keep the dance-floor full, and the delicious Cuban cuisine will have your belly full too!

Thursday 23 June

Exhibition by Artists in Exile Glasgow

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Celebration Evening at The Edinburgh Refugee Centre

Edinburgh Refugee Centre

7.00 pm
St George's West
Shandwick Place, Edinburgh
Free

Tickets: 0131 226 1499 (Mon, Wed, Thur)

Edinburgh Refugee Centre's social gathering to celebrate Refugee Week and the first anniversary of the opening of the centre. There will be world music DJs, food, a display of photographs from our past events and an exhibition of artwork created by members of Edinburgh's refugee communities. All welcome.

Djemebe Workshop

Carnival Arts

6.00pm – 8.00pm
The Carnival Centre
2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow
Free

Tel – 07960 718416

All are welcome to come along and join in the Drum Circle. Learn to play the music of the carnival on this unique instrument.

Carnival Dance Workshops

Carnival Arts

6.45pm – 8.15pm
The Carnival Centre
2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow

Tel – 07870 272851

Let the Soca beats transport you to the heart of the Caribbean. Come along to Selvin's class and improve your fitness, dance steps and rhythm. All abilities and age groups are welcome.

Kitchen

Confab and the Scottish Refugee Council

7.00pm – 10.00pm

The Village,

St. James' (Pollok) Parish Church, 183 Meiklerig Crescent, Glasgow,

Free

For further info please contact Rachel Jury:

07811 394 058

rachel.jury@confab.org.uk

[Http://www.confab.org.uk](http://www.confab.org.uk)

[Http://www.thevillageonline.org.uk](http://www.thevillageonline.org.uk)

The kitchen is the heart of the home, a place of nourishment and sharing. Stories exchanged between the host and refugee community exploring the kitchens of now and then are presented during a feast of fine food, fine drink and fine company from across the world. Also the launch of 'Village Stories'.

Where's the Power? A rap opera

The Elements World Theatre Company

7.30pm

The Roxy Art House

2 Roxburgh Place, Edinburgh

£7 / £5 Concession

Tickets: 0871 750 0077

A new production by The Elements World Theatre: Presents a powerful, dramatic conflict between Rulers and Outsiders in a recognizable world of fear, greed and oppression. With dynamic Rap and a fusion of Hip-hop/Bollywood dance and music as their only weapons, both sides face their worst fears in an ultimately uplifting production for young and old alike!

Bacchanal

Bacchanal

8.00pm – late

The Carnival Centre

2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow

Free

Experience the full on fiesta that is Bacchanal. A non-stop visual extravaganza of samba drummers, flamenco dancers and costumed performers to delight and entertain. Expect the unexpected! Delights for all five senses into the wee sma' hours.

Friday 24 June

Kingslink Acoustic Music Club Songwriting Workshop: The importance of song in community life

Tapselteeerie Music Agency, The Linkes Project, Glasgow City Council & Scottish Refugee Council

10.30 - 4.00pm
Cranhill Community Church
Bellrock Street, Glasgow
Free

Tickets: Telephone 0141 774 3344

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STUFF

(Runs until Sunday 26th)

National Museums of Scotland and the Scottish Refugee Council

Fri 24th: 12.00pm – 5.00pm
Sat 25th: 10.00am – 5.00pm
Sun 26th: 12.00pm – 5.00pm
The Education Centre
The Royal Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh
Free

A partnership outreach project between NMS and the Scottish Refugee Council, 'STUFF' is a visual arts exhibition created by Glasgow based refugees and asylum seekers relating to the collection and meaning of personal objects.

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7.30pm
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£7 / £5 Concession

Tickets: 0871 750 0077
See Thurs 23

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Shandwick Place, Edinburgh
Free – Donations to Refugee Survival Trust

See Monday 20th

B'Ding with DJ Cheryl

B'Ding

8.00pm - late

The Carnival Centre
2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow

Check web site or call 0141 552 8637 for further details.

Saturday 25 June

Pollokshaws Carnival 2005

Pollokshaws Settlement and Integration Network

11.30am – 5.00pm
Bengal Street pitch
Bengal Street, Pollokshaws, Glasgow G43
Free

A colourful carnival procession will start off this family fun event that brings music, dance, sport and song to Pollokshaws. Celebrating our cultural diversity as well as recognising and valuing what unites us will be the themes of the day. An exciting, entertaining event, packed with activities for everyone!

LINKES Open Day Garden Party

Linkes

12.00am – 5.00pm
Community Rooms
200 Lincoln Avenue, Glasgow
Free

A day of fun for all the family including music, dancing, refreshments, a bouncy castle, information stalls and the opening of the new community garden and mosaic.

Stilt-walking workshop

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Free

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The Hour of Blazing Clouds

Storytelling and Puppets from Burma

National Library of Scotland, **BEST, City of Edinburgh Council**

2.00pm
National Library of Scotland
George IV Bridge, Edinburgh
Free

Tickets: events@nls.uk or 0131 622 4807

Tales with a twist, vividly brought to life with 19th Century Burmese puppets. Once banned and burned by the military junta, puppets give an unforgettable insight into an ancient and remarkable culture. **Storytelling by Linda Bandlier**

Artist Book Launch

Artists in Exile, Glasgow in association with Glasgow Print Studio

3.00pm – 4.00pm
Glasgow Print Studio Gallery 3
25 King Street, Glasgow

8 visual artists and writers from the Artists in Exile Glasgow network have been working with Print Artist Jackie Moon at the Glasgow Print Studio sharing poems, stories and paintings to produce a collaborative hand printed book. There will be 15 completed editions of this very special artist's book and this Launch will display the first hand-made edition, along with performances of the included text.

For further details: <http://aieglasgow.tripod.com>

Belly dancing workshop

Carnival Arts

4.00pm – 5.00pm
The Carnival Centre
2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow
Free

Tel – 07903 457307

Dance to the rhythms of the East at the Carnival Centre with our belly dancing class. Expert tuition from Nada. Show off all your new moves later at Orienthouse.

Arabic Drumming

Carnival Arts

5.00pm – 6.00pm
The Carnival Centre
2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow
Free

Be the beat! Create the music as you lose yourself in the timeless sounds of the middle-east. If you can count to four then you've got all the rhythm you'll need.

Where's the Power? A rap opera & Multicultural food and dance party!

The Elements World Theatre Company

7.30pm
The Roxy Art House
2 Roxburgh Place, Edinburgh
£7 / £5 Concession

Tickets: 0871 750 0077
See Thurs 23

Following the performance on Saturday 25 June will be a Multicultural food and dance party!

8:30 pm: Multicultural Food & Dance Party featuring Mohammed and his Babylon Arabic Band, Bollywood dance with Charan Pradhan, Flamenco, Bharatanatayam, Capoeira and more!

Tickets: £7 / £5

Multicultural food, music and dance party only

Combined Ticket: £13 / £10

Both Performance and Party

The House of Dust Banquet

Artists in Exile Glasgow

6.00pm

Buddha's Backyard

Albion Street, Merchant City, Glasgow

Free

See <http://aieglasgow.tripod.com> or check or tel 07843 110296 for further details.

Join us for an evening of food, celebration and spectacle at AIEG's latest theatrical event. Based on the Babylonian myth of the feathered creatures that live in the land of the dead, we will be visited by some of the most popular political figures of the modern age (including Gandhi, Marx, Martin Luther King, Jr., and others) as they continue to grapple with the pressing issues of our current society. Come along with a covered dish or bottle of wine to share and party the night away while experiencing this beautiful, musical, mystical invocation from another time and place.

World Ceilidh

Traditional Music & Song Association of Scotland (TMSA) Edinburgh & Lothians Branch

7.30 – 11.30

St Georges West

Shandwick Place, Edinburgh

£7 full price; £5 concession; £15 family ticket / £12 family ticket; performers by donation

Tickets: Book through eltmsa@yahoo.co.uk or tel: 0795 191 8366 or visit www.eltmsa.co.uk. Plus available at the door.

Come and dance the night away at our World Ceilidh with will opportunities for people to also perform or do a 'turn' – contact 0795 191 8366 or email eltmsa@yahoo.co.uk if you want to book a slot. All traditions and cultures are welcome including song, music, storytelling, teaching a dance etc. Refreshments will be available.

Orientehouse

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8.00pm – late

The Carnival Centre

2nd Floor, 34 Albion Street, Glasgow

Free

Tel – 0141 552 8637

An evening dedicated to Eastern Culture with Arabic drumming and belly dancers. There'll be authentic eastern cuisine, and authentic eastern music into the small hours. A number of attractions are still to be confirmed.

Sunday 26 June

Refugee Week Challenge Shield
(Adult Tournament)

Show Racism the Red Card, Glasgow Ansar and the Scottish Refugee Council

K7X

Rouken Glen Park, Rouken Glen road, Giffnock, Glasgow, G46 6UG

£25 to register teams

To register teams call Zuby – 07971 787 654 or download the form from www.glasgowansar.com

Glasgow Ansar's successful six monthly 5-a-side Tournament will this year be run in conjunction with support from the Scottish Refugee Council. This will enable us to build on previous successes, in a city wide context, to promote racial and religious tolerance and provide a platform to showcase emerging BME soccer talent.

STUFF

(Runs until Sunday 26th)

National Museums of Scotland and the Scottish Refugee Council

2.30pm – 3.30pm

The Education Centre

The Royal Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh

To celebrate Scottish Refugee Week 'STUFF' is accompanied by special performances by powerful Palestinian poet, Ghazi Hussein and vibrant Iraqi musicians led by M.N. Muhammed. Come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of poetry and song!

Midsummer Carnival

Scottish Carnival Arts

1.00pm onwards

Pollokshaws Road, Allison Street, Victoria Road & Queens Park, Glasgow

Check local press for further details

Free

Simply the event of the year! Scotland's largest community carnival. Come and watch a unique spectacle of music, movement, costumes and colour as Glasgow's diverse communities get together to celebrate Refugee Week 2005 in unforgettable style! Prepare to be mesmerised by a grand procession of spectacular costume bands, Columbian Salsa and Egyptian belly dancers, Brazilian samba and Indian Dohl drummers and many many more as they weave their way round Queens Park.

Where's the Power? A rap opera

The Elements World Theatre Company

6.30pm

The Pearce Institute

840-860 Govan Road / Govan

Free

Tickets: On the door

A new production by The Elements World Theatre: Presents a powerful, dramatic conflict between Rulers and Outsiders in a recognizable world of fear, greed and oppression. With dynamic Rap and a fusion of Hip-hop/Bollywood dance and music as their only weapons, both sides face their worst fears in an ultimately uplifting production for young and old alike!

Following the performance will be a Multicultural food and dance party!

7.30pm Multicultural Food & Dance Party with local artists and refugee musicians and dancers from around the world.

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday 2nd July

African Health Event

NHS, SRC, Sandyford Initiative

11:00-16:00

Renfield St Stephens Church,
260 Bath Street, Glasgow

Free

Do you know where to get health care and treatment in Glasgow?

Do you have any questions about how the National Health Service works?

Do you know what services you can use?

Need help and advice with sexual and reproductive health?

NHS Greater Glasgow, in conjunction with the Scottish Refugee Council is having an African Open Day Event. There will be free food and entertainment, information stalls, discussion groups and presentations as well as a crèche. The event is open to Africans living in Glasgow including refugees and asylum seekers.