

## Scottish Refugee Council Press Release



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### **Refugee Week Scotland 2006 - Programme launch and previews**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006, 2.30-3.30pm, in the Vitra Conference suite, The Lighthouse, 11 Mitchell Lane, Glasgow G1 3NU**

The countdown has begun to Scotland's annual celebration of refugee contributions to the arts, culture, music and theatre. Refugee Week Scotland 2006 features over 70 events, ranging from film and drama, to rap music and storytelling. Members of the press are invited to attend the launch of the Refugee Week Scotland programme, which includes previews of some of the events in store, including:

- Scenes from *The Flats*; an original play by theatre group Confab about two women divided by nationality, but united by a brutal past.
- Clips from the short film *Asylum Realities*, in which refugees describe their experiences.
- Extract of performance by cross-cultural music collective Fugees United, filmed for BBC Scotland's Culture Show

A full programme of events is attached to this release. Full details are available on the Refugee Week Scotland website at [www.refugeeweek.org.uk](http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk), which goes live today.

Scottish Refugee Council Chief Executive, Sally Daghlian said:

*"Refugees are increasingly active in the Scottish arts scene as actors, writers, musicians and artists. Refugee Week is a major opportunity for them to display the cultural riches they have brought to Scotland and the ways in which fresh ideas and new perspectives can enrich our cultural life."*

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## **1. Programme Launch Schedule**

- 14.35 Welcome & brief on Refugee Week – Scottish Refugee Council Chief Executive Sally Daghlian
- 14.40 Film Clip 1 : Trailer of Asylum Realities
- 14.43 Morven Gregor, Artistic Director, Birds of Paradise Theatre Company talks about Refugee Week’s importance for mainstream arts
- 14.48 Film Clip 2 : Fugees Culture Show Clip
- 14.52 Glasgow City Council Writer in Residence Aileen Ritchie talks about the importance of artists getting involved with refugee communities
- 14.57 Refugee Sabina Etchu, who appears in “The Flats” talks about what Refugee Week Scotland means for refugees themselves
- 15.05 Clip from The Flats
- 15.10 End

- 2. We would like to thank the following bodies for their support, without which Refugee Week Scotland would not be possible

**One Scotland**  
**Glasgow Anti Racist Alliance (GARA)**  
**Home Office**