

**Inter-Community Talks**

# Programme

**>>> 23rd - 30th October 2020**

Engage with a series of free online conversations and cultural interventions led by the local communities of Bradford.

All our events are **free** and over Zoom. Check out our Facebook page to book.

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### Biasan Womens Hour

A talk on women's rights, issues and global conflicts which affect us all. Delivered by *Biasan Ladies*, led in conversation with *Kongosi Mussanzi* and *Jane Gregory*.

Friday 23rd October, 12pm - 1:30pm

### Vie Clerc

(EU Resettlement/ stories of being in Limbo and the state of EU migrant rights today)

Vie Clerc, French national/EU citizen. In the last 3 years, she has focused her time campaigning for the guarantee of the rights of EU nationals as an advocate for the group The3Million both locally, regionally, nationally and in the EU. She is a Senior Admin and Advocate of the InLimbo Project - which is a not-for-profit non-political initiative set up by a group of EU27 citizens in the UK to record testimonies from the five million victims of Brexit and allow their voices to be heard. The new edition *In Limbo: Brexit Testimonies from EU citizens in the UK* was published from crowdfunding last week. Since September 2019, she is the Bradford and Leeds outreach coordinator and immigration adviser level 1 limited to the Euss assisting EU citizens to secure their stay in the uk. Vie will come alongside a few other EU citizens to share their testimonies including *Maria Philburn*. Delivered by *Vie Clerc (In Limbo Project)* and *Maria Philburn*.

Friday 23rd October, 6:30pm - 8pm

Samar Shahdad



### An evening of Transnational Poetry

An evening of Transnational Poetry. "Language, identity, Memory, home, Belonging".

An international line up of Poets including:

*Mohsen Emadi*, Mexico; *Maram Al-Masri*, France; *Roxana Crisologo*, Finland; *Ana Mirel*, Cuba; *Mike Baynham*, UK; *Tony Martin Woods*, UK; *Tom Bolton*, UK; *Rosie Baynham*, UK; *Samah Moustafa*, Egypt. Delivered by *Samar Shahdad*.

Saturday 24th October, 7pm - 8:30pm

### Through the Bradford Health Care system

Clare Connelly- retired Bradford GP and Vicky Kizza, mother of 2 and NHS user will talk about Health and Health care services and how to get the best out of them.

Delivered by *Clare Connelly* and *Vicky Kizza*.

Sunday 25th October, 2pm - 3pm

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### Charlie Gray : Horton Community Farm

5 ways to wellbeing and mindfulness using a range of holistic, earth and nature based practices.

Horton Community Farm will provide a short intro to a series of methodology used with their working practices and community groups Delivered by *Charlie Gray* and *Horton Community Farm*.

**Sunday 25th October, 6.30pm – 8pm**

### Sudan: Culture, Conflict and Change

A talk on Sudan by *Rami Al Amin*

**Monday 26th October  
6.30pm – 7.30pm**



### From Syria with Love:

Life in the UK as sanctuary seekers.

Real life experiences voiced by members of Syrian community, first hand accounts of journeying into the UK, resettling as British Citizens, building lives, homes and businesses.

Hosted by *Shabina Aslam*. With guest speakers *Razan Alsous: Yorkshire Dama*

*Cheese, Rana Al Jaffan, Sandy Arab, Ayham Alkhaktib, and Falak Desouki.*

**Tuesday 27th October, 6.30pm – 8pm**

### Bradford 2025 - Talk To Us

The title for UK City of Culture is awarded every four years by Government, it has the potential to transform a city, securing millions of pounds of investment. Join *Pakeezah Zahoor*, Programme and Community Coordinator at Bradford 2025, in this informal conversation about what Bradford means to you. What do you love about the city? What do you need from it? What can you do for it? Next year, Bradford will bid to become UK City of Culture 2025, so we want to talk with the people who live here - with your help we know we can win it.

Born and raised in Bradford, *Pakeezah Zahoor* has held roles in a number of cultural organizations locally, working on both the Ilkley and Bradford literature festivals her experience in arts events has been focussed on programming and community engagement. She has a background in postcolonial studies and is passionate about people.

**Wednesday 28th October, 1pm – 2.30pm**

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### **Theatre, asylum and sanctuary – a conversation with Alex Chisholm, Co-Artistic Director of Freedom Studios.**

*Maria Rovisco* will be in conversation with Alex Chisholm about the ways in which theatre can positively transform the lives of people seeking sanctuary. Alex will talk about Freedom Studios' work with refugee and asylum seeker communities in the city of Bradford. We will also open up the conversation to discuss whether and how theatre can be a tool of social change and inclusion.

*Freedom Studios* is a contemporary theatre company based in Bradford creating original, high quality theatre in non-theatre spaces, supporting and developing creatives.

Delivered by *Freedom studios, Alex Chisholm*. Hosted by *Maria Rovisco* (School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Leeds).

**Wednesday 28th October  
5.30pm – 7pm**

### **No Direction Home - stand-up comedy (Bradford!)**

Following the huge success of our summer Zoom gigs, No Direction Home is taking to the (online) road for a series of performances with partners around the UK.

Join us for an evening of laughter in partnership with Biasan in Bradford.

Produced by Counterpoints Arts as part

of their PopChange programme.

**Thursday 29th October, 8pm – 9.30pm**

### **Mafwa Theatre**

Join Mafwa Theatre and Hope Strickland for a picnic, together. The short film follows members of Mafwa Theatre as they prepare to meet for the first time since lockdown. As part of the 'Cooking with Parveen' project, 'a picnic, together' explores the power of food to unite us in the face of adversity.

Mafwa Theatre are women from refugee, asylum seeker and settled communities. We use drama and other art forms to create work that brings people together and speaks truth to power. We use our platform to highlight artists and theatre makers from migrant backgrounds, advocate for migrant rights and celebrate diverse communities. Q+A.

Delivered by *MAFWA Theatre and Hope Strickland*.

**Friday 30th October, 1.30pm – 2.30pm**

### **How exercise & sport helps refugees in Bradford**

Panel discussion focusing on six refugee led projects providing cricket, fitness, football & netball in inner city Bradford. Hosted by *Carl White* from Bradford Refugee Forum and featuring *Ammar Abdalla, Asumani Susho, Ibrahim Gharbia, Jasmin Akter, Nadera Amini* and *Paola Vietri*.

**Friday 30th October, 6.30pm – 8pm**