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diversity in Norfolk

A month of events to celebrate a week of diversity

**Refugee Week 2012** is from the 18-24th June, and this year we will be celebrating the week with a month long of events and activities throughout Norfolk.

This booklet is about sharing what is on offer during Refugee Week. It evidences the ongoing partnership work on diversity in Norfolk, which involves a network of partners hosting the several events listed in the booklet. Some of the partners are supported by local authorities or other regional, national and specialist funding bodies.

In reality, Refugee Week is about raising awareness about diversity. 2012 will see the world united in the UK for the Olympics to celebrate diversity through sports. Many athletes whose original country of birth is not the UK, will be flying the UK flag or wearing their Union Jack outfits in an attempt to make us all proud by representing the UK at the world's biggest sporting event.

Therefore, this year we dedicate the Norwich & Norfolk Refugee Week events to the hopes vested in all the UK athletes participating in the Olympics.

We will be marking the official launch of Refugee Week this year at Norwich City Council Chambers on Monday 18th June 2012, see details in the following pages.

We once again thank all our partners and sponsors who continue to make Refugee Week in Norfolk a success.

Pa Musa Jobarteh, Coordinator

The Bridge Plus+ On behalf of the Norwich & Norfolk Refugee Week Planning Group





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Refugee Week is a unique opportunity to discover and celebrate the contributions refugees bring to the UK.

Held every year in June, this countrywide event has an impressive range of activities from the arts to music, food to meeting new people, there's something for everyone.

Getting together helps better understanding among communities of the issues refugees face, and the part they play in making Norwich the city it is.

#### DEFINITIONS

#### **Asylum seeker**

- A person who:
- flees their homeland
- arrives in another country
- makes themselves known to the authorities
- exercises their legal right to apply for asylum.

#### Refugee

- A person who:
- has proved that they would face persecution in their home country
- has had a successful asylum application
- is allowed to stay in that country after the authorities say so.

#### **Illegal immigrant**

- A person who:
- has arrived in a new country
- has either not made themselves known to the authorities OR has stayed in the country longer than they were allowed to
- has no legal permission to be there.

"Anytime a person can migrate from one place to another as a refugee. You can plan for something but you don't know what is coming in the future for yourself. It can make you a refugee...."

#### A person who: hasn't been able to prove that

**Refused asylum seeker** Economic migrant

- they would face persecution back home
- has had their application turned down
- is told to leave the country after the authorities say they can't stay.

#### **European migrant**

#### A person who:

- is a member of a country that belongs to the European economic area (EEA)
- has the right to live in the UK as long as they are studying, working or have enough money to support themselves
- usually has the automatic right to work in the UK (but if they are from one of the newer joined countries like Poland, they may have to register with the Government first, or if they are from Bulgaria or Romania they may need a work permit depending on the type of job they want to do).

- A person who: has moved to another
- country to work
- strengthens the workforce
- could be an illegal or legal resident, depending on how they entered the country
- might have a legal work permit OR may be working illegally.

So you can see there are a lot of different labels...it is important to use the right one, and not to jump to conclusions about why people are here, how they got here, and if they are allowed to stay here.

"Amongst refugees there are people who used to live better lives, some of them have gone to school...There are intellectuals. You find there are professionals doctors, teachers, policemen - specialised in various skills which can help the nation as a whole to develop."

"The impression I had on arrival in Norwich was of people being so friendly...starting from the time we disembarked from the bus. We were given such a warm welcome! We rejoiced! We felt at home!"

#### **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** & Big Lunch

#### Sunday 3rd June | 4pm – 8pm

Join us in celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a Big Lunch street picnic. Sunday 3rd June is the Big Lunch celebrated nationally. We will be closing off Muspole Street (in front of the NICE centre) and have a community lunch - with food from various countries/communities. The street will be lined up with tables for people to share lunch together. Some basic taster foods from around the world will be available, with BBQ all day. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own drinks and snacks. You may be challenged to engage in a simple task: To introduce your self to someone you have never met before.

LOCATION: Muspole Street, Norwich NR3 1DJ

**ADMISSION COST:** Free but we encourage you to bring your own drink/lunch

SUITABILITY: Suitable for all

ACCESSIBILITY: Fully Accessible for all users **ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:** The Bridge Plus+

> The UK hosts 2% of the world's 10 million refugees.

#### The joy of eating healthy

#### Friday 8th June | 5.30pm - 7.30pm (then in July date to be confirmed)

Come and experience a taste of traditional Ethiopian and Eritrean food

Also get tips on guick and healthy cooking.

LOCATION: The Blue House, 19 Muspole Street, Norwich NR3 1DJ

**ADMISSION COST:** Free Booking essential

SUITABILITY: Suitable for all

ACCESSIBILITY: Fully Accessible for all users

#### **ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:**

Eden's with support of NHS Norfolk and Waveney







Fish and chips, the Mini and Marks and Spencer, Burtons, Tilda Rice, Thorn EMI, Saatchi & Saatchi and Patak Foods are all British institutions – created, invented and founded by refugees or their children.

Before the week

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#### Another Voice that Speaks

#### Throughout the week

Another Voice that Speaks is a creative project in Norfolk.

The aim is to photograph and record interviews with people from all walks of life talking about their life experiences.

The ideas behind the project is to celebrate the diversity of people and their experiences, including thought-provoking stories on overcoming challenges and how people think about and see the world.

The photographs and audio will be curated into an exhibition to be seen in London and Norfolk from September 2012, alongside the exhibition will be events for people to put these themes into practice.

Would you be interested in being a subject? (We can keep your identity hidden if you'd prefer).

If yes please email Lydia Martin: anothervoicespeaks@gmail.com

LOCATION: Norfolk Residents

ADMISSION COST: Free

SUITABILITY: Suitable for all

#### ACCESSIBILITY:

Fully Accessible for all users

**ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:** Lydia Martin

#### Discovering Refugee History Throughout the week 9am – 8pm Monday – Saturday, and Sunday 10.30pm - 4.30pm

A display of six panels giving information on the history of refugees in Norwich. The display features artefacts from Norfolk Museums, a book from the Norfolk Heritage Centre, and documents from the Norfolk Record Office which illustrate the important contributions refugees have made to our history.

Each of the items included in the display have been chosen by recent refugees and asylum seekers.

#### LOCATION:

Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library, Norwich NR2 1AW

**ADMISSION COST:** Free

SUITABILITY: Suitable for all

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Fully Accessible for all users

#### **ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:**

Norfolk Record Office, Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service, Norfolk County Council Library and Information Service.

Estimates of the UK's refugee population suggest that it only amounts to 0.6% of the total UK population.



#### **One Small Suitcase** (a Simple Acts activity) Throughout the week | 9am – 8pm Monday – Saturday, and Sunday 10.30 - 4.30pm

All week we will have our small suitcase open for you to write or draw the items you would take with you if you had to leave suddenly. You can't take everything, only what will fit inside your suitcase.

In the Children's Library we will display the suitcases created by school children during Refugee Week 2011.

#### **LOCATION:**

The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich NR2 1AW

ADMISSION COST: Free

SUITABILITY: Suitable for all

ACCESSIBILITY: Fully Accessible for all users

**ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:** Norfolk County Council Library and Information Service

#### Refugee Week at City College

18th – 22nd June | Varied

Throughout the week there will be displays, films and activities during lunch breaks promoting Refugee Week and raising awareness. These will take place at the Wellbeing Zone and in the main foyer in the Norwich Building.

#### **LOCATION:**

City College Norwich, Ipswich Road, Norwich

ADMISSION COST: Free

SUITABILITY: For Students attending City College

#### **ACCESSIBILITY:**

Open to all students attending City College ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS: City College Norwich



#### **Another Small Suitcase**

Monday, 18th June – Saturday, 23rd June Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9am – 5pm Tuesday: 9.30am – 5pm Saturday: 9am – 12noon

Last year we asked members of the public and staff at County Hall to write down what they would take with them if they became a refugee. This exhibition uses those answers to highlight the importance given to every day objects, either as mementos, or for practical reasons. There is also the opportunity to add your own thoughts.

**LOCATION:** The Long Gallery, The Archive Centre, Martineau Lane, Norwich NR1 2DQ

ADMISSION COST: Free SUITABILITY: Suitable for all

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Fully Accessible for all users

#### **ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:**

This event is organized by Norfolk Record Office and Norfolk Library and Information Service



A suitcase containing some of the items that people might bring with them to their new country.

Many refugees and asylum seekers hope to return home at some point in the future, provided the situation in their country has improved.

Visit http://bridgeplus.org.uk/html/refugee\_week\_.html for updated event information



Page from the Book of Orders in Dutch in the Norwich City Archives. Norfolk Record Office, NCR 17d

## What Do We Really Know About The 'Strangers'?

Monday 18th June | 1pm – 1.45pm

Most people have heard of 'The Strangers' immigrants and refugees from the Low Countries in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I more than four centuries ago. In this talk Frank Meeres looks at archive sources to find out the true facts about these incomers, who they were, why they came, how they benefited the city - and how their impact has affected the Norwich of today.

**LOCATION:** The Green Room, at The Archive Centre, Martineau Lane, Norwich NR1 2DQ

ADMISSION COST: Free No booking required

SUITABILITY: Suitable for all

ACCESSIBILITY: Fully Accessible for all users

ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS: Norfolk Record Office

#### Opening Event 2011 Refugee Week

Monday 18th June | 5pm – 8pm

This opening event will officially launch Refugee Week 2012 at the Council Chambers of Norwich City Council. There will be short talks by members of NASREF (Norwich Asylum Seekers and Refugee Forum) which is a multi agency set up to facilitate the integration of migrants in the County. The Sheriff of Norwich and leader of the council are invited as special guests to honour the occasion. Lots of networking opportunities to find out what else is available throughout the month. Free food and drinks will be served, and some possible surprise entertainment.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Norwich City Council, St Peters Street, Norwich NR2 1NH

ADMISSION COST: Free

SUITABILITY: Suitable for all

ACCESSIBILITY: Fully Accessible for all users ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS: The Bridge Plus+



Monday 18th June | 8.30pm

Qu'ils reposent en révolte (des figures de guerre)

Sylvain George France 2010 (B&W, video, 150') English subtitles

Three years in the making, *Qu'ils reposent en révolte (des figures de guerre)* is a committed, passionate document of the lives of migrants in the port town of Calais. Stateless, homeless, almost beyond hope, refugees arrive at the town to attempt to cross the channel, but invariably fail to do so, and fall to living in makeshift shelters, living off scraps from the floor. At once affirming the migrants' dignity and resolve, and enraged at the persecution and ignominy they suffer, Sylvain George's remarkable film offers some hope in the solidarity of local people to the refugees' cause. A coruscating, fiercely intelligent work.

**LOCATION:** Cinema City, St Andrew's Street, Norwich NR2 4AD

**ADMISSION COST:** £8.50, £6.00 Cinema City members and Sainsbury Centre Friends (show membership card at box office); £6.50 concessions (children under 15, full-time students, claimants and seniors citizens; proof of status required)

Booking: Cinema City 0871 704 2053 www. picturehouses.co.uk

SUITABILITY: 14+

ACCESSIBILITY: Disable access provided

**ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:** Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, UEA





Monday 18th

#### NASREF

(Norwich Asylum Seekers and Refugees forum) is a multi agency forum that brings together a network of statutory, voluntary and community organisations working with asylum seeker, refugee and migrant worker in Greater Norwich. The overall purpose of NASREF is to improve the well-being of asylum seekers and refugees in Norfolk. It also acts as an information sharing network.

The Group has existed since 2004 and meets once every two months on the first Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at Norwich City Council from 10am-12pm.

The key aims of the group are to share information and good practice; to inform regional and local policy, to improve awareness

and understanding of asylum & refugee issues in all sectors, to support effective partnership working, to contribute to and build links with initiatives to support community cohesion in Norfolk, to contribute to and build links with initiatives which promote the well being of migrant workers. Membership is open to any organisation or individual involved with support. advice or delivery of services to asylum seekers and refugees within Norfolk.

Below is an example of some of the NASREF member organisations:

#### POULTEC

delivers ESOL, English & Maths gualifications to BME & Refugee groups in the Eastern Region. Primarily a Work-based Learning Provider delivering courses to groups who are unable to attend standard community classes due to work patterns. Poultec delivers community classes in several locations. Poultec is also the only provider in Norfolk and Cambridge to deliver bespoke ESOL for Citizenship courses. Courses are fully flexible and can be designed to suit client group. Good Practice: provided a women's' only ESOL classes with an informal crèche; gave ESOL support for groups of Gateway refugees; provided vocational qualifications in Food Safety Levels 1 & 2; filled a gap in the provision for ESOL for Citizenship classes.

#### **EELGA-SMP** (East of England Local Government Association-

Strategic Migration Partnership) is grant-funded by UKBA to provide policy support for organisations whose work supports asylum seekers, refugees cohesion through or migrant workers. They host regional meetings engagement activities to share developments, and service delivery. It learning and trends regarding project manages the Unaccompanied Asylum newly founded Norfolk Seeking Children, Asylum Communities for Race Seekers and Refugees, those Equality & Diversity who are 'No recourse to (NCRED) which aims to public funds' and migrant promote race equality in Norfolk. They are home to workers in the east of NICE-Centre (Norwich's England. They issue a two weekly news bulletin, International Community covering news, events and Engagement Centre) which jobs in this sector. provides an enabling Good Practice: They are environment where BME currently delivering a communities engage. Good Practice: recently European Integration Funded Project where launched a report about community groups working the priority needs of BME with new migrants from communities in Norfolk beyond Europe work which was co-produced with NHS professionals with Norfolk County about improving cultural Council on behalf of competence to reduce the County Community health inequalities. Cohesion Network.

**THE BRIDGE PLUS+** is a BME led organisation



#### **BRITISH RED CROSS REFUGEE ORIENTATION** PROJECT

offers a drop-in service on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays where volunteers and staff are able to provide support with practical problems by helping asylum seekers and refugees access essential services and adjust to local life.

Address: 44-46 St. Augustine's Street, Norwich, NR3 3AD. Tel: 01603 623041. Good Practice: maintains a limited destitution fund set up to provide short term support to clients during short periods of destitution while enabling

them to access other forms

of statutory or community

support.

#### **One Small Suitcase: Meet a Refugee**

Tuesday 19th June | 2pm – 4pm

On the afternoon of 19th June we are hosting a special version of One Small Suitcase, where you can meet Joe Stirling, a refugee from Nazi Germany. Individuals and small groups can drop-in and hear his amazing story.

And you can also take part in the One Small Suitcase activity, by writing or drawing the items you would take with you if you had to leave suddenly. You can't take everything, only what will fit inside your suitcase.

In the Children's Library we will display the suitcases created by school children during Refugee Week 2011.

#### **LOCATION:**

Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library, The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich NR2 1AW

**ADMISSION COST:** Free

SUITABILITY: Suitable for all

ACCESSIBILITY: Fully Accessible for all users

**ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:** Norfolk County Council Library and Information Service

#### **One Small Suitcase School Visit**

#### Tuesday 19th June | Morning

School children will take part in a special edition of 'One Small Suitcase'. Children can write or draw the items they would take with them if they had to leave home suddenly. Afterwards, children will find out what refugees at different times actually did take with them to Norwich or Norfolk, and will be able to talk to a refugee about their experience.

In the Children's Library we will display the suitcases created by school children during Refugee Week 2011.

#### **LOCATION:**

Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library, The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich NR2 1AW

**ADMISSION COST:** Free

#### SUITABILITY: This is a closed event for Magdalen Gates **Primary School**

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Fully Accessible for all users

**ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:** Norfolk County Council Library and Information Service





REFUGEES - CREDIT TO THE ECONOMY: Fish and chips, the Mini, Marks and Spencer, Burtons, Tilda Rice, Thorn EMI, Saatchi & Saatchi and Patak Foods are all British institutions – created, invented and founded by refugees or their children.

#### **Interface Learning Celebration Event**

#### Wednesday June 20th 12pm – 3pm

INTERFACE LEARNING invites vou to a celebration of the New Routes Mentoring Project and showcase of IL activities.

Project volunteers will be available to talk about engaging in IL activities, their impact and new volunteering opportunities.

International lunch cuisine.

International Children's Storybook.

LOCATION: Interface Learning, Unit 6, Beckham Place, Norwich NR3 3AD

#### **ADMISSION COST:** Free

#### **SUITABILITY:**

Wheelchair accessible

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Wheelchair accessible

**ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:** Interface Learning



Interface Learning Volunteers at the 2011 Celebration Event

into the public purse compared to people born in the UK. Source: Institute for Public Policy Research:

Paying their way: the fiscal contribution of immigrants in the UK, 2005

#### **Still Human Still** Here. Protecting the persecuted.

Wednesday 20th June 7.30pm

A talk by Michael Kaye, Advocacy Manager for The Still Human Still Here Coalition. Michael will talk about the way we treat those fleeing conflict. Is the UK providing protection? Is Government policy causing destitution and hardship to asylum seekers and refugees in this country? Michael will examine progress made in the last 3 years and what action is needed to achieve policy changes which will ensure asylum seekers are treated fairly and humanely in the UK.

LOCATION: The Lounge.

The Charing Cross Centre, St John Maddermarket, Norwich NR2 1DN

**ADMISSION COST:** Free

SUITABILITY: Over 16's

#### **ACCESSIBILITY:**

The lounge is located on the ground floor with level access from the road into the building.

#### **ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:**

Norwich Group Amnesty International

*Immigrants, including refugees, pay more* 



#### **Improving Access to Healthcare & Reducing Health Inequalities**

Wednesday June 20th 12.30pm - 14.30pm

Come and eniov a lunch of Congolese stew prepared by the St Martin's Housing Trust Under 1 Roof volunteers whilst meeting with the staff and students from the City Reach Health Services Asylum Health Team. City Reach Health Services is a team of NHS doctors, nurses and support workers. We help people who find it difficult to access health services, for whatever reason, to get the care they need.

LOCATION: Under 1 Roof. Westwick Street, Norwich NR2 4SZ

#### **ADMISSION COST:** Free

SUITABILITY: Suitable for all

ACCESSIBILITY: Open Access, Wheel Chair Access

& Hearing Loop

#### **ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:** City Reach Health Services & St Martins Housing Trust

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#### **Refugees and Mental Health**

Wednesday June 20th | 10:30pm - 12.30pm

Every year thousands of people arrive in the UK seeking sanctuary, often fleeing conflict and persecution having experienced torture, violence or imprisonment. It's not surprising that many will have developed mental health problems as a result of their traumatic experiences but what is surprising is that many more will develop mental health problems once on UK soil. A popular assumption is that once refugees arrive in this country that their problems are over but research has clearly shown that it can be just the beginning. Dr Laura Jobson, Clinical Lecturer/Clinical psychologist will provide an overview of this topic.

LOCATION: Under 1 Roof, Westwick Street, Norwich NR2 4SZ

**ADMISSION COST:** Free

SUITABILITY: Suitable for all

ACCESSIBILITY:

Open Access, Wheel Chair Access & Hearing Loop

**ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:** 

City Reach Health Services & St Martins Housing Trust



#### **World Voices Featuring Teiu Cole** and Vesna Goldsworthy

Wednesday June 20th | 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Join Writers' Centre Norwich to hear two thought provoking and acclaimed world voices in celebration of Refugee Week.

Writers Teju Cole and Vesna Goldsworthy both explore ideas of exile, displacement and acceptance in their writing. Come along and hear them read from their work and take your questions in what promises to be a fascinating event.

Teju Cole is a writer hitting the headlines for all the right reasons. His debut novel, Open City, follows a voung doctor's meditations around the streets of New York and has been favourably compared to works such as Sebald's Rings of Saturn. It has been blazing an award-winning trail in its wake and was named a best book on no less than twenty end-of-the-year lists.

Teju will be joined by Vesna Goldsworthy whose moving memoir Chernobyl Strawberries, was serialized in The Times and read by Vesna herself as Book of the Week on BBC Radio Four.

FIND OUT MORE: This event is part of our City of Refuge scheme; for more information go to www.

Teiu Cole writerscentrenorwich.org.uk where you can also sign up for news on all of our City of Refuge and reader and writer activities.

> **CATION:** Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library, The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich NR2 1AW

DMISSION COST: £2.

Book on www.writerscentrenorwich.org.uk

JITABILITY: 14+

#### **CCESSIBILITY:**

This event should be fully accessible – please call 01603 877177 if you have any questions.

**RGANISING INSTITUTIONS:** Writers' Centre Norwich

#### **Shadow Puppets from around** the World

#### Thursday 21st June | 3pm – 4.30pm

Using puppets from around the world from the Norwich Puppet Theatre and shadow silhouettes from the Norfolk Record Office, refugees, asylum seekers and other members of the community can discover the rich and multi-cultural heritage of the art of puppetry. Participants will have the chance to use materials provided to create their own puppet character and setting, and express their thoughts on their heritage and their new life in England.

LOCATION: The Green Room, at The Archive Centre, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DQ

#### **ADMISSION COST:** Free

Booking required. Please contact the Norfolk Record Office on 01603 222599. or norfrec@norfolk.gov.uk to book your place.

#### **SUITABILITY:**

For refugees and asylum seekers and the general audience. Suitable for people aged 12+. Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult

#### **ACCESSIBILITY:**

Fully accessible for all users

#### **ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:**

Norfolk Record Office and Norwich Puppet Theatre



An example of Shadowland silhouettes from Norfolk Record Office





#### Lunch Time Talk-extended

Thursday 21st June | 1.15pm - 2.45pm

#### Vidéocartographies: Aïda, Palestine

#### Till Roeskens

(France / Palestine, 2009) 46', colour, video

Till Roeskens' remarkable film gives voice to the refugees of the Aïda camp in Palestine by appropriating the map, symbol of power and property, to describe a topography of experience and emotion; a subjective chart of the everyday ignominies and suffering of people in the shadow of untrammelled Israeli militarism and expansionism.

Curator and writer Adam Pugh will introduce the screening.

#### About the artist

Till Roeskens (b.1974 in Freiburg) is based in Marseille. He has exhibited in Le Plateau Paris, in the Forteresse de Salses, in the Villa Saint-Claire in Sete, in the Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain and in CEAAC of Strasbourg; at Langage Plus (Quebec), in the Musée d'art Moderne Collioure. His work has screened at numerous festivals, and in 2009 he won the Grand Prix at FID Marseille, one of the world's key documentary festivals.

LOCATION: SRU seminar room, Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts. University of East Anglia, Norwich NR4 7TJ

11 Refugees from

the UK have won

Nobel Prizes for

science.

**ADMISSION COST:** Free

SUITABILITY: 14+

ACCESSIBILITY: Fully Accessible for all users

#### **ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:**

Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, UEA

#### An Evening with Michael Ondaatje and Kamila Shamsie

Thursday 21st June | 7.30pm

'He is justly recognised as a master of literary craft! Annie Proulx

Join Writers' Centre Norwich to find out more about one of the world's finest writers. Michael Ondaatie, whose award winning novel The English Patient thrilled readers and cinema goers the world over (the film won nine Oscars in 1996).

Ondaatje's Sri-Lankan and Canadian heritage give him a unique world view which is brilliantly displayed in his writing; so we are delighted that he is coming to read from his new novel The Cat's Table. and talk about his life and work with novelist Kamila Shamsie.

Shamsie lives in London and Karachi, Pakistan, and is the author of four novels. including Kartography, and Broken Verses. As one of the

few women to be writing in English about Pakistan and a trustee of English PEN, her intelligent and original viewpoint is courted by journalists the world over.

This event with Shamise and Ondaatje will be a fascinating and stimulating occasion you won't want to miss.

FIND OUT MORE: for more information go to www.writerscentrenorwich.org.uk where you can also sign up for news on all of our City of Refuge and reader and writer activities.

The 1951 Refugee Convention guarantees everybody the right to apply for asylum. It has saved millions of lives. No country has ever withdrawn from it.





DCATION:

Norwich Playhouse, St Georges Street, Norwich

DMISSION COST: £12 & £10 conc:

\*\*Ticket Deal: Call 01603 877177 to book this event alongside Writers' Centre Norwich's An Evening with J.M. Coetzee & Anna Funder for £20 (£15 concession)\*\*

Book online on www. writerscentrenorwich. org.uk

**IITABILITY:** 14+

CESSIBILITY: Fully Accessible for all users

GANISING STITUTIONS: Writers' Centre Norwich



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### Anthony de Solempne

The first printer in Norwich, Anthony de Solempne was a refugee from Brabant in the Southern Netherlands. He arrived in 1567 and established his business at the sign of the White Dove, later the Edinburgh Arms, Dove Street. Although his productions were mostly in Dutch, Solempne also printed in English and French. He also traded in wine and is thought to have been one of the wealthiest members of the Stranger community in Norwich.

"Refugee Week is a unique time when we can all celebrate the contribution that refugees have made over the years to the UK - both culturally and economically. Please do something to support Refugee Week- go to an event, find out more about he issue or just speak out for refugees when you can."

*Colin Firth*, Actor and Brightwide founder



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#### **Symposium: Researching Refuge at UEA**

#### Friday 22nd June | 2pm – 6pm

Today more people than ever are moving across the globe in search of refuge as a consequence of conflict, environmental change and economic upheaval. This one-day symposium will showcase the range of research on forced migration being undertaken at the University of East Anglia. In times where the right to seek refuge is questioned and migration is a matter of global concern, how can academic research contribute to the debate? This event brings together scholars, practitioners and the public to discuss the dilemmas, challenges and opportunities presented by academic research on this subject, at international, national and local levels.

**LOCATION:** Education Studio, Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts. University of East Anglia, Norwich. NR4 7TJ UK

**ADMISSION COST:** *Free* Booking: essential

JITABILITY: 14+

CCESSIBILITY: Disable access provided

#### **RGANISING INSTITUTIONS:** Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, UEA

Asylum seekers do not come to the UK to claim benefits. In fact, most don't know about welfare benefits before they arrive and had no expectation to receive financial support. Source: Refugee Council: Chance or choice? Understanding why asylum seekers come to the UK, 2009





#### Food Facts:

Has it ever occurred to vou that there might be some "refugees" in your fridge? Garlic, for example, originally came from Central Asia and was frowned upon by the Americans until as recently as the 1940s. Our old friend the tomato is in fact a native of South America, and was greeted with suspicion by the British because they thought it was poisonous. Even the lowly potato has roots in the mountains of South America, and was for a long time snubbed by Europeans because they considered it to be the food of the underclass.

When you think about it, almost any dish you care to imagine includes ingredients that come from somewhere else. Just imagine how much less tasty our lives would be if these foods had stayed at home?

#### **Community Cuisines**

#### Saturday 23rd June 5pm - 8pm

Celebrate diversity through food! For this event, community members volunteer to cook and showcase food from their cultures. You are welcome to bring along a drink (nonalcoholic). Food is one of the most important and visible symbols of cultural heritage and diversity. Complementary taster therapies will be also offered. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and share a meal with people from around the world.

**LOCATION:** Central Baptist Church, Duke Street, Norwich NR3 3AP

ADMISSION COST: Free

SUITABILITY: Suitable for all

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Fully Accessible for all users

**ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:** The Bridge Plus+ supported by New Routes & the Red Cross



#### **Refugee Week First Sunday**

#### Sunday 24th June 2.15pm – 3.45pm

Come along to this special Refugee Week edition of First Sunday and help create a 'hands of friendship' poster, and listen to stories about friendship across cultures.

**LOCATION:** Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library, The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich NR2 1AW

**ADMISSION COST:** Free

SUITABILITY:

4-8 year olds

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Fully Accessible for all users

**ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:** Norfolk County Council Library

and Information Service



#### **Refugee Week Second Sunday**

Sunday 24th June 2.30pm - 3.45pm

Come along to this special Refugee Week edition of Second Sunday and take part in our 'One Small Suitcase' activity, where you can draw or write the items you would take with you if you had to leave home suddenly.

LOCATION: Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library, The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich NR2 1AW

**ADMISSION COST:** Free

**SUITABILITY:** 8-13 year olds

**ACCESSIBILITY:** Fully Accessible for all users

**ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:** Norfolk County Council Library and Information Service



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We organize monthly forums providing an informal space for local artists to introduce and promote their work, exchange ideas. network and have fun with like minded people.

**Concentric Circles** 

In June we will be introducing Pepukai Makoni.The genesis of her work is words. Pepukai describes herself as a text based artist with an interest in narratives. Her work is about the role of memory. longing. notions of home and exile. Not just political exile but familial estrangement, boundaries and a sense of otherness.

LOCATION: Take 5.

17 Tombland, Norwich NR3 1HF

**ADMISSION COST:** Free

#### SUITABILITY: 14+

**ACCESSIBILITY:** No wheelchair access to the upper floor

**ORGANISING INSTITUTIONS:** Chalk Circle Theatre Company

> refugee doctor to practise in the UK. It costs £250.000 to train a [home grown] doctor from scratch.

# WORK CLUB THE GATEWAY TO EMPLOYMENT

The Bridge Plus +

Bridging communities in Norfolk

# The community expertise you're looking for to find a job

# What is it about?

- Networking time and mutual sharing
- Update your CV and build a new portfolio
- Practice you interview skills and know what employers are looking for
- Search for a job and get help in applying for it

#### Thursdays 10am- 4 pm Beginning 28th June 2012

- Find out how other people found jobs
- Learn presentation skills
- Helping members improve their job search approaches
- Maintaining motivation and helping deal with rejection
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