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Refugee Week 2021 Events Programme

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A Virtual Doll House one year on	Kirklees Libraries	8 th June	<p>Kirklees Libraries will be encouraging people to join in with Refugee week 2021.</p> <p>“A Virtual Doll House one year on”. The Giant Dolls’ House team https://www.giantdollshouse.org/ is again inviting people of all ages to create their own doll’s houses in a shoebox, sharing their experiences of the past year or hopes for the future. The Libraries Service invite you to share your doll’s house images with Kirklees Libraries via LIC.SupportServices@kirklees.gov.uk</p> <p>Kirklees Libraries are also putting together a small collection of e books to inspire the making of doll houses, promoted through social media from Tuesday 8th June.</p>
Sanctuary Book Collection			<p>Sanctuary Book Collection: Kirklees Libraries are working towards their Libraries of Sanctuary Award. Home Libraries of Sanctuary (cityofsanctuary.org) There are a collection of books that celebrate the contribution made by refugees and promoting an understanding of why people seek sanctuary plus the difficulties they can face in doing so all available on www.kirkleesoverdive.com</p>
15 Peaks in 15 Days Fundraising Challenge for Solace	Solace	12th 26th June	<p>In Kirklees we work very closely with Solace. Solace is celebrating 15 years of providing mental health support to refugees and asylum seekers. Senior Therapist Sarah Blossom is embarking on a personal fundraising challenge to climb 15 peaks in 15 days as part of Refugee Week 2021, and this years' theme 'We cannot walk alone'. The total distance will be 216km and the total elevation (climb) will be 15,333m. This is equivalent to the elevation of Everest almost twice!</p> <p>The challenge for Sarah, accompanied by her partner, will be to reach 15 mountain summits (one per day, for 15 days) returning to the valley each night and camping to start the following</p>

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			<p>After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.</p> <p>Tickets for this event are on a pay as you feel basis with a recommended donation of £5.00. Once you have registered for the event please make a payment using this link using the reference RefugeeAwarenessWeek21 https://www.moonlighttrust.org.uk/donate If you have any questions about this event please get in touch via email at info@moonlighttrust.org.uk or check the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MoonlightTrust</p>
Library Adventures Live	Kirklees Libraries	15 th June	<p>Library Adventures Live! - Just Like You with Jo Loring-Fisher</p> <p>“Just Like You” is a simple and emotive picture book story about a girl and the journey she undertakes. "If you are looking for a powerful picture book to introduce the theme of refugees or displacement to young children, this is one I'd strongly recommend."— <i>Red Reading Hub</i>. During the event, Jo will read and show the book, discuss the themes in the book and also her own working practices and inspirations, take your questions in a Q&A and lead a draw along to fully engage the audience with the characters.</p> <p>The event is open to all and can be watched live on Kirklees Libraries' YouTube, Facebook and Twitter channels and can also be watched on catch up via our website: www.kirklees.gov.uk/lal If people have questions for Jo, they can email them into us in advance at: lal@kirklees.gov.uk or chat with us during the live session using the comments features on social media.</p>
English Conversation Cafe	Kirklees Libraries	15 th June 13.00 14.00 17 th June 13.00 14.00	<p>English Conversation Cafe is an online group for practicing speaking in English and is an informal setting.</p> <p>For Refugee Week we are inviting guests to our sessions to watch a short film (8 minutes) about migration together followed by a friendly discussion. We aim for the library activities to meet the theme of Refugee Week 2021, <i>'We Cannot Walk Alone'</i>, and this is an invitation to extend your hand to someone new. Someone who is outside your current circle, has had an experience you haven't, or is fighting for a cause you aren't yet involved in.</p> <p>This is an open event with an invitation to Microsoft Teams meeting and watch again www.kirkleeslibraries.co.uk</p>

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			Please contact angela.varley@kirklees.gov.uk if you would like an invitation to English Conversation Café. You do not need to have Teams on your device to join in.
Introduction to Migration	Migration Yorkshire and Migration and Resettlement Team	16 th June 9:30 12:00	<p>Kirklees Council work closely with Migration Yorkshire will be delivering a joint online awareness raising session for those who have a limited understanding of migration in the UK and national and local support available. Following the session you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand different types of migrant groups and different routes of entry to the UK• Understand the patterns of migration in the local area and the region and the impact this has on service delivery• Understand some of the key current issues relating to migration• Understand some of the challenges that can affect migrants and communities with migrants and how Councils and other services may respond to some of these challenges. <p>Please click on the link to sign up. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-migration-tickets-157767692415 Password MYK2</p>
Carry My Story	Kim Strickson and the Cohesion Team	All week	<p>Carry My Story aims to develop understanding between different communities, encouraging people to see beyond ethnic, religious and heritage backgrounds and build strong, sustainable and trusting relationships at a local level.</p> <p>Children and teaching staff spend time with asylum seekers and refugees during sessions in school to hear their stories associated with coming to the UK and making a new life. Schools across Kirklees are linking with one another and with their neighbourhoods to share stories and experience in order to meet people they don't already know and learn more about them.</p> <p>In total there are 32 Schools and 32 asylum seekers and refugees involved this year, during Refugee Week there are 9 schools who will be listening to the stories of 9 refugees and we will be sharing information for all the sessions during the week.</p> <p>For more information please contact Kirklees Council Cohesion Team Faith and Integration Manager mashuda.shaikh@kirklees.gov.uk</p>
Telling Stories of Migration and	IOM -	16 th June 15:00-16:00	Storytelling is a powerful tool that allows us take a walk in someone else's shoes and help us understand that there is more that unites us than divides us. Telling the stories of people from

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Displacement with Humanity & Hope	International Organisation of Migration		<p>refugee backgrounds is vital to improve the understanding of their experiences, change the narrative and eventually mobilise action in support of those seeking sanctuary.</p> <p>Social media and digital platforms have opened up new channels through which the voices of refugees can be amplified, but representation often swings between portrayals of refugees as a threat or as hopeless, helpless victims. Empowering refugees to tell their own stories is crucial in changing that narrative. <i>What makes storytelling ethical and effective, and how can we contribute to a fair and balanced representation of refugees and displaced people?</i></p> <p>To find out more, join the event with award-winning photographer Robin Hammond organised in partnership by IOM UK, IMIX and Witness Change, as part of this year's Refugee Week festival. Telling Stories of Migration and Displacement with Humanity & Hope Tickets, Wed 16 Jun 2021 at 15:00 Eventbrite</p>
A walk together 'Up Castle Hill'	Welcome Mentors TSL	Closed event	<p>This is a closed event for the Welcome Mentors only</p> <p>Kirklees Council commission the Welcome Mentor service which is run by Third Sector Leaders. Welcome Mentors provide invaluable support to those new to Kirklees. During covid they have gone above and beyond to help those who are isolated, lonely, living on limited income of £39 a week, digitally excluded to feel welcomed and supported. They have also ensured the changes to public health information and local and national restrictions have been understood. Their support is invaluable, and the event is a chance for the mentors to come together in a covid safe way. They will explore a local outdoor space and have a picnic of the World together</p>
Collect your Belongings	Kim Strickson 6 Million +	17 th June	<p>6 Million + are working with people from a number of cultural backgrounds in West Yorkshire and they are sharing stories of belonging with one another and becoming friends in the process. The project is called Collect Your Belongings and it is about connecting different individuals in Kirklees together by sharing precious objects and the stories and experiences associated with them. Click this link to see short films .</p> <p>6 Million + wanted to connect refugees and migrants with new friends, during the difficult time of lockdown, by inviting people to work with a partner. Each person chose an object that was precious to them and would tell their partner something about their identity and sense of belonging. A photographer took photos of each individual on their doorstep holding the object</p>

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			<p>and these were shared on whatsapp. They had conversations together using whatsapp and shared their thoughts about the objects and one another's stories with a wider group of participants. They also drew their own houses and these were made into a banner of the Collect Your Belongings Street.</p> <p>Finally, they were asked to create either a shadow puppet show about their partner's story or work with objects found at home to tell their partner's story. They had help from artists and a drama worker to do this, working for the most part remotely until they came to Dewsbury Minster to film their presentations/shadow shows.</p> <p>For more information please contact kim.strickson@6millionplus.org</p>
#Kirklees Welcomes support	Migration and Resettlement Team	18 th June	<p>#KirkleesWelcomes is a developing programme of support in Kirklees. It is a partnership and local response to supporting asylum seekers, refugees and migrants who are new to Kirklees to settle, to orientate, to have the best start at school, to learn English and much more. There will be an online awareness raising session available for Kirklees Council staff to access on MiPod and for others who want to access this we can send you the training and awareness slides, the purpose of the session is to share the support available in Kirklees how it can be accessed.</p> <p>For more information please contact Kirklees Council Migration and Resettlement Team MigrationAndResettlement@kirklees.gov.uk</p>
Hate Crime awareness Session	Safer Kirklees	18 th June	<p>This event is for the refugee resettlement programme families and local partners volunteers. For more information MigrationAndResettlement@kirklees.gov.uk</p>
Picnic	WomenCentre	18 th June	<p>The WomenCentre provide a wide range of support. In Kirklees this involves supporting asylum and refugee women and the Centre are hosting a picnic and this is a closed event.</p>
Celebrating Refugees in Yorkshire	Asylum Matters	18 th June 14:00	<p>Asylum Matters are hosting an online event for Refugee Week 2021 bringing together sanctuary seekers, local decision makers and their constituents from across Yorkshire to celebrate refugees, hear their stories and learn about their lives. At the event you can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hear from speakers with a migration background about their lives, journeys and achievements • Learn how local sanctuary seekers feel about the UK's New Plan for Immigration

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak directly with local MPs and other constituents in a breakout room (please invite your MP to attend!) <p>It's an open event, but attendees must register first via the link below and share which part of Yorkshire they are attending from. https://refugeecouncil.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvc-igpjwpHtV15THpv_n76G6l379KWMNu</p>
Crow Nest Adventure Playground	Migration and Resettlement Team /Play Team	Closed event	A small group of Refugee Resettlement families will meet and spend time at Crow Nest Park
Working with Migrants Safeguarding briefing session	Safer Kirklees	22nd June 10:00 11:00	Karen Booth Kirklees Councils Safer Kirklees Safeguarding Officer will lead a session for all who work with migrants. The purpose of the session is to understand safeguarding in the context of refugees, migrants and asylum seekers. This will explore a range of very important areas, how to spot signs of concern and what to do about it. Booking via Eventbrite: Online Event Page Eventbrite Password: MS123
Sanctuary Walks	Sanctuary Kirklees	various	<p>Sanctuary Kirklees are inviting local communities to come and walk alongside refugees and asylum seekers. Numbers will be limited based on covid guidance so places need to be booked.</p> <p>6 dates for walk are set but please contact Jane Wood for more information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrow canal walk from Marsden towards Huddersfield Marsden to Eastergate Marsden to Wessenden Holmfirth circular <p>All routes to be easily accessible, no special footwear needed. Please email janewildwood@yahoo.com</p>
Awareness-raising session with the Health Visiting Team	International New Arrivals Team	22nd June	Kirklees Councils International New Arrivals Team supports new arrival families to have the Best Start in Kirklees, ensuring access to nursery and school places, provide support to understand life and link families into other key services and support such as Welcome Mentors, DASH, This Way for English. The Team alongside the Migration and Resettlement Team will run a session for health visitors online to talk about the offer of support for families as a result of the work of the team and wider #KirkleesWelcomes.