

V&A Refugee Week 19 – 25 June 2017

Monday 19 June
Help Refugees
Lecture Theatre
12.00 – 17.00
Free, booking essential

A series of exciting talks bringing together humanitarians and political activists to draw a plan for an inclusive, safer future.

Monday 19 June
Jewish Émigré Designers
Archive of Art and Design
11.30 – 13.00
14.30 – 16.00
Blythe House
Free, booking essential

Come to the V&A's Blythe House Archive & Library Study Room for a chance to hear about the life and work of some of the most important designers and practitioners of the mid- and late- twentieth century, many of whom who escaped Nazi Germany in the 1930s or survived the persecution of the Second World War to make their homes in Britain in the 1940s.

Monday 19 June
A Page From Their Book: Refugee Stories
National Art Library
13.00 – 14.00
14.00 – 15.00
NAL
Free, booking essential

Discover books which each in their own way tell a story about people who were forced to leave everything behind... a long time ago, yesterday and today. Highlights will include the highly influential Religious Ceremonies of the World (1728) written and illustrated by two Huguenots.

Tuesday 20 June
Rapid Response Gallery Tour
Meeting Point,
Main Entrance
13.00 – 13.45
Free, drop in

Assistant Curator Alice Power will discuss objects in the Rapid Response collection relating to the migration crisis.

Tuesday 20 June
Help Refugees
The Globe
12.00 – 17.00
Free, drop in

Musicians, artists & poets from across the world perform in The Globe.

Wednesday 21 June
Dark Water, Burning World: Issam Kourbaj and Ruth Padel in conversation
Jameel Gallery
15.00 – 16.15
Free, booking essential

Poet Ruth Padel will discuss her visit to Lesbos and read a poem inspired by meeting the islanders and refugees, while artist Issam Kourbaj will talk about his artwork inspired by 5th-century BC Syrian boats. They will be joined in conversation by curator Louisa Macmillan.

Wednesday 21 June
Songs from the Bilad esh-Sham
Jameel Gallery
16.15 – 17.00
Free, drop in

Ahmad Makhzoum and Julia Katerina will perform a collection of songs from the Levant, the area called Bilad esh-Sham in Arabic. This cultural zone includes Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon and Syria, as well as some neighbouring territories.

Thursday 22 June
What is the Role of the Museum in the Migration Crisis?
Keynote Speakers
Clore Study Area
12.30 – 13.30
Free, booking essential

Join keynote speakers to provide context to our OpenSpace discussion, discussing the role of the museum in the migration crisis.

Speakers to include:
Almir Koldzic, Co-Director of Counterpoints Arts
Emily Miller, Head of Learning & Partnerships at the Migration Museum
Alyson Frazier, Co-Founder of Play for Progress

Thursday 22 June
What is the Role of the Museum in the Migration Crisis?
OpenSpace Discussion
Clore Study Area
14.00 – 17.00
Free, booking essential

Join fellow museum educators and engagers to discuss the role of the museum in the migration crisis in an OpenSpace format. Should museums remain neutral, or are they uniquely positioned to address the subject of migration? Participants will consider the potential of museums as sites of activism and their relevance in the ‘post-truth’ world, exploring how they represent their communities and reflect current events.

Thursday 22 June
My V&A Gallery Tour
Meeting Point,
Main Entrance
13.00 – 13.45

Join Jade Amoli-Jackson from the Refugee Council as she relates her unique story through V&A objects. Jade provides an insight into the process of seeking asylum in the UK, her readjustment to life as a refugee, and finally the shaping of a new home.

Friday 23 June
Play for Progress Music Workshops
11.00 – 11.45
13.30 – 14.15
15.30 – 16.15
Clore Study Area
Free, booking essential

Join in a workshop led by unaccompanied child refugees and asylum seekers working with Play for Progress, a London-based charity that delivers therapeutic and educational music programmes for children impacted by conflict. Explore your own possibilities in music, work with the team, and meet some of PFP’s outstanding students to better understand the nature of connection through music. Open to all – no previous music training necessary!

Friday 23 June
Play for Progress Music Performances
12.00 – 12.30
14.30 – 15.00
16.30 – 17.00
Free, drop in

Come to the Globe space to hear works written by Play for Progress tutors and arranged specifically for their pupils, unaccompanied child refugees and asylum seekers, that feature the multi-cultural nature of the PFP family.

Friday 23 June & Saturday 24 June
Living Library
John Madejski Garden
14.00 – 16.00
Free, drop in

The Living Library is exactly what it says it is – a library made up of lives. Through it, you will be given the opportunity to ‘read’ chapters of someone’s experience, as the books in this case are people. They are there to tell you their story of migration, of their journey, of their hopes and experiences, of the motivations behind their mobility, of their lives here today.

Friday 23 June
Dance for Refuge
Main Entrance
17.30 – 21.30

Refugee and migrant DJs perform sets inspired by the V&A’s collections.
Acts include:
Zipporah (Stamp the Wax)
Dego
More to be announced

Saturday 24 June
Refugee Week
V&A Museum of Childhood,
Bethnal Green
12.00 – 18.30
Free, drop in

Enjoy a welcoming afternoon of performance, film screenings and discussion.

Visit www.vam.ac.uk/moc/events/refugee-week-event/ for more information

Saturday 24 June
Stone Soup Story (BSL interpreted)
The Globe
11.00 – 11.30
13.00 – 13.30
15.00 – 15.30
Free, drop in

Stone Soup is a folktale about community and sharing. It tells the story of how a bowl of soup brought a village together. Performance by Diana Olutunmogun.

Saturday 24 June
Hybrid LGBTQ-Refugee Week Gallery Tour
Meeting Point, Main Entrance
16.00 – 17.00
Free, drop in

Join the V&A’s award-winning LGBTQ guides for this tour created especially for Refugee Week.

Sunday 25 June
Maarten Klein and Ahmad Makhzoum (The Aleppo Supper Club) in conversation
15.00 – 16.00
Lecture Theatre
Free, drop in

Host Maarten Klein and Syrian refugee Ahmad Makhzoum will discuss their meeting through Refugees at Home, and their current venture, The Aleppo Supper Club.

Sunday 25 June
Dance for Refuge
DJs
Main Entrance/
John Madejski Garden
12.00 – 17.00

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Acts to be announced.