



Celebrating Refugee Week in Warwickshire!

16-22 June 2025

Events programme





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Community as a Superpower art exhibition



10am - 4pm

Join us for an art exhibition depicting the power of our communities. We have teamed up with a local illustrator Marth Moreton-Smith who illustrated some of the wonderful work community organisations are doing to support refugees in comic-book style. Meet the artist and volunteers and find out about other exciting events taking place during Refugee Week.



St Peters Apostle Church| Dormer Place, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA



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Refugee Week art competition display

This year's competition invited children and young people to explore how their everyday superpowers—like kindness, empathy, and sharing—can help build a more welcoming community.

Through art, they reflected on the importance of inclusion and how small actions can make a big difference. The activity also introduced the topic of refugees in an age-appropriate way, celebrating diversity and belonging.

Visit our libraries in Nuneaton and Leamington Spa to see the inspiring artwork on display.



Nuneaton and Leamington Spa libraries



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Photography, play & simple acts



11am - 3pm

Join artist Sam Ivin for a drop-in creative workshop, in partnership with Benn Partnership and Rugby Art Gallery and Museum. This event marks the finale of a series of workshops with refugees and asylum seekers in Rugby.

Artwork created will be on display at Rugby Art Gallery during Refugee Week.



Rugby Library / Rugby Art Gallery and Museum, Little Elborow Street, Rugby, CV21 3BZ



Warwick Museum guided tours in other languages

Join a relaxed guided tour with interpretation available in Cantonese, Arabic, and Dari. Enjoy exploring the museum, followed by free tea and coffee and a chance to connect with others in a welcoming setting.

Please register in advance via our Eventbrite page to secure your place!

 **Warwick Museum | Market hall |
Warwickshire County Council & Heritage and Culture**



Wellbeing walk



Join Warwickshire County Council's Separated Children's Team for their Walk for Wellbeing at Ryton Pools Country Park.

 **Ryton Pools Country Park | Warwickshire County Council's
Separated Children's Team**



Power in Community: Stories from around the world



Join Christ Church Brownsover and its ESOL group for a 20–30-minute performance inspired by folklore, legends, songs, and poems from around the world. Through music, movement, and storytelling, this celebration highlights the strength of community and the power of diverse voices coming together.

After the show, stay for tea, coffee, and tasters of traditional foods prepared by the students. Enjoy cultural activities including games, crafts, simple dances, and language experiences rooted in their heritage.

All are warmly welcome—friends, families, neighbours, and the church community—to share in this joyful celebration of belonging.

 **Christ Church- Brownsover, Helvellyn Way, Rugby**



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 7pm

Welcome Here Stratford's Annual General Meeting

Hear from the inspiring Welcome Here team as they share highlights from their work over the past year. You'll also have the chance to listen to local refugees speak about their experiences of settling in Stratford—sharing powerful, personal stories of resilience and community.

 **Stratford Methodist Church, Old Town, Stratford CV37 6BG**

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 4.30pm

Humanity united Rugby

EQulP – Equality and Inclusion Partnership, as part of Warwickshire's Refugee Week celebrations, warmly invites recently settled families in Rugby to come together for a special community gathering. This event offers a welcoming space to connect, share stories, and reflect on the journey of integration. Children are welcome — a dedicated play area will be available. Enjoy refreshments inspired by the diverse cultures of our participants, offering a comforting taste of home.

 **Claremont Children's centre, Claremont Road, Rugby CV213LU**

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 1.30 - 3.30pm

Peace on a Plate

Peace on a Plate brings together information stalls, cultural exchange activities, and panel discussions, offering a rich and engaging experience. The event features poetry and personal stories from the ESOL class at Nuneaton Methodist Church, along with music, movement, and drama inspired by cultural traditions. Expect multilingual performances—including original and traditional poems and songs—with English translations to promote connection and understanding.

 **Newtown Centre, Newtown Road, Nuneaton CV11 4HG**



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'Community as a Superpower' celebration event



10am - 4pm

Come to an event at Old Shire Hall, Warwick to celebrate the superpowers in our communities: compassion, connection, and care. The event will explore contributions of volunteers who support refugees and asylum seekers and shows solidarity with those who sought sanctuary in Warwickshire. A number of organisations have worked with Warwickshire County Council to put together a diverse programme of activities throughout the day, including drop-in sessions, performances, and interactive workshops for all ages. Come along to find out about tasty recipes from other cultures, listen to some traditional Ukrainian music or join Playbox Theatre's storytelling session in the Moomins corner for the little ones.

Everyone is welcome - join in, bring a friend, and be part of something special!



Old Shire Hall, 5-9 Northgate Street, Warwick CV34 4SP|
Warwickshire County Council



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World kitchen



6-8pm

RMCC's World Kitchen event invites refugees and asylum seekers to prepare and share dishes from their home countries, using provided cooking equipment and food vouchers. It's a chance to connect over food and conversation with members of the host community in a warm, welcoming space. The event also features screenings from the Refugee Week 2025 Film Programme, with short films (10–15 mins) in the foyer and a feature film (90 mins) in the main church.



Rugby Methodist Church Centre, Rüsselsheim Way, Rugby
CV22 7TB



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Something to share



2-4pm

Everyone has something to share. This event brings together food, crafts, skills, and games from Stratford's diverse communities in a celebration of connection and culture. Visitors are also invited to share something personal—a thought, picture, or object—that reflects the power of community in their lives.



Stratford Methodist Church Centre, Old Town, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6BG



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This Refugee Week 2025 programme has been designed and curated by the planning group, which has been meeting since January to raise awareness and support for refugees and asylum seekers.

The group brings together teams from Warwickshire County Council and VCFSE partners, all playing a vital role in welcoming and supporting newly arrived communities across the county.

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