

Art and Resistance Weekend - Programme

Exhibition

Bristol Refugee Artists Collective

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Bristol Refugee Artists Collective is a group of artists from different countries, cultures and languages who share a passion for creativity and a love of the universal language of art!

Art is a reflection of thoughts, experiences, and memories, and a fundamental healthy outlet for personal expression and the process of learning. BRAC believes in equal opportunity for everyone to experience creativity in all mediums, regardless of skill-level. We are all gaining deeper understanding of other cultures and heritages outside of our own, through exchanging and learning new skills, and improving capabilities together.

BRAC demonstrates the power of collectivism to advocate further unity in society despite differences in age, gender, physical ability, ethnic, economic, or social backgrounds. Since we are open to new members, we continue to inspire confidence in others to regularly engage with communities outside of our own, and to breakdown frigid barriers between cultures and languages.

Workshops

- *Free Art Workshop – make your own political art! (Saturday only)
- *Design and make your own badge
- *Learn traditional Palestinian Embroidery
- *Paint the Giant Peace Symbol with handprints (Sunday only)

Also

- *Try a lock on
- *Bristol CND stall
- *Bristol PSC stall
- *Survival International stall

Fundraising Cafe

selling tea, coffee and home made cakes run by Easton Cowfolk

Talks and Films

Saturday

1:30 Dealing with Child Trauma in Gaza -talk

A short film and live link with Mohammed Al Sharif who is in charge of child therapy in the Gaza Child Centre where they help children with trauma caused by the many Israeli bomb attacks. Also a short film about how the famous Gazan artist Malak Mattar starting painting as therapy to help her cope with the bomb attacks she experienced as a child

3:00 Volunteering in Hebron -talk

Peace has just come back from volunteering for 3 months with Hebron International Resource Network (HIRN). He will give us an insight into the present situation in Hebron and the West Bank and the work he has been doing

4:30 White Riot – film

Rubika Shah's documentary explores Rock Against Racism, which united punk, ska, reggae and new wave against the National Front in the 1970s

Sunday

1:30 Olive Harvest: Palestine – films

3 short films about volunteers helping farmers with the Olive Harvest in the West Bank, settler attacks and a kite festival in one of the villages

3:00 Greenham Spirit – talk

Talk and short films about the Peace Camp at Greenham Common and more recent actions and campaigns inspired by the Greenham spirit

4:30 Alternativity – film

Director Danny Boyle has teamed up with Banksy to stage an alternative nativity play at the Walled Off Hotel in Bethlehem