

Refugee Week 15-21 June 2026



Thursday 4th - 29th June

Portrait(s) of Camden

Community quilt celebrating the diversity and creativity of London Borough of Camden

A vibrant community quilt celebrating the people who make Camden unique. Created by over 500 participants of all ages and backgrounds, each fabric portrait shares a personal story, coming together to form a striking 2 x 8 metre textile artwork.

Project led by Dr Joana Monteiro in partnership with WM College and in collaboration with 500 people of Camden. A series of participatory workshops will take place, including fabric portrait-making and storytelling sessions during Refugee Week.

Please look out for further details.

Location: Swiss Cottage Library 88 Avenue Road NW3 3HA

Time: Mon-Thurs 10-8pm Fri-Sat 10-5pm

FREE EVENT

Wednesday 10th June

Festival at Belsize Community Library

Participate with Families 4 Peace and other community organisations in creating the two large macrame heart panels to decorate the Primrose Hill phone

Join Families 4 Peace in a collaborative macrame workshop focused on creating small heart-shaped brooches.

Location: Antrim Grove London NW3 4XP

Time: 1.30-3pm

FREE EVENT

13th June - 3rd July

Words in the Flame" — An Exhibition on Libraries and Publishing in Times of War, Touring the World

In partnership with the Artists Support Ukraine Foundation, Port of Culture presents the international documentary exhibition "Words in the Flame", which highlights the destruction of Ukrainian libraries and publishing houses amid Russia's full-scale invasion.

On 13th June from midday, a Bandura Musical Workshop- children's library led by Iryna Rodinnova. At 2.00 pm there will be an additional exhibition and presentation of traditional Ukrainian embroidery. Dr S. Bilun will present a remarkable collection of authentic embroidered shirts from different regions of Ukraine.

Location: Holborn Library 32-38 Theobalds Road WC1X 8PA

Times: Mon-Thurs 10-7pm Fridays 10-5pm Saturdays 11-5pm Sundays Closed.

FREE EVENT

Monday 15th - Sunday 21st June

Hopscotch Women's Centre Exhibition

The Hopscotch Afghan Refugee Project (HARP) exhibition stories/quotes from the Afghan women and young girls around the theme Courage.

Location: St Pancras Library (5PS) 5 Pancras Square N1C 4AG 1st Floor

Times: Monday- Saturday 8am-8pm Sunday 11am – 5pm

FREE EVENT

Monday 15th June

Hopscotch - Refugee Week short film screening

A 15-minute documentary screening, explores themes of identity, belonging and lived experience through dance and storytelling by Protein Dance.

Followed by a Q&A session. Refreshment will be provided.

If you wish to attend, please RSVP by 10th June latest- Shefali.Khan@hopscotchuk.org

Location: Claudia Jones Room Camden Town Hall 5 Judd Street London WC1H 9JE

Time: 10.30-11.30am

FREE EVENT

Monday 15th June

Shivone Dominguez Blascikova FREE EVENT Time: 5.30-6.30pm

Global Multicultural community wellbeing-creative-workshop

The movement-based workshop offers a playful and reflective space for reconnecting with the body, breath, and voice. Drawing on somatic practices, vocal relaxation, and theatre-based techniques, the session invites participants to tune into their physical and emotional presence, using rhythm, movement, and improvisation as tools for authentic expression.

Location: Kentish Town Library 262-266 Kentish Town Road NW5 2AA

Tuesday 16th June

Information Stalls

Camden Digital Inclusion

Likewise Community Centre

A community centre offering connection, wellbeing and support for adults in Camden.

BeLifted Now

Is a women and girls-led non-profit organisation supporting refugee, migrant, asylum-seeking, and ethnically diverse communities across London through holistic wellbeing, advocacy, and community support services. <https://webeliftednow.com/beliftednow.org>

Location: Swiss Cottage Library 88 Avenue Road NW3 3HA Glass room 1 ground floor

Time: 10-1pm

FREE EVENT

Tuesday 16th June

Ukrainian Art Workshop

Lavendar Dreams: Ceramic Painting Class

Contact: 0207 383 5405

Email: director@traininglink.org.uk

Location: Training Link 54-56 Phoenix Road Somers Town London NW1 1ES

Time: 11am-1pm

FREE EVENT

Tuesday 16th June

Sing along with JB Rose

An afternoon of singing your heart out. Come along, take part, find your voice and have fun for all ages.

Location: Swiss Cottage Library 88 Avenue Road NW3 3HA

Time: 3-4pm

FREE EVENT

Tuesday 16th - Saturday 20th June

Yesense CIC

Unbroken Light Exhibition

The opening event will take place on Tuesday 16th June and the exhibition will continue till 20th June.

Exploring humanity and the inner strength that survives even in the darkest moments of war in Ukraine. This is an opening event of the exhibition guests will be able to meet the artists, hear them speak about their work and experience a music programme. If you wish to attend the opening event please book using the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unbroken-light-art-exhibition-tickets-1990665278435>

Location: Swiss Cottage Library 88 Avenue Road NW3 3HA Atrium- 2nd Floor

Time: 4-8pm

FREE EVENT

Tuesday 16th June

Yesense CIC

Metaphorical Balls- workshop led by Mariia Bezusa Exploring creativity self-expression and personal reflection.

Location: Swiss Cottage Library 88 Avenue Road NW3 3HA Glass Room 1- ground floor

Time: 5-7pm

FREE EVENT

Tuesday 16th June

Phosphoros Theatre

Phosphoros Theatre workshop- Collect all your courage and celebrate bravery, creativity and community with Phosphoros Theatre Refugee week 2026. We will be playing silly games, exploring movement and masks to share stories and have fun together. Join us to meet new friends, practice English, try something new and celebrate community and courage! No need to book, 16+ and over.

Location: Swiss Cottage Library 88 Avenue Road NW3 3HA Events Room- ground floor

Time: 6-7pm

FREE EVENT

Tuesday 16th June

Separated Child

Refugee Week Film Screening

Hayat - 2019 (short)

Rahma, an Eritrean migrant living in Australia, faces isolation and daily struggles as she works to keep her four young children connected to their cultural roots while building a new life far from home. Rated U (family friendly)

Infancia Desterrada - 2022 (short)

Each year, thousands of children are forced to flee their countries alone, escaping violence with only what they can carry. This moving documentary sheds light on their journeys, resilience, and the urgent realities they face. Rated 12+

Dreamers - 2025 (feature)

As her freedom is threatened, Isio, a Nigerian migrant newly placed in a UK immigration removal centre, searches for the strength to resist the system. Within confinement, she finds connection with another woman, and together they begin to imagine a future beyond the fences.

Dreamers is a powerful story of resilience, solidarity, and love in the face of institutional control. Rated 15 (mature themes).

We also will have some refreshments and mingling time before the screening starts at 7pm.

You can find the event link here which goes into a little more detail about the evening - [Film Screening in celebration of Refugee Week 2026 Tickets, Tuesday 16 June • 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Location: The London Film School WC2H 9UB

Time: 6.30pm

FREE EVENT

Wednesday 17th June

New Art Studios

Invites you to join our art workshop and view our exhibition.

If you wish to attend, please RSVP by 16th June latest- info@newartstudio.co.uk

Location: The Street Gallery, UCHL Hospital, 235 Euston Road London NW1 2BU

Time: 11.30-3.30pm

FREE EVENT

Wednesday 17th June

Abbey Community Centre

Postcards of Courage - come and get creative, the theme is to design a postcard with the theme of courage, all ages welcome and materials provided.

Location: 172 Belsize Road, Kilburn London NW6 4BJ

Time: 1-3pm

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Belifted Now

BeLifted Now delivers mother and children support groups within Camden aimed at supporting women and families from refugee, migrant, asylum-seeking, and ethnically diverse backgrounds who may be experiencing social isolation, poverty, trauma, displacement, or barriers to accessing support services.

These workshops take place every Wednesday.

Location: Rhyl Primary School NW5 3HB

Time: 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 17th June

New Art Studios, Global Generation Floating Garden in partnership with Refugee Community Kitchen

Following the exhibition and workshop at UCLH Euston, New Art Studios will be hosting a special event for NAS Trustees, members and distinguished guests at the Floating Garden. On display will be the Island of Neighbours - a collaborative patchwork.

Hot food and refreshments will be provided so please tell us you are coming RSVP by 16th June 5pm latest - info@newartstudio.co.uk - places limited.

Location: Off Regent's Canal Towpath, Goods Way London N1 4UR [Map](#)

Time: 4.30-8.00pm

FREE EVENT

Wednesday 17th June

Yesense CIC

Ukrainian musical film screening- Hutsulka Ksenya

Open discussion about culture, stereotypes, human behaviour and the little psychological traps we all fall into. We Don't Just Watch the Film, We Talk About What It Reveals. Refreshments provided. Click on link to book a seat.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/we-dont-just-watch-the-film-we-talk-about-what-it-reveals-tickets-1990575205023>

Location: Claudia Jones Room Camden Town Hall 5 Judd Street London WC1H 9JE

Time: 4.30-6pm

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Wednesday 17th June

Birkbeck Uni (University of Sanctuary)

Refugee Week Film Screening

At the Birkbeck cinema, we will be screening three family friendly short films. Refreshments will be provided. **This event is free**, but registration is required via link below.

<http://www.bbk.ac.uk/booking/event/62673>

INFANCIA DESTERRADA (2022)

Running time 16 mins

Each year, thousands of children are forced to flee their countries alone, escaping violence with only what they can carry. This moving documentary sheds light on their journeys, resilience, and the urgent realities they face.

Certification: 12+

MIGRANTS (2020)

Running time 8 mins

Driven from their habitat by climate change, two polar bears embark on a journey into unfamiliar territory, where they encounter brown bears and must attempt to coexist.

Certification: U (family friendly)

TSKALTUBO (2023) (tskahll-TOO-boh)

Running time 24 mins

After 30 years living as refugees in an abandoned sanatorium, Irakli and Nana are finally offered a new apartment. But as the possibility of change arrives, they must confront whether it is too late to begin again.

Certification: U (family friendly)

Location: Birkbeck 43 Gordon Square WC1H 0PY

Time: 6-8pm

FREE EVENT

Friday 19th June

Lillie Stoute

Embodied Courage: Creative Dance/Movement Workshop

Do you have the courage to try out dance and movement?

Do you like to move your body and experience the joy this brings?

Then come along to this workshop. No experience needed just bring yourself and enjoy.

A welcoming space to move, reflect, and honour the strength within every journey

Explore how creativity, movement, and shared stories can nurture courage in challenging times.

Through movement and expressive arts, we'll explore what courage means in our bodies, our stories, and our communities.

For everyone who wish to connect, create, and honour courage.

For all ages.

Location: Swiss Cottage Library 88 Avenue Road NW3 3HA

Time: 11.30-12.30pm

FREE EVENT

Friday 19th June

Abbey Community Centre

Getting to know your community Coffee Morning - come and have a cup of tea or coffee and get to know nearby residents or find out how you can get involved in the community through volunteering. Free with delicious homemade cakes and treats.

Location: 172 Belsize Road, Kilburn London NW6 4BJ

Time: 10-12.30pm

FREE EVENT

Saturday 20th June

String Stories- Interactive Storytelling

To celebrate Refugee Week, join storyteller Richard Neville for a creative session inspired by the quilt 'Portrait(s) of Camden'. Learn about the tradition of 'strings stories', create your own story, and contribute to an unfolding epic about Camden!

All are welcome.

Register here:

[Refugee Week - Interactive Storytelling Tickets, Saturday, June 20 • 1 PM - 3 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Location: Swiss Cottage Library 88 Avenue Road NW3 3HA

Time: 1-3pm

FREE EVENT

Saturday 20th June

Windrush Homecoming Celebration **FREE EVENT**

Music/Performance/Dance/Art and Design/Festivals/Sports and Fitness/Food and Drink/History and Heritage

Location: Talacre Gardens, 13 Talacre Road London NW5 3PH

Time: 12-6pm

Sunday 21st June

Calthorpe Community Garden/ Food For the Homeless Project and [Grand Union Orchestra](#)

Hot meals, drinks, desserts, dancing and a raffle.

Collaborating with Hopscotch, Families for Peace, and HealthProm.

Location: 258-274 Grays Inn Road London WC1X 8LH

Time: 12-5pm

FREE EVENT

Sunday 21st June

Fitzrovia Community Picnic

Free Picnic for all. Come along to our third annual picnic during refugee week. We'll have lots of food opportunities to connect, games, prizes, live music.

This event is free, but registration is required via ticketsource link below.

<https://www.ticketsource.com/booking/init/GEDIEEK>

Location: American International Church London W1T 4TD

Time: 2-4pm

FREE EVENT

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Refugee Week Simple Acts 2026



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Simple Acts are everyday actions we can all do to stand with refugees and make new connections in our communities.

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