

MOVING:

STORIES OF IDENTITY, MIGRATION & HOPE,
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Telling our Stories: Gypsy, Roma & Traveller History and Heritage

Thursday 5 June, 5.15pm

You are invited to take part in a special event featuring Roma ACCESS, a leading organisation dedicated to advocating for the rights and recognition of the GRT community. During the session, representatives from Roma ACCESS will deliver an insightful and engaging presentation exploring the rich and often misunderstood history, identity, and cultural heritage of Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities.



Celebrating Windrush, Challenging Myths

Saturday 14 June, 12pm

Let us celebrate the achievements of the Windrush generation and their descendants. Let us understand Windrush, the scandal, its impact and process of compensation. Let us acknowledge the continuing hostile environment and the resilience of asylum seekers and refugees.

An afternoon of film discussion, poetry and song from Marginalities (Northumbria University), North East of England African and Caribbean Association (NEEA&CA) and North East Refugee Service (NERS). Supported by Show Racism the Red Card.



Hostile: documentary screening

Friday 20 June, 3pm

Hostile is an award-winning, feature-length documentary written, produced and directed by BAFTA-longlisted filmmaker Sonita Gale. Told through the stories of four participants from Black and Asian backgrounds, Hostile reveals the human stories behind the government's "hostile environment" policies.

What does it mean to be British? How does it feel to be told you don't belong? A series of sweeping changes in legislation suggest these are questions we should all be considering.

IN CONVERSATION WITH:

Tawseef Khan

Thursday 26 June, 5.30pm

An expert on the UK immigration system, Tawseef will share the stage with guests with lived experience of migration to the UK for a discussion of his novel and Q&A. In Tawseef's latest novel *Determination* (2024) we meet the staff of Shah & Co Solicitors, who themselves arrived in the UK not too long ago, and their clients, who are made to jump through hoops to create a life for themselves whilst trying to achieve some semblance of normality.



Sabyn Javeri in conversation with the North and Modern Contemporary Network

Thursday 3 July, 2pm

Author and academic, Sabyn Javeri will engage in a conversation at the intersection of creative writing, feminist theory, and the personal challenges of writing. Drawing from her diverse body of work, Javeri will explore how her writing process reflects themes of migration, identity, and the evolving narratives of women in contemporary literature. The second half of the event will feature a workshop focused on writing prompts and discussions, designed to spark creativity and offer strategies for overcoming common writing challenges.



Sairish Hussein

Saturday 9 August, 12pm

Sairish will explore the themes of identity, family, and resilience in her multigenerational story which deftly weaves in the tragic events of the Partition of India and the Grenfell Tower fire. The story paints a poignant narrative between Yusuf, haunted by a nightmarish past, and his granddaughter, Rubi.

Hidden Fires is a poignant and gripping story that shines a light on voices often unheard and experiences often overlooked. Sairish joins us for a reading, followed by an audience Q&A and book signing.



All events are free, but must be booked: www.eventbrite.com



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