

Refugee Week Event Calendar - June 2025

The theme for this year's refugee week is 'Community as a Superpower.' Below is a non-exhaustive list of events being hosted by organisations in Newcastle and surrounding districts. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you are aware of events not on the below calendar, please send these through to tom.lynam@newcastle.gov.uk and they will be sent out via the Citywide network.

Please share widely.

Title	Date	Time	Location	Organisation	Further info / Links
To Own Both Nothing and the Whole World	11 th June – 6 th July	Building open from 10am, closed Mon & Tues	S Shore Rd, Gateshead NE8 3BA	Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art	To Own Both Nothing and the Whole World at BALTIC NewcastleGateshead Developed with the involvement of local people with lived experience of displacement, the exhibition reflects on ideas of home, belonging and community in the context of migration and the climate crisis. The artists have used foraged materials from the surrounding landscape - like willow, storm-felled trees, and ancient roots - to craft immersive works which invite reflection on the interconnected journeys of people, plants and place.
A Day of Welcome	13 th June	N/A	N/A	International Newcastle	https://internationalnewcastle.org.uk/dow-refugeeweek25 A Day of Welcome is an annual day of solidarity and learning in schools that aims to build a culture of welcome and understanding for people seeking sanctuary.

					It supports teachers to develop refugee education and kickstarts Refugee Week by providing free live events, resources and activities for pupils of all ages. Schools can join in as much or as little as they like.
Celebrating Windrush, Challenging Myths	14 th June	12.00 – 13.45	City Library, Bewick Hall, Level 2	Newcastle City Council	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. Join us for 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.
11 v 11 Football Festival	16 th June	10.00 - 14.00	Coachrane Park, NE7, 7JX	Newcastle United Foundation	For further info contact; foundation@nufc.co.uk
Young Creatives Film Screening	16 th June	17.00 - 1800	Gateshead Central Library	GemArts	Tickets via Eventbrite
Stand Up for Refugees Comedy Night	16 th June	From 19.00	The Cluny, 36 Lime St, NE1 2PQ	Action Foundation	A night of stand up comedy in support of Action Foundation – an award-winning Newcastle-based charity that supports refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants to overcome exclusion and build new lives. As part of Refugee Week, sit back, relax, and get ready for a night of laughs – all for a brilliant cause! Tickets; £15.
Refugee exhibition	16 th – 22 nd June	08.00 – 18.00	St. Nicholas Sq, NE1 1PF	Newcastle Cathedral	The Cathedral will be displaying materials relating to refugee experiences in their Eastern Chapels.

					The theme of community and belonging will be woven into their services during refugee week.
Community Vegetarian Cooking Session	16 th June	From 10.30	Integration station, 274 High St, NE8 1EP	Hope Beyond Borders	Join us for a special vegetarian cooking workshop, where a refugee guest will show us how to prepare pupusas, a traditional dish from El Salvador. This session is part of our Refugee Week activities, where we celebrate the strength, culture, and contributions of people seeking sanctuary. Email Katalina for further info; katalina.hopebeyondborders@gmail.com
BBQ party	17 th June	13.00 – 15.00	WERS, NE4 5JE	West End Refugee Service	Everyone welcome for food and conversation. There will be music and maybe dancing!
Weekly Welcome	18 th June	11.30 – 13.30	Westgate Baptist Church, NE4 6NX	West End Refugee Service	Everyone welcome to share a hot meal and enjoy activities (possibly in the garden, weather dependent!)
Sanctuary Forum	18 th June	09.30 – 12.30	Banqueting Hall, Civic Centre, NE1 8QH	Newcastle City Council	Join us to hear Stories of Sanctuary from people with lived experience and celebrate refugee week. Eventbrite; https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1298945012499?aff=oddtcreator
Story sharing and writing workshop	18 th June	17.30 – 19.00	St James' Blvd, NE1 4HP	Alphabetti Theatre	16+, beginners friendly. In this book club/writing workshop hybrid evening, Ilisha Thiru Purcell guides us through monthly themes and a curation of written pieces, that we can reflect on together and inspire us to create.

					Our host Ilisha is an award-winning Sri Lankan-Scottish poet from Newcastle upon Tyne. Contact Audrey at community@alphabettitheatre.co.uk or contact the theatre at 0191 261 9125 to reserve a spot on this workshop.
Multicultural Ceilidh	19 th June	From 18.00	Multicultural Ceilidh at Dance City, NE1 4BR	West End Refugee Service	An event created in collaboration with Seven Bridges Cafe and HostNation. Food included, Pay as you feel
Queering Folk workshop with TRANSIT Productions	19 th June	17.30 – 20.30	St James' Blvd, NE1 4HP	Alphabetti Theatre	16+ beginners friendly This is a performance and storytelling workshop for refugees, sanctuary seekers or 1st generation immigrants, who identify as LGBTQIA+ Queering Folk is a performance & theatre-making workshop inspired by Eastern European folk & song theatre. Transit will share their tools of reclaiming & queering folk tradition and cultural storytelling in theatre. The workshop will include the company's practice of polyphonic singing, devising, ensemble training & storytelling. Contact Audrey at community@alphabettitheatre.co.uk or contact the theatre at 0191 261 9125 to reserve a spot on this workshop.
Community Meal	20 th June	From 14.00	Dance City, NE1 4BR	West End Refugee Service	A place to share food and conversation! Everyone welcome

Community Connections Event	20 th June	10.00 – 13.00	Working Well, North Tyneside The Beacon Centre North Shields NE29 6QF	North Tyneside Council	A special community event dedicated to welcoming and supporting resettled residents. This is a chance to connect, and access a wide range of support services from our incredible partners. Whether you're newly arrived or have been here for a while, come meet local organisations offering practical help, advice, and a warm sense of community. Everyone is welcome — let's come together to stand in solidarity and celebrate the strength and contributions of refugees in our community. Via Eventbrite
Badminton Festival	20 th June	11.00 – 13.00	Walker Activity Dome, Wharrier St, NE6 3BR	Newcastle United Foundation	For further info contact; foundation@nufc.co.uk
Hostile Documentary	20 th June	15.00 – 16.40	City Library, Bewick Hall, Level 2	Newcastle City Council	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, which are designed to make living conditions so difficult so difficult for migrants that they are pushed to "voluntarily leave" the country. 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.

Blaydon Allotment Launch & Father's Day Celebration	21 st June	From 10.30	Blaydon, 3 summerhill street, NE21 4JS	Hope Beyond Borders	We're excited to officially open our Blaydon community allotment! Join us for a family-friendly day outdoors with activities to celebrate Father's Day, connect with neighbours, and mark Refugee Week with stories and shared food. Email Katalina for further details; katalina.hopebeyondborders@gmail.com
Football Festival	21 st June	10.00 – 15.00	Wallsend Boy's Club, NE28 8SX	Walking With	Contact; 0191 649 8974 / info@walkingwith.co.uk
Give & Take Fair	21 st June	14.00 – 18.00	10 Boyd St, Shieldfield, NE2 1AP	Cobalt Studios	We invite you to visit our backyard for a community led celebration of giving and taking... In honour of national refugee week on the theme of 'community as a superpower' we bring you first ever 'Give & Take' fair. This is your chance to share something with your community, we invite you to arrive with a contribution & leave with something you might need or that will enhance your life! Eventbrite; Give & Take Backyard Fair (FREE EVENT) Tickets, Sat, Jun 21, 2025 at 2:00 PM Eventbrite
Cricket Festival	22 nd June	14.00 – 17.00	Percy Main Cricket Club, NE27 6HS	Walking With	Contact; 0191 649 8974 / info@walkingwith.co.uk
Building With Community	23 rd June	09.30 – 15.00	Lindisfarne Room, Hadrian Building, King's Road, NE1 7RU	Newcastle University	Tickets and further details on Eventbrite .

Tawseef Khan author talk	26 th June	17.30 – 18.45	City Library, Bewick Hall, Level 2	Newcastle City Council	Tickets via Eventbrite 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.
Hike for Refugee Week	28 th June	From 09.00	Newcastle city centre bus station.	Hope Beyond Borders	As part of Refugee Week, we'll host a community hike to celebrate resilience, nature, and belonging. Meet guide at 9am at Newcastle city centre bus station or Chopwell Woods for 10.30. Email Katalina for further info; katalina.hopebeyondborders@gmail.com