



Refugee Week 2026: Courage

Blackburn with Darwen Refugee Week Programme 2026

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Event	Date/ Time	Location	Ticketing
The Library Service <i>LOTE Demonstration</i>	Monday 15 th June 10am - 10:30am	Blackburn Central Library Town Hall Street Blackburn, BB2 1AG	No tickets required
Kairos Housing <i>Portraits of Courage Launch Event</i>	Monday 15 th June 5pm-6pm	Blackburn Cathedral Cathedral Close Blackburn, BB1 5AA	Book your free ticket here https://tinyurl.com/3wa6mcut
ARC <i>International Food Festival</i>	Tuesday 16 th June 11:30am- 2pm	Wesley Hall Feilden Street Blackburn, BB2 1LQ	This event is FREE for community members. To support our work, we kindly ask non- community members for a small donation of £5. https://tinyurl.com/2aytp8b6
DARE <i>Global Tea Extravaganza</i>	Wednesday 19 th June 11am- 1pm	Central United Reformed Church Duckworth Street Darwen, BB3 1AT	No tickets required
Community Harmony <i>Coffee Morning</i>	Wednesday 19 th June 11:30am-1:30pm	Quakers Meeting House Paradise Lane Blackburn, BB2 1LY	Please inform Community Harmony of your attendance on 07874 866321 or communityharmonyproject@gmail.com
The Library Service <i>International Coffee Morning</i>	Friday 19 th June 10am - 12pm	Blackburn Central Library Town Hall Street Blackburn, BB2 1AG	No tickets required
Kryla Culture <i>Heritage- A Ukrainian Fashion and Folklore show</i>	Saturday 20 th June 12pm - 3pm	Blackburn Museum Museum Street Blackburn, BB1 7AJ	Book your free ticket here https://tinyurl.com/5fd4c3vc
Community Harmony <i>Community Picnic</i>	Saturday 20 th June 10am- 4pm	Brockhole Park Lake District	By invitation from Community Harmony on 07874 866321 or communityharmonyproject@gmail.com
Connect Hub <i>Voices Unheard: The Courage to Be Seen Heard and Understood</i>	Sunday 21 st June 2pm-5pm	Maryam Hikmah Centre Shear Brow Blackburn BB1 8DX	Female only event, 11 years and over. Register your interest on 07827 181844 or contact@theconnecthub.org.uk
A Suitcase of Memories <i>Short Film showing</i>	Tuesday 16 th June- Saturday 20 th June 11am- 4:45 PM	Blackburn Museum Museum Street Blackburn, BB1 7AJ	No tickets required. Available to the general public during Museum opening hours.
Portraits of Courage Photography Exhibition	Monday 15 th June- Sunday 21 st June	Blackburn Cathedral Cathedral Close Blackburn, BB1 5AA	No tickets required available to view Monday - Friday 9:30am-4:30pm Saturday 9:30am - 3:30pm Sunday 12:30pm - 3:30pm

For more information visit <https://refugeeweek.org.uk/events/>



Refugee
Week

ARC
Asylum and Refugee Community



Welcome
to BwD

Together we can build a new home,
one welcome at a time

International Food Festival



Share Food & Stories



Courage isn't always loud or bold. It can be found in simple acts:
opening your door to a neighbour.. trying new food that changes your
view of the world.

Through art, stories, and community, we celebrate the courage that
lives within us all – and how connection helps it grow.

Refugee Week 2026



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 11.30AM-2PM

WESLEY HALL, BLACKBURN, BB2 1LQ

Register for the event:

Please contact us if you have any issues.



All welcome

This event is a free event for our community members.



**To support our work, we ask for a small donation of £5 from
non-community members. Please scan or click the QR code
to donate.**

A UKRAINIAN FASHION & FOLKLORE SHOW

HERITAGE

Blackburn
June 20th

12.00PM - 3.00PM

Free entry



Book your visit



Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery, Museum St, Blackburn BBI 7AJ



Ukrainian Heritage: Fashion & Folklore Show



20 June 2026



12:00 – 15:00



Blackburn Museum, Museum St, Blackburn BB1 7AJ

Join us for Ukrainian Heritage: Fashion & Folklore Show, part of Refugee Week 2026 in Blackburn 

Experience Ukrainian culture through live music, dance, traditional costumes, storytelling and the unique sound of the bandura. The programme is designed in thematic blocks, so you're welcome to join at any time.

✦ Highlights include:

- traditional costume showcases
- dance and vocal performances
- cultural film screening
- interactive workshop

Presented by Kryla Culture CIC, supported by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, Welcome to BwD, in collaboration with Ukrainian Hub “Brama”

 Free entry | Registration required

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/innovations-to-rebuild-ukraine-tickets-1986900348428?aff=oddttdtcreator&keep_tld=true

REFUGEE WEEK 2026**FREE EVENTS IN ROSSENDALE****REFUGE: ROSSENDALE STORIES****EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS BY BENYAMIN HEMMATI**13th June to 13th July

Horse + Bamboo , 679 Bacup Road, Waterfoot, BB4 7HB

No need to book. Exhibition open when the cafe/bar is open - for details see [Horse + Bamboo website](#)

REFUGE: ROSSENDALE STORIES**EXHIBITION OPENING EVENT**Saturday 13th June from 5-6pm

FREE multicultural refreshments, children's crafts, henna hand painting

Horse + Bamboo, 679 Bacup Road, Waterfoot, BB4 7HB

No need to book

HORSE + BAMBOO REFUGEE WEEK FILM NIGHTSaturday 13th June 6pm

Refuge: Rossendale Stories. Short film. Introduced by Benyamin Hemmati

The Old Oak (15). Film by Ken Loach (1h 53m)

Horse + Bamboo, 679 Bacup Road, Waterfoot, BB4 7HB

Book your free ticket on the [Horse + Bamboo website](#)

THE WHITAKER REFUGEE WEEK FILM NIGHTThursday 18th June 6pm

Refuge: Rossendale Stories. Short film. Introduced by Benyamni Hemmati

Dreamers (15). Film by Joy Gharoro-Akpojotor (1h 18m)

The Whitaker Museum and Art Gallery, Haslingden Road, Rawtenstall, BB4 6RE

Book your free ticket on [The Whitaker website](#)

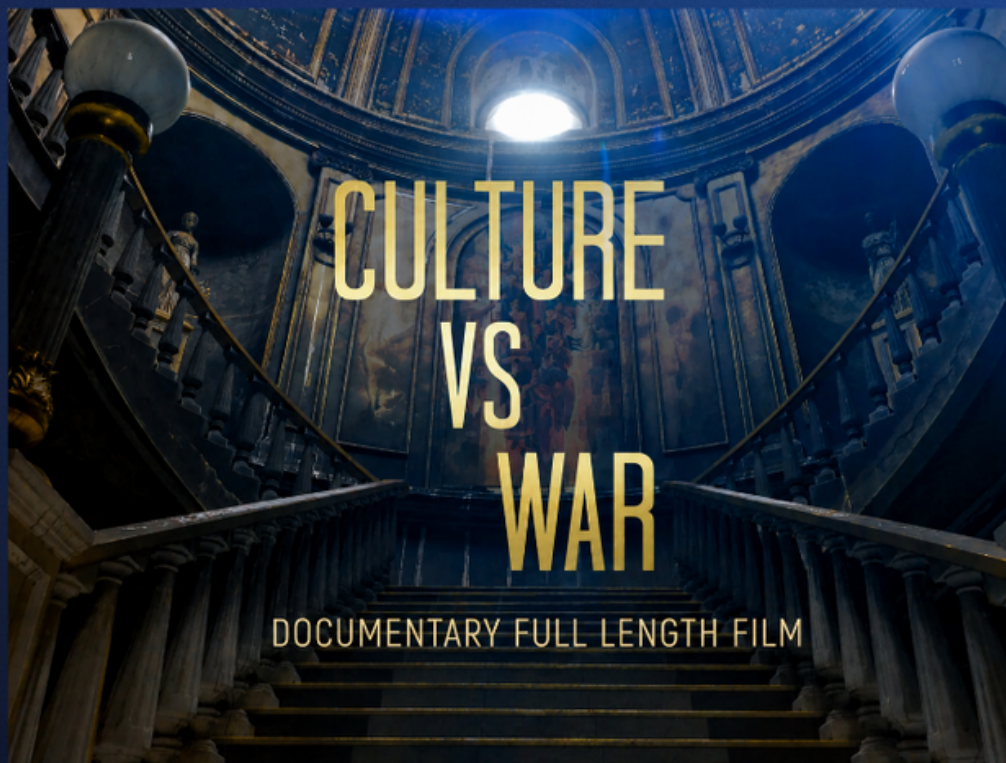
CHAI AND CHAT

 17 17 June 2026 13:00 – 15:30 The Centre at St Thomas' Church, Marton St. Lancaster LA1 1XX

Join us for a fun-filled event where you can sip on delicious chai, taste different cuisines and engage in conversations with people from diverse backgrounds as part of Refugee Week. A great opportunity to make new friends, share stories, and learn about different cultures.

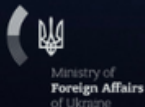


Burnley
17 June
6.30PM



Door open 6.00PM

Burnley Mechanics Theatre, Manchester Rd, Burnley BB11 1BH



Culture vs War — Full Documentary Screening

 17 JUL 2026 17 June 2026

 7PM (door open 6.30PM)

 Burnley Mechanics Theatre, Manchester Road, Burnley, BB11 1BH

We warmly invite you to a special screening of the full-length Ukrainian documentary film “Culture vs War”, taking place for the first time in Lancashire as part of Refugee Week 2026.

The film tells powerful stories of Ukrainian artists, musicians, filmmakers, and cultural figures who continue to create, resist, and represent Ukraine to the world during the war. Through personal stories, music, art, and documentary footage, the project explores how culture becomes a form of resilience, identity, and international dialogue during wartime.

Before the screening, guests will also have the opportunity to view the “Culture vs War” photo exhibition featuring powerful visual stories from Ukraine.

“Culture vs War” is an international cultural diplomacy project initiated by the “Watch Ukrainian!” Association with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and the MHP-Hromadi Foundation.

 Free admission

Donations in support of future Ukrainian cultural initiatives are warmly welcomed.

The event is organised by KRYLA CULTURE CIC, UK Coordinator of the Culture vs War project, in partnership with Ukrainian Hub Preston, with the support of Lancashire County Council and Burnley Mechanics Theatre, within Refugee Week 2026.

JOIN OUR COURAGE ACROSS CULTURES

20th June - 11am till 3pm

ANNUAL REFUGEE WEEK FESTIVAL

Lots of workshops and
activities for kids and adults!



- Ukrainian choir and bandura
- Borscht and potato pancakes, plus food from many cultures
- Dancing from around the world: El Salvador, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong
- Playing musical instruments from Iran and Afghanistan

Activities for children and young people:

- Football in the yard
- Drawing and crafts
- Inclusive theatre

COME AND LET'S HAVE FUN TOGETHER!



St Cuthbert's
Church,
Fulwood,
Preston,
PR2 3AR



20th June
11am till 3pm

Organised by LCC in
collaboration with PCC

Lancashire
County
Council



Preston
City Council





Preston City of Sanctuary Volunteering Fair

Speed dating for volunteering – Find your perfect match!

A drop-in fair connecting volunteers with opportunities in the sanctuary sector



Open to all – No registration required

For sanctuary seekers, committed supporters, and anyone wanting to volunteer



Tuesday 16th June 2026



1.30–6.00pm



St Cuthbert's Church, Fulwood, Preston



Free parking at church car park



Buses 19, 22, 35 – alight at St Cuthbert's Church



Refreshments will be available



Connect



preston.cityofsanctuary.org



Preston City of Sanctuary on Facebook

@Light_Fdn
/L.Foundation

Light Foundation are pleased to present...



ALL WELCOME

A Kurdish,
Ukrainian,
and Syrian
Perspective.

FREE EVENT | Refreshments included

BEYOND CONFLICT

STORIES OF UNITY, COURAGE, AND HOPE

In Celebrating Refugee Week 2026 on the theme of 'Courage', the evening promises to be an exciting one, bringing together a rich tapestry of Preston's diverse communities, to celebrate the contributions, creativity, and resilience of refugees and those who have since settled.



Ari
Abdullah



Viktoriia
Murych



Mustafa
Alhussein



Hosted by:
Helen Bingley OBE JP DL
Former High Sheriff of Lancashire

Representatives from local authorities, and other distinguished guests will also be in attendance.



**Monday 15th
June, 2026**

7.30pm–9.00pm



<https://bit.ly/4uoQrvW>

Limited spaces | Reserve your place using the link or QR code.

**Quakers Friends
Meeting House**

189 St George's Rd,
Preston, PR1 6NQ

Supported by:



NATIONAL REFUGEE WEEK

ARE YOU NEW TO FLEETWOOD?

DO YOU NEED SOME HELP?

Come along and meet with people who can help you settle in to the community and answer your questions about ...

Housing

Finance

Health

Activities

It's free and friendly and you are very welcome.

We look forward to seeing you.

18
JUNE

12PM
- 4PM

HEALTHIER
FLEETWOOD
connecting our community



wyre
council





CELEBRATING

Refugee Week

Arts & Crafts
Workshop

TUESDAY 16 JUNE

10AM TO 12PM

LIVERPOOL ROAD HALL COMMUNITY

CENTRE, 33 LIVERPOOL ROAD,

SKELMERSDALE, WN8 8BJ

See you there!

Day	Venue	Time	Activity
Monday 15th June	Girls Youth Hub (Fleetwood hub, Bold street FY7 6BE)	5pm-7pm	T-shirts and banners
Tuesday 16th June	Liverpool road Hall, WN8 8BJ	10am – 12pm	Jars and canvas collage
Wednesday 17th June	William Segar Hodgson Pavillion, Kirkham, PR4 2HE	10am-12pm	Canvas Collage
Thursday 18th June	Emmanuel Church Derby street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF	10am-12pm	Socialise, chat and join in with some activities.
Thursday 18th June	Fleetwood Library (North Albert st, FY7 6AJ)	2pm-4pm	Coffee and crafts afternoon
Friday 19th June	Southshore (Salvation Army, Dorset street, FY4 3BB)	10am-12pm	The courage tree

CELEBRATING REFUGEE WEEK



Come mix, chat
and socialise on
the 18th June from
10AM till 12PM at
Emmanuel Church
Derby St
Ormskirk.



REFUGEE WEEK

COURAGE

THE TREE OF COURAGE WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026

10AM - 12PM

Join us for a warm and
creative workshop where
we build a shared
“Courage Tree.”

Write messages of
strength and hope to
hang on the tree, and we
can turn them into
keychains and soft felt
hearts.

SALVATION
ARMY DORSET
STREET,
BLACKPOOL,
FY4 3BB





**THE WORLD'S LARGEST ARTS AND
CULTURE FESTIVAL CELEBRATING
THE CONTRIBUTIONS, CREATIVITY
AND RESILIENCE OF REFUGEES
AND PEOPLE SEEKING
SANCTUARY.**

15–21 June 2026

Refugee Week is the world's largest arts and culture festival celebrating the creativity, contributions and resilience of refugees. This year's theme is *Courage*.

Courage isn't always loud or bold. It can be found in simple acts: opening your door to a neighbour, trying new food, reading a book, or watching a film that changes your view of the world. It can be speaking up, asking for help, sharing your story – or simply having the courage to be yourself.

Three ways to take part:

- Support local events in your community
- Host your own event or activity
- Take part in Simple Acts

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

