

HUMAN RIGHTS THREADED THROUGH SOCIETY

8 - 14 DEC



NORTHERN IRELAND
**HUMAN
RIGHTS**
FESTIVAL

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BOX OFFICE

All events are open to the public unless noted otherwise. To pre-register for free events, or to buy tickets please head to our Festival website (nihrf.com) for further details. We would advise pre-registering for all events to avoid disappointment.

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**HUMAN
RIGHTS
CONSORTIUM**

CELEBRATING & PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS FOR EVERYONE

‘INVISIBLE THREADS ARE THE STRONGEST TIES’

- Friedrich Nietzsche

One of the curious things about human rights is that as a society we really don't think about them that much. Rights are hidden defences, nestled on the surface and consciousness of our society, waiting for those moments when we need to be protected.

Those moments usually come at the most vulnerable times in our lives. When we are homeless, living in poverty, sick, facing discrimination or even when we come into conflict with the law. In those moments we are not asked whether we agree with rights, what community we come from, what's the colour of our skin, what foot we kick with, how we voted in the last election or what our position is on Brexit. Rights are simply there for everyone to access. A thread that weaves its way silently and powerfully between every individual.

We believe this thread is one of the most important links within our community. In a society that hasn't often been able to agree on very many things we feel that rights are and can be a cohesive force for good. Regardless of the challenges and changes that are thrown at Northern Ireland we feel that there can and should be a consistency across our society in the form of the rights protections we are each able to enjoy.

This year's festival looks at a range of challenges in our society that can threaten human rights. But it also looks at how through activism and collaboration things have been changed and could continue to change. How rights can continue to intermingle within our lives and communities. Not only to protect us, but to create a sense of unity and common purpose. A human rights-based society.

We once again are very grateful for the support of our festival partners, the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, Belfast City Council and the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland who have helped us sustain and enrich the festival. We also continue to be overwhelmed at the creativity and enthusiasm of local artists and organisations who have contributed fantastic events to the festival programme. Such is the magic we have weaved this year that we have even managed to arrange a General Election during the festival.

We hope you like the new festival imagery and logo which is reflective of the idea of rights being a thread that is woven throughout our society. We believe that there is something for all ages and interests in the programme and we do hope you enjoy this year's festival.

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EXHIBITION



INFORMATION



FILM



WORKSHOP



PERFORMANCE



KIDS/FAMILY



DISCUSSION



Eco-Warriors

HOT YOGA BELFAST
SUN 8TH DEC

1 - 2PM
£5*

Join Eco Belfast for a kids planet-saving workshop on the trials and tribulations of living plastic free and have fun making your own waste-free goodies.

* TICKETS VIA NIHRE.COM

Human Rights Defenders Challenging Corporate Power

THE ACCIDENTAL THEATRE, BOOKBAR
SUN 8TH DEC

4PM
FREE

Join Trócaire and Front Line Defenders to find out about the realities that human rights and environmental defenders are increasingly facing in the global campaign demanding corporate accountability.

The event will start with a short film followed by a panel discussion.

Speakers include Mohamed EdDaoudyy, an environmental rights defender from the Imider movement in Morocco.

Rocks For Rights

ORANGEFILED PARK AND PAVILLION
SUN 8TH DEC

1 - 3PM
FREE

A Human Rights Festival takeover of the trend that's 'rocking' the country! Come and join us in painting rocks with all the different 'rights' that we share and enjoy. Take a dander in the park and leave someone else to find them or pop them further afield.

Sunday Improv Comedy

ACCIDENTAL THEATRE
SUN 8TH DEC

8PM
£5*

A light hearted beginning to the week or end to the weekend with Belfast Improv Theatre's Improv Human Rights Festival special! Test the performers political nerves and theatrical skills with any trying situation you can place them in for this unique night of comedy madness!

* TICKETS VIA NIHRE.COM



Tools for Solidarity Workshop

TOOLS FOR SOLIDARITY, SUNNYSIDE STREET
SUN 8TH DEC

1 - 3.30PM
FREE

Tool Repair workshop and open day. Your chance to have tools and sewing machines repaired or learn how to do it yourself!

Our workshop is open for anyone who wants to learn more about our work.

Tools For Solidarity Film Screening

QUAKER MEETING HOUSE, MARLBOROUGH
PARK. SUN 8TH DEC

7 - 9PM
£3*

Tools For Solidarity, directed by Bela Mayer, weaves together the story of volunteers in NI and Edinburgh with the lives of people with disabilities learning trades in Malawi, the power of solidarity shines through this inspiring film by award-winning director Bela Mayer. Sewing machines sing throughout with the message that together we CAN transform society.

* TICKETS VIA NIHRE.COM



Under The Knife

SIR SAMUEL IRWIN LECTURE THEATRE, ROYAL
VICTORIA HOSPITAL. MON 9TH DEC

2 - 4PM
FREE

Under The Knife tells the chilling story of an NHS under attack as never before. The feature-length documentary demonstrates the importance of the NHS and how it is being systematically dismantled and underfunded. Under The Knife gives hope to those fighting to keep the NHS safe for future generations. Followed by Q&A with the film's Producer Pam Kleinof and Regional Secretary of Unison Patricia McKeown.



No One is Too Small to Make a Difference

WATERSTONES, BELFAST
MON 9TH DEC

5 - 6PM
FREE

Reading of Greta Thunberg's inspirational book by local young people who are similarly leading the way in mobilising for climate action.

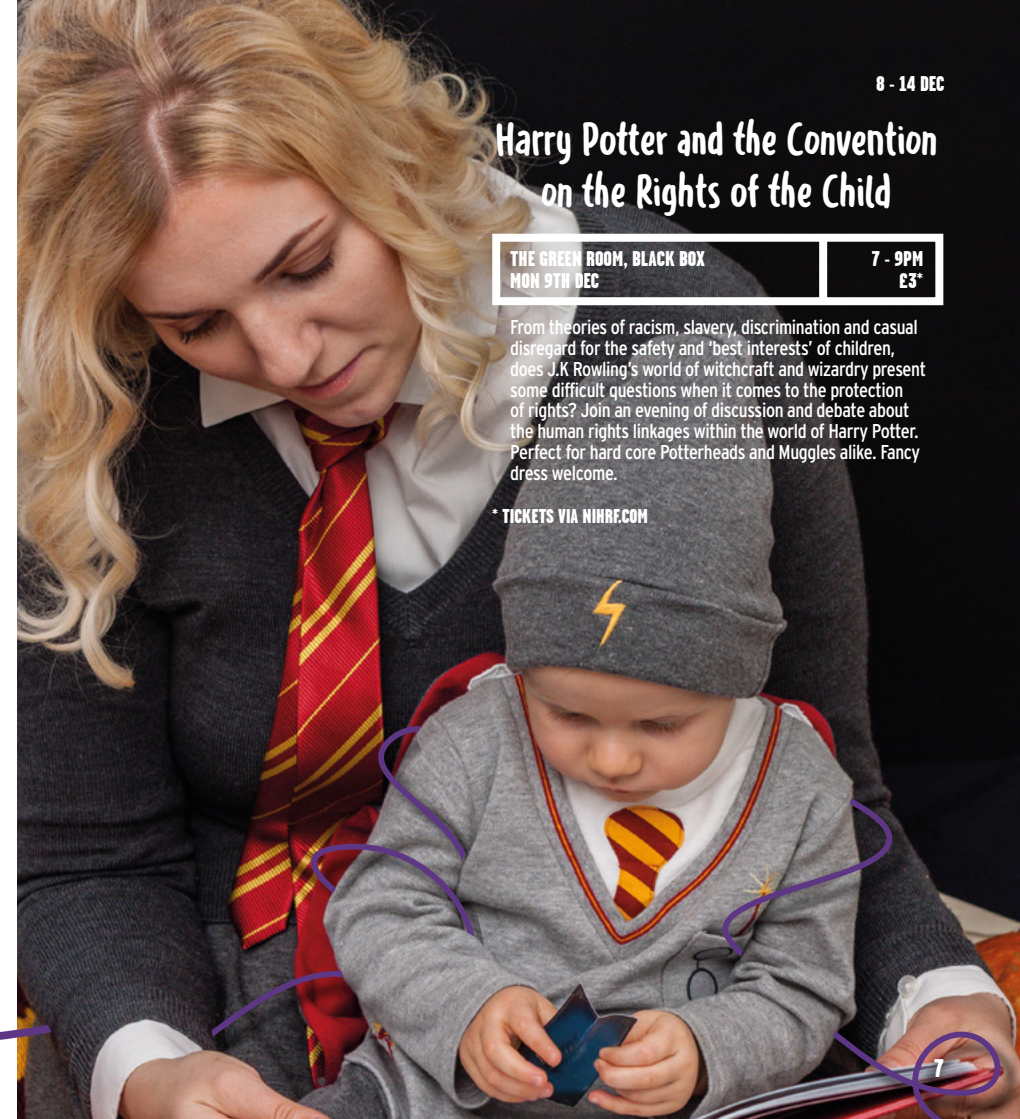
Harry Potter and the Convention on the Rights of the Child

THE GREEN ROOM, BLACK BOX
MON 9TH DEC

7 - 9PM
£3*

From theories of racism, slavery, discrimination and casual disregard for the safety and "best interests" of children, does J.K Rowling's world of witchcraft and wizardry present some difficult questions when it comes to the protection of rights? Join an evening of discussion and debate about the human rights linkages within the world of Harry Potter. Perfect for hard core Potterheads and Muggles alike. Fancy dress welcome.

* TICKETS VIA NIHRE.COM



The Wellbeing of Human Rights

LISBURN CITY LIBRARY TUES 10TH DEC	10.30 - 11.30AM FREE
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A workshop facilitated by Brehon Advisory, a UK based company working to address conflict related crises and to educate and train in conflict affected communities in the Middle East and North Africa. Utilising the Trauma Teddy programme that has had huge success in Syria and Lebanon this Beyond Skin workshop will also use soundbombs for reflection between the dialogue.

Trans Awareness Training

COMMUNITY HOUSE, 6A ALBERT STREET TUES 10TH DEC	12 - 1PM £10*
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In this session, TransgenderNI will provide an overview of the different issues to be aware of when supporting trans and gender diverse people within your work, whatever that might be! We'll explore language, trans experiences with accessing services, and practical tips on supporting trans service users.

* REGISTRATION VIA NIHRECOM

Human Rights: Weaving together Threads of a Conversation

THE DUNCAIRN CENTRE TUES 10TH DEC	2PM FREE
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Community Dialogue, in conjunction with the Human Rights Consortium, are hosting a series of conversations exploring the role and meaning of rights in our society. Discussion of rights is not a new concept in Northern Ireland, but have we been guilty of focussing on what divides us rather than unites our society? This first dialogue session will explore our conceptions of human rights and whether rights can help to unite our communities for the common good?

The Right to Education

CONWAY EDUCATION CENTRE, CONWAY MILL TUES 10TH DEC	5.30 - 7.30PM FREE
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Conway Education Centre (CEC) is a unique community-based education centre situated on the interface between the Falls Road and the Shankill Road in West Belfast. This exhibition event will showcase the CEC events held in Conway since its opening in 1982. From highlights including refugee homework clubs, adult learners, challenges to education and interactive activities, this exhibition will challenge and inspire participants to share what the right to education means to them.

Asylum Seeker Monologues

CULTÚRLANN MCADAM Ó FIAICH TUES 10TH DEC	5.30PM FREE
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Asylum Monologues is a first-hand account of the UK's asylum system in the words of people who have experienced it. This staged reading is hosted by Participation and the Practice of Rights and performed by people with direct experience of the issues of asylum. The reading will be followed by a Q&A Panel Discussion with Housing4All, End Deportations Belfast, and other activist organisations.

Marriage Equality: lessons from the campaign

THE GREEN ROOM TUES 10TH DEC	6PM FREE
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Patrick Corrigan of Amnesty International, Clare Moore of Irish Congress of Trade Unions and John O'Doherty of The Rainbow Project discuss the successful and many-sided campaign for marriage equality, which led to the recent law change at Westminster. Chaired by journalist Amanda Ferguson.

Fair is Fair: Folktales and poems of peace and justice

ANTRIM LIBRARY TUES 10TH DEC	6.30 - 7.30PM FREE
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Join Liz Weir, Libraries NI Storyteller in Residence, and other storytellers supported by the Armstrong Storytelling Trust for an evening of storytelling and reflection. Booking Advisable.

Women's Rights in Gilead

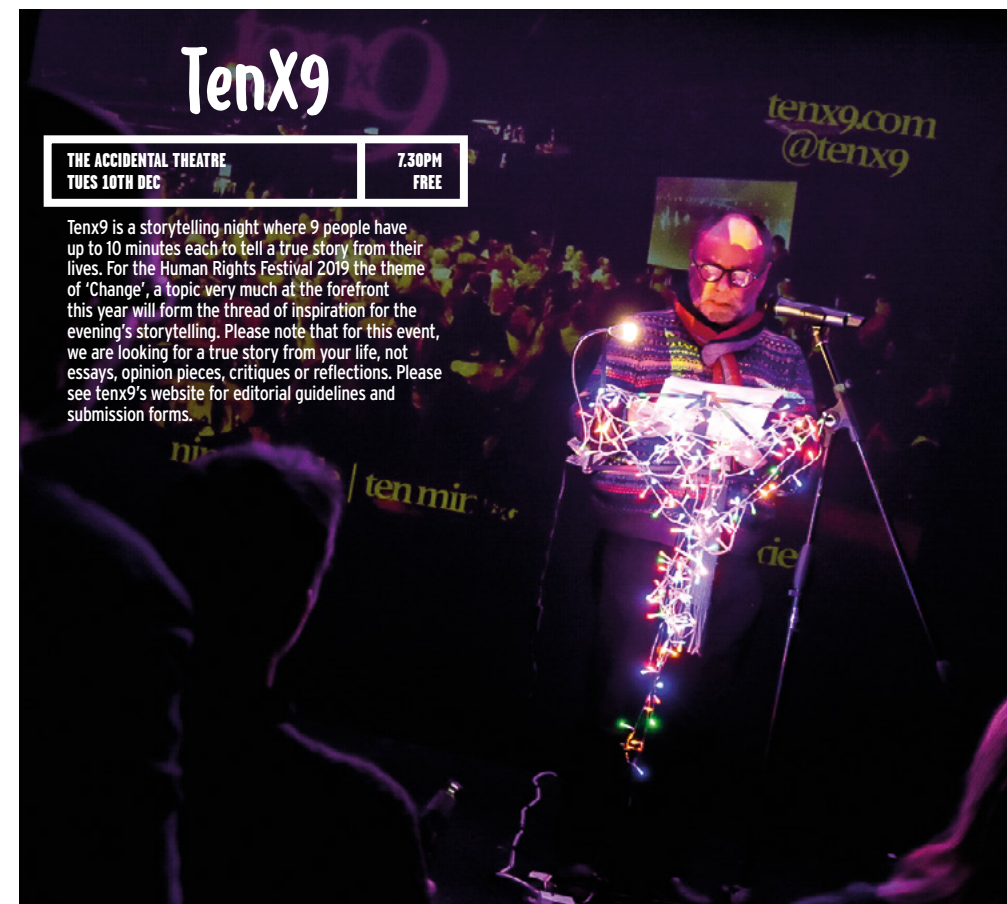
BALLYCLARE LIBRARY TUES 10TH DEC	7 - 9PM FREE
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Join Ulster University English Lecturer, Kathryn White, as she discusses Women's Rights using Gilead, the world depicted by Margaret Atwood's acclaimed novels, The Handmaid's Tale and The Testaments. She will discuss the totalitarian society in what used to be part of the United States which when faced with environmental disasters and a plummeting birth rate started to treat women as property of the state.

Hear My Voice

THE GREEN ROOM, THE BLACK BOX TUES 10TH DEC	8PM FREE
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Join us for a screening of the emotive film by Brendan Bryan that explores artist Colin Davidson's 'Silent Testimony' exhibition. 'A cinematic tribute to those who suffered loss in the Northern Irish Conflict.



THE ACCIDENTAL THEATRE TUES 10TH DEC	7.30PM FREE
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Tenx9 is a storytelling night where 9 people have up to 10 minutes each to tell a true story from their lives. For the Human Rights Festival 2019 the theme of 'Change', a topic very much at the forefront this year will form the thread of inspiration for the evening's storytelling. Please note that for this event, we are looking for a true story from your life, not essays, opinion pieces, critiques or reflections. Please see tenx9's website for editorial guidelines and submission forms.

Are Rights Respected? Exploring Sport's Impact on Society

THE GREAT HALL, BELFAST CITY HALL
WED 11TH DEC

10AM - 1PM
FREE*

This workshop will be facilitated by Young Ambassadors (representing the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust and PeacePlayers NI in the NI Executive's Together: Building a United Community programme), who will generate discussions among students around topical sporting issues and how they have an impact on wider society. This is an ideal event for those aged between 16 and 23, and studying sport-related subjects, but it is open to all.

* REGISTRATION VIA NIHRE.COM

A BILL OF RIGHTS in a Time of Constitutional Change

BANQUETING HALL, BELFAST CITY HALL
WED 11TH DEC

10AM - 12PM
FREE

Northern Ireland is in the grip of events that seem destined to challenge our existing constitutional arrangements. From the collapse of Stormont, to Brexit and talk of a Border Poll such ideas and challenges can be both exciting and frightening. This event will focus on the value of revisiting the concept of a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland, what role it might play in providing security for our rights frameworks and how various civic society initiatives can help ensure the centrality of a Bill of Rights in our society, regardless of what the future holds.

Tackling Institutional Sectarianism

UNISON, GALWAY HOUSE, BELFAST
WED 11TH DEC

11AM - 1PM
FREE

The Equality Coalition launches its commissioned research on contemporary sectarianism in Northern Ireland from independent researcher Dr Robbie McVeigh. The report looks at 'institutional sectarianism' in NI - especially where there is evidence of sectarianism in decision-making - and makes recommendations for state action. Dr McVeigh will be present his research and take questions from audience members.

Digging Deeper

CENTRE FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION
WED 11TH DEC

5.30 - 6.30PM
FREE

In collaboration with Comhlámh, the Centre for Global Education and Friends of the Earth, the Festival brings you the Launch of a new educational resource on land rights in Latin America and at home: exploring resource extraction and our connection with the earth. Wine reception and discussion.

Theatre for Social Justice Workshop

THE ACCIDENTAL THEATRE
WED 11TH DEC

6 - 8PM
FREE*

How can we use theatre as a tool to tackle issues of inequality and injustice? How can we use theatre to improve human rights? If you are interested in exploring these questions, this workshop is for you. No experience necessary. Whether you have never dabbled in theatre or activism before, or are seasoned in both, this workshop is for people interested in finding creative solutions to issues of social justice, from housing to welfare to inequality in the workplace and beyond.

* REGISTRATION VIA NIHRE.COM

Coaching Rights

BANQUETING HALL, BELFAST CITY HALL
WED 11TH DEC

7 - 9PM
FREE*

Sport can advance the human rights of everyone. It provides an opportunity to promote a set of universal values amongst participants, fans, workers, volunteers, local communities and beyond. This event will explore the relevance of the Declaration on Sports and Human Rights, launched in 2019, for Clubs and Coaches in Northern Ireland in Partnership with the Belfast City Council 'On The Right Track' programme and the Sports and Human Rights Forum.

* REGISTRATION VIA NIHRE.COM

PUL Approaches to Human Rights

THE FITZPATRICK HALL, EAST BELFAST
NETWORK CENTRE. WED 11TH DEC

7 - 9PM

A discussion event focussed on attitudes and engagement of the Protestant Unionist Loyalist (PUL) community with human rights. One of the main principals of human rights is its universality to every human being. How is that reflected in principle and practice within the PUL community in Northern Ireland? Do barriers to the enjoyment and utilisation of rights exist and how should they be overcome? Join a panel of local PUL activists to discuss these issues alongside Dr Amanda Cahill-Ripley (University of Liverpool) who will present her own research on this important topic.



Launch of the Natali Márquez Foundation

Natali Márquez was a young woman living in Colombia who dedicated her life to peacebuilding working with Escuelas de Paz (Schools of Peace). In March 2017 she visited Northern Ireland to help facilitate a #youth4peace summit with Beyond Skin and partners from other countries. Alongside an international group of peace activists Natali co-founded #ArtsDialogue whilst also influencing the development of the FUTyURES programme.

In February 2018 Natali died of brain cancer. The Foundation will train, support, enable and empower young girls in Northern Ireland and Colombia to use their creative skills in peace building.

MOUNT STEWART HOUSE
WED 11TH DEC

1PM
FREE*

* REGISTRATION VIA NIHRE.COM

EUSS - What's the point? What's the process?

BANQUETING HALL, BELFAST CITY HALL
WED 11TH DEC

2 - 4PM
FREE

The Stronger Together Partnership are delivering support on the ground to ensure that anyone who has made their home in N. Ireland will not become an undocumented immigrant because of Brexit. This project information event will illustrate the importance of EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) registration in protecting the rights of EU/EEA & Swiss citizens to continue to reside and work in NI post Brexit. Followed by a multi-lingual EUSS registration clinic.

*REGISTRATION VIA NIHRE.COM

ELECTION DAY

VARIOUS POLLING STATIONS
THURS 12TH DEC

7AM - 10PM

Remember you have the right to vote!



Belfast Grime Man

OUTSIDE BELFAST CITY HALL
THURS 12TH DEC

1 - 2PM
FREE

Having recently collaborated with frontline human rights activists to give artistic expression to the harsh realities around mental health, homelessness and poverty in Northern Ireland, local rapper Belfast Grime Man unites the right to free speech and political commentary with this on-street performance.

Trans Ally Session

BELFAST TRANS RESOURCE CENTRE
THURS 12TH DEC

3 - 4PM
FREE

It's a pretty volatile time for trans rights in the UK & Ireland, and allies are needed now more than ever. This session with TransgenderNI will talk through some of the basics about the community, as well as exploring the practical things you can do to be as good an ally as possible!

Interrogation in Depth

DALRIADA HOUSE SEMINAR RM- JORDANSTOWN CAMPUS, ULSTER UNI. THURS 12TH DEC

1.15 - 2.45PM
FREE

Dr Aoife Duffy will present a politico-legal history of a particular security operation that resulted in one of the most high-profile torture cases in the world. Dr. Duffy's research reveals the extent to which the Ireland v. United Kingdom judgment misrepresented the interrogation system that was developed and utilised in Northern Ireland (in 1971).

Accidental Fictions

THE ACCIDENTAL THEATRE
THURS 12TH DEC

8PM
£5*

Excercise your right to creativity with a night of new fiction stories read by the writers themselves. This new collaborative venture between Accidental & Tenx9 brings a spot of saloon-style vaudeville to Belfast's literary scene. Immerse yourself in a series of fresh fictions by a motley crew of fabulists, all performed live with an improvised piano score & tunes inbetween tales.

If you'd like to be one of the readers just make a submission via Accidental's website.

* TICKETS VIA NIHRE.COM



'Tis' the season for a post-election review: General Election 2019

STRATEGEM OFFICE, 121 DONEGALL RD
FRI 13TH DEC

11AM - 12.30PM
FREE

Come join the Strategem team the day after polling for a review of the 2019 General Election results. With plenty of tea and coffee provided for the sleep deprived, we will dissect what the results mean for a range of issues from Brexit to human rights, trade, the environment and much more.

* REGISTRATION VIA NIHRE.COM



10100i

STARTING AT THE MAC
FRI 13TH DEC

2 - 4PM
£12.50*

"Being homeless was a part of my life I never saw coming, we all have stories like you have stories."

Returning to Belfast as part of the Human Rights Festival, 10100i brings you two stories and two journeys around the city, encouraging you to see Belfast from another perspective. Utilising interviews with people who have and are currently experiencing homelessness this tour weaves these together to create two immersive tales of the city. This is a walking tour of the city so please dress appropriately.

* TICKETS VIA NIHRE.COM



Stand Up For Your Rights

UNION STREET BAR
FRI 13TH DEC

8 - 10PM
£10

Back again after establishing itself as a festival favourite, the Stand Up For Your Rights event is one not to miss! Join 6 human rights activists to see whether human rights can be funny. This brave group of unlikely comedians will dare to entertain and inform you with comic tales from frontline rights activism after just a few short weeks of stand-up training. All proceeds go to sustaining the NI Human Rights Festival.

* TICKETS VIA NIHRE.COM

Ready For Anything

FORTHSPRING INTER-COMMUNITY GROUP
SAT 14TH DEC

1 - 3PM
FREE

Ready for Anything the award-winning children's rights-based programme which builds resilience skills in children will deliver two one-hour workshops for groups of children aged P1-P3 and P4-P7 focusing on the key areas of emotional recognition and control. Through participating in the workshops children will develop bespoke coping strategies for dealing with big emotions and make sensory bottles to take home. Parents are also welcome to take part in the workshops with their children. Places limited to 20 children per workshop.

* REGISTRATION VIA NHRE.COM



Write for Rights

CAFE 31
SAT 14TH DEC

10.30AM - 1PM
FREE

'It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness'.
Join the Belfast Amnesty International group for their annual Write for Rights action. This family-friendly event gives you the opportunity to learn about individuals currently at risk around the world and to send a greeting card to them to show your support and acknowledge that you are aware of their case.

Still I Rise Storytelling

HOT YOGA BELFAST
SAT 14TH DEC

2.30PM
FREE

Join us for a chilled out storytime session celebrating diversity and difference and exploring with kids what Human Rights can mean for them. All ages welcome but those 4 and up will enjoy the most!

Human Rights takeover of Acoustic Picnic

OH YEAH CENTRE
SAT 14TH DEC

1 - 4PM
FREE

Girls Rock School NI (GRSNI), HereNI and The Rainbow Project are taking over Acoustic Picnic! Join us at this family friendly event for live music from GRSNI tutors, alumnae & campers, Acoustic Picnic House Band Over the Hill, the GRSNI Rock Roll & Rights Photo Booth, and some kids story telling about difference. BYO Picnic!



Trans Performance Night

THE 343
SAT 14TH DEC

7 - 10.30PM
£5*

To end the week, TransgenderNI is holding a Trans Performance Night in aid of the Belfast Trans Resource Centre. You'll be treated to music, poetry, comedy, and everything in between!

* TICKETS VIA NHRE.COM

Swing Dance Takeover

THE ACCIDENTAL THEATRE
SAT 14TH DEC

9 - 12PM
£5*

A final celebration of another year of the festival and the right we all share...the right to party! Join Shake That Swing in the Accidental Theatre and exercise your freedoms through whatever style you choose. Expect blues, hot jazz, swing, jump blues, jive, R'n'R and more!

* TICKETS VIA NHRE.COM



Natura Naturans

NAUGHTON GALLERY, QUB
THROUGHOUT

TUES - SUN, 11AM - 4PM
FREE

Natura Naturans is a solo exhibition by Irish illustrator Laura Callaghan, exploring our complicated relationship with nature in addition to our own human nature. Callaghan's work is largely hand-painted using watercolour, Indian ink, and isograph pen, depicting fearless women in colourful, maximalist environments. Part fashion illustration, part satire, Callaghan's images aim to capture the reality of being female in today's world.

Make them Visible Photographic Exhibition

WARRENPOINT LIBRARY
THROUGHOUT

DURING LIBRARY HOURS
FREE

A Collaboration with Oxfam Ireland, this exhibition feature images from South Sudan by World Press Photo award-winner Kieran Doherty, whose family is originally from Belfast. Doherty said: "Behind each photo is an individual human being - just like you and me - who has had to flee, leaving behind belongings, a home, friends and often family. Hopefully this photo exhibition can then help make these 'invisible people' visible by highlighting the situation of South Sudanese refugees and their families.

Museum Without a Home

BESSBROOK LIBRARY
THROUGHOUT

DURING LIBRARY HOURS
FREE

The award winning "Museum without a Home" is an 'Exhibition of Hospitality' which was designed to promote solidarity with refugees and other migrants. It showcases real items donated by ordinary Greeks to people fleeing their homes in search of safety and dignity. Conceptualised and produced by Oxfam and Amnesty International in Greece, the exhibition acknowledges and celebrates the solidarity of the Greek people, who welcomed into their country those who had to flee theirs.



Lucy's Blue Day

FALLS ROAD LIBRARY
WED 11TH DEC

11.30 AM - 12.30 PM
FREE

LISBURN ROAD LIBRARY
WED 11TH DEC

4 - 5PM
FREE

CHICHESTER LIBRARY
THURS 12TH DEC

10.30 - 11.30AM
FREE

WHITEROCK LIBRARY
THURS 12TH DEC

3 - 4PM
FREE

BELFAST CENTRAL LIBRARY
SAT 14TH DEC

2 - 3PM
FREE

Readings in various Libraries with children's author Chris Duke from his book Lucy's Blue Day. Chris is a massive supporter of mental health awareness, in particular in children. He wants them to know it's ok not to be ok, and to encourage them to talk about their emotions with someone they trust.

This session focuses on feelings using Lucy's magical colour changing hair giving the children a language to use to help them identify their emotions effectively.

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