

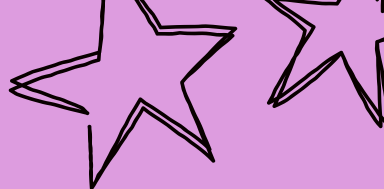


NORTH EAST
ARTS & CULTURE FOR
PEOPLE SEEKING
SANCTUARY

**COMPANY
OF OTHERS**

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome! We're glad you found us, here are some Arts and Culture events in the North East of England that have been made for you.

There are regular activities as well as one time events. The events and activities range from dance and art, to gardening and cooking.

Everything in this booklet is free.

ABOUT COMPANY OF OTHERS

Company of Others is a Dance Company of Sanctuary based in Walker, Newcastle.

We have created this booklet as part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring people seeking sanctuary in the North East can access what our region has to offer more easily and make the North East their home.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions about the information included in this booklet.

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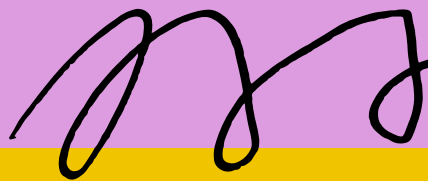
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COMPANY OF OTHERS



ACTIVITIES



The following activities are from...

COMPANY OF OTHERS

A dance company based in Walker who collaborate with people who have experience of being Othered by the society we live in.

ADDRESS FOR ACTIVITIES/ The Bricks, c/o St. Anthony of Egypt Church, Belmont Street, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 3SN

TRAVEL/ Covered for all activities

TRANSLATORS/ Provided upon request for all activities

ACCESS/ Wheelchair accessible / accessible toilet and changing area

HOW TO JOIN/ Contact 07708470477 /

community@companyofothers.org.uk for all activities

MOVING TOGETHER

A project that uses movement, togetherness and food as tools for improving mental health for women who are either Refugee and Asylum experienced, and/or Women of Colour in the Northeast.

WHEN/ Tuesday (every two weeks), 10:30am-12:30pm

FOOD/ Provided





WALKER YOUTH DANCE PROJECT

Weekly workshops taught by professional artists, performance opportunities and regular trips to see professional dance performances for children. No dance experience is required.

WHO & WHEN/ For ages 4-7 years – Every Monday, 4-4:30pm

For ages 7-12 years – Every Monday, 4:30-5:30pm

For ages 12-17 years – Every Thursday, 5-7pm

FOOD/ Snack and refreshments provided



BALLET WORKSHOPS

Weekly ballet workshops for young women aged 12-17 to learn ballet technique from professional dancers and see professional ballet performances. No ballet experience is required.

WHO & WHEN/ For ages 12-17 years – Every Tuesday (Until 15th July), 5:30pm-7:30pm

FOOD/ Snack and refreshments provided

SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVE

A week of dance, creativity, and performance during the school holiday with a professional choreographer for children aged 6–17 years.

DATES/ Tuesday 5 - Friday 8 August

WHO & WHEN/ For ages 6-12 years – 9:30am-1pm

For ages 12-17 years – 1pm-4:30pm

FOOD/ Healthy lunch and refreshments provided daily



The following activities are from...

THE COMFREY PROJECT

A place where refugees and people who are seeking asylum can come to learn new skills, share what they know with others, and start to build a better life.

ADDRESS FOR ACTIVITIES/ The Comfrey Project, Windmill Hills Centre, Chester Place, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE8 1QB

FOOD/ Provided

TRAVEL/ Covered

TRANSLATORS/ Provided upon request

ACCESS/ All on one level / garden accessible to everyone

HOW TO JOIN/ Just show up for all activities

CONTACT/ 0191 447 7801 / info@thecomfreyproject.org.uk





KITCHEN GARDEN

Explore food growing, food saving, and sharing cultures through food. Learn new skills and celebrate food traditions from around the world.

WHEN/ Every Tuesday, 12:30-2:30pm

WELLBEING DROP-IN

A calm, quiet, and creative space. Take part in nature-based activities to support your mental health and wellbeing.

WHEN/ Every Wednesday, 10:30am-12:30pm

CULTURE HUB

Volunteer-led drop-in with gardening, arts and crafts from different cultures, and a shared lunch prepared by volunteers. A friendly space to meet others and celebrate cultural traditions together.

WHEN/ Every Friday, 10:30am-2:30pm



The following activities are from...

WALKING WITH

A drop-in centre that supports people seeking sanctuary living in North Tyneside with a wide range of activities throughout the week.

ADDRESS FOR ACTIVITIES/ The Walking With Centre, Hugh St, Wallsend, NE28 6RL

ACCESS/ Step-free access to entrance

HOW TO JOIN/ Contact info@walkingwith.co.uk

or call 0191 649 8974 / 0749 722 1716 for all activities



SEWING GROUP

A vibrant sewing group where creativity meets community, currently working on stitching powerful banners for Refugee Week.

WHEN/ Every Monday, 10:30am-12pm

LEARNING ENGLISH

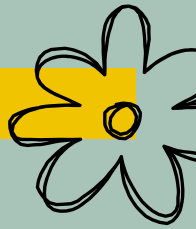
Supportive and welcoming English lessons to help you build confidence and connect through language.

WHEN/ Every Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:30am-12pm

GUITAR SESSIONS

Make music, share stories, and find your rhythm in a relaxed, friendly guitar group. No experience needed!

WHEN/ Every Tuesday, 12:15pm-1:30pm



HAPPY TO CHAT

Drop in, grab a cup of tea, and enjoy good conversation in a relaxed space where everyone is welcome.

WHEN/ Every Thursday, 10:30am–12pm



The following activities are from...

WEST END REFUGEE SERVICE

A refugee charity that offer support, advice, advocacy, and activities for people seeking sanctuary in the North East.

ADDRESS/ St Philips Vicarage, Arthurs Hill, NE4 5JE

ACCESS/ Small step to access the building

TRAVEL/ Covered

VOICES BUILD BRIDGES PODCAST

A monthly podcast that aims to dispel myths surrounding the asylum system and refugee experiences through real-life stories and conversations. The podcast features conversations with community members and West End Refugee Service staff. The goal is to raise awareness and challenge misconceptions about refugees and the asylum process.

WHEN/ Monthly (flexible)

HOW TO LISTEN/ [Listen on Spotify](#)



COOKING GROUP

Meet new people while sharing different cultural cuisines and eating together!

WHEN/ Every Wednesday, 11am-1pm

WHERE/ Westgate Baptist Church, 366 Westgate Rd, NE4 6NX

HOW TO JOIN/ Just show up

WEEKLY WELCOME

A relaxed gathering to meet new friends. With different activities like cooking classes, table tennis and board games.

WHEN/ Every Wednesday, 11:30am-1:30pm

WHERE/ Westgate Baptist Church, 366 Westgate Rd, NE4 6NX

HOW TO JOIN/ Just show up

COMMUNITY MEAL

A joyful community meal at The Seven Bridges Café prepared by the chef and volunteers from an authentic recipe.

WHEN/ Every Friday, 2pm-4pm

WHERE/ Dance City, Temple St, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4BR

HOW TO JOIN/ Just show up



The following activities are from...

BALTIC CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

A centre for contemporary art and a Gallery of Sanctuary.

ADDRESS/ South Shore Road, NE8 3BA

ACCESS/ Fully accessible, level access and ramps, lifts to all floors, braille buttons, hearing loop system, access toilets, baby-change

TRAVEL/ Covered

FOOD/ Provided

CONTACT/ info@balticmill.com / 0191 478 1810

LANGUAGE CAFE

A fun, friendly place to meet new people and informally practice English speaking and listening. Sessions are family friendly and include artist-led creative activities for adults and children. With special guests to meet and chat with to cover topics like community resources, skills, opportunities and employability.

WHEN/ First Saturday of every month, 2:30-5pm

HOW TO JOIN/ Drop-in



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

Day	Activity	Organisation	Time	Who it is for	Page
Monday	Sewing Group	Walking With	10:30am-12pm	Residents of North Tyneside	<u>8</u>
	Walker Youth Dance Project	Company of Others	4-4:30pm (Ages 4-7 years), 4:30-5:30pm (Ages 7-12 years)	Children	<u>4,3</u>
Tuesday	Learning English	Walking With	10:30am-12pm	Residents of North Tyneside	<u>9,8</u>
	Moving Together	Company of Others	10:30am-12:30pm (every two weeks)	Women	<u>3</u>
	Guitar Sessions	Walking With	12:15pm-1:30pm	Residents of North Tyneside	<u>9,8</u>
	Kitchen Garden	The Comfrey Project	12:30pm-2:30pm	Everyone	<u>7,6</u>
	Ballet Workshops	Company of Others	5:30pm-7:30pm	Young women aged 12-17 years	<u>5,3</u>
Wednesday	Wellbeing Drop-in	The Comfrey Project	10:30am-12:30pm	Everyone	<u>7,6</u>
	Learning English	Walking With	10:30am-12pm	Residents of North Tyneside	<u>9,8</u>
	Cooking Group	West End Refugee Service	11am-1pm	Everyone	<u>11</u>
	Weekly Welcome	West End Refugee Service	11:30am-1:30pm	Everyone	<u>11</u>
Thursday	Happy to Chat	Walking With	10:30am-12pm	Residents of North Tyneside	<u>9,8</u>
	Walker Youth Dance Project	Company of Others	5pm-7pm	Young people aged 12-17 years	<u>4,3</u>
Friday	Culture Hub	The Comfrey Project	10:30am-2:30pm	Everyone	<u>7,6</u>
	Community Meal	West End Refugee Service	2pm-4pm	Everyone	<u>11</u>

EVENTS

YOUNG CREATIVES FILM SCREENING

From GemArts

Watch powerful animated films made by young people seeking sanctuary, sharing their real-life journeys through art. Enjoy a Q&A, meet the filmmakers, and take part in a fun art workshop with animation artist Sheryl Jenkins.

About the hosts: GemArts

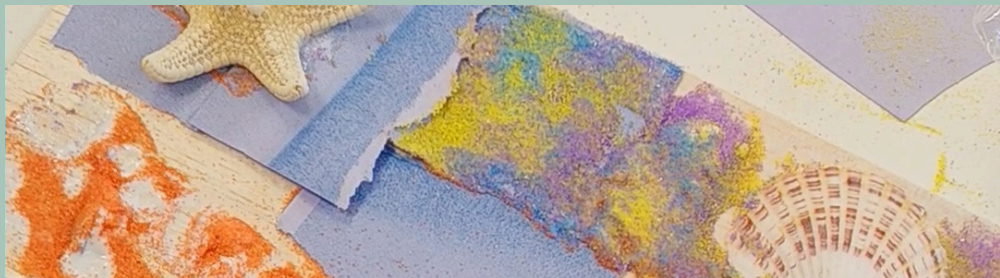
An award-winning arts organisation that run creative projects with artists from diverse backgrounds, celebrating culture and community through music, film, and more.

DATE & TIME/ Monday 16 June, 4-6pm

ADDRESS/ Gateshead Central Library, Caedmon Hall, NE8 4LN

ACCESS/ Caedmon Hall is on the first floor, accessible by stairs or lift, Accessible toilets available

BOOKING/ Booking optional, feel free to drop-in





REFUGEE WEEK 2025: MANIFESTATION2 BY UNITY TREE

From Skimstone Arts

Skimstone Arts and Newcastle University invite you to exhibitions and a live performance sharing the voices and creativity of sanctuary seekers. Artwork, poetry, films and zines by UNITY Tree, Building Bridges Group, and Rainbow Home explore themes like home, dignity, and community. Join for a special live performance of Manifestation2 with music at the closing event.

DATES/ 13–23 June

TIMES/ Exhibitions open daily, 10am-5pm

CLOSING EVENT/ Monday 23 June, 4-5pm (includes performance + refreshments)

ADDRESS/ Hatton Gallery, Newcastle University, King's Rd,
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8QB

ACCESS/ Fully accessible

TRAVEL/ Bus/metro tickets refunded for 23 June event

FOOD/ Free refreshments at closing event

BOOKING/ No booking. Drop in any time or come to the 4pm event on 23 June



EVENTS



TO OWN BOTH NOTHING AND THE WHOLE WORLD: MIDSUMMER NIGHT EVENT

From Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art



A midsummer gathering around ancient oak roots – symbols of resilience, migration and belonging. Hear from artists Henna Asikainen and Roua Horanieh, followed by music, storytelling, and shared food around the fire. Created with people with lived experience of seeking sanctuary in Gateshead and Newcastle.

DATE & TIME/ Saturday 21 June, from 4pm

ADDRESS/ Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, South Shore Road, NE8 3BA

ACCESS/ Fully accessible, level access and ramps, lifts to all floors, braille buttons, hearing loop system, access toilets, baby-change

TRAVEL/ Covered

FOOD/ Provided

BOOKING/ Free event but booking required. [Click here to book](#)

WALKER YOUTH DANCE FESTIVAL

From Company of Others

A celebration of children and young people in Walker and the East End of Newcastle. Enjoy performances from young dancers, with opportunities to connect with community.

DATE & TIME/ Saturday 19 July, 3-4:30pm

ADDRESS/ Walker Park (The Amphitheatre), NE6 4HA

ACCESS/ Located on flat land. Level paths.

BOOKING/ Just show up



MASALA FESTIVAL MINI MELA

From GemArts

A celebration of creativity and culture from the Indian sub-continent. Enjoy a day filled with dance workshops, block printing, Rangoli art, kite making, pottery, face painting, and more.

DATE & TIME/ Sunday 20th July, 11am-3pm

ADDRESS/ Bensham Grove Community Centre, Gateshead, NE8 2XD

ACCESS/ Suitable for ages 4+, step free access

BOOKING/ Drop-in



CONTESTED DESIRES: CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUES EXHIBITION TOUR

From D6: Culture in Transit

A relaxed exhibition tour of the artworks of 7 international artists who reveal the untold stories of Europe's colonial legacies. Find out about the project, the artists and experience the work they have created.

About the hosts: D6: Culture in Transit

D6: Culture in Transit produces visual arts projects, working with artists, communities and partners locally and internationally to explore social and environmental issues that concern and connect us all.

DATE & TIME/ Wednesday 23 July, 11am-12pm

ADDRESS/ Great North Museum: Hancock, Barras Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4PT

WHERE TO MEET/ Exhibition Hall, First Floor

ACCESS/ Level access to front entrance

TRAVEL/ Reimbursed travel costs for public transport within Tyne & Wear (please bring a copy of your travel receipt)

BOOKING/ Email helen@d6culture.org

**This booklet is available in Arabic,
Bengali, English, Farsi, Kurdish Sorani,
Pashto, and Tigrinya.**

**To access the translated booklets go to
www.companyofothers.org.uk/sanctuary.**

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