

BRIDGING CHANGE *BRM NETWORK NEWSLETTER

Working towards a strong 'by and for' infrastructure
*Black Racialised Minoritised

JULY 2025

BY AND FOR
*BRM/BME
COMMUNITIES

**See your by and for events in the following
pages and your next free training event !**



**Founders Talks: see more about Bert Williams and
Sarah Lee's experiences of setting up
B&H BLACK HISTORY.
Who else would you like to hear from?
Contact us!**



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NEXT FREE TRAINING BY AND FOR YOU



How to Write Winning Grant Applications With Yemisi Mokuolu from Hatch Ideas

In this interactive and practical workshop you will:

- be taken step-by-step through the grant application writing process
- learn how to make your application stand out from the rest
- have opportunities to ask questions about any grants you are working on or have written

**Join us in person on
Tuesday July 8th 10 am – 12 pm
Conference Room, 5th floor at Community Base
113 Queens Rd, Brighton and Hove, Brighton BN1 3XG**



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FOUNDER'S TALK: Participants Feedback

- Sarah and Bert's talks felt open and safe
- Discussion around creating a safe space to speak about racism
- Understanding that people feel used when asked to sit on a panel with no recognition of their time and effort
- Some had their work cited with no consent
- It was good to hear peoples' personal stories
- Meeting other like-minded people
- Interacting and engaging with communities



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RACIAL HARASSMENT FORUM

Where to get help.



NEED SUPPORT AROUND RACIST INCIDENTS/DISCRIMINATION?

WE'RE HERE TO HELP:

Mondays 10am til 4pm at BMECP Centre,
10A Fleet street, BN1 4ZE

Wednesdays 1pm to 3pm at Jollof Cafe
West Hill Hall, Compton Ave, BN1 3PS

**WE WILL LISTEN, SUPPORT, ADVISE
AND GUIDE YOU.**

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FERNANDA KLAS WAGAY

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TELEPHONE: 07933181885.



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VOICES IN EXILE

Become a Trustee

Voices in Exile is recruiting trustees



We are looking for new trustees who have a strong empathy for our mission and are willing to be ambassadors for our work. Our charity is based on a multi-faith, human rights-based ethos, and our core values reflect our very basic belief that all people should be treated with respect and dignity within a system that is fair and just.

We are seeking to improve, amongst other things, the skill set, competencies and the diversity of the board to ensure we more accurately reflect the make-up of the people that we serve.

Voices in Exile works with refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants with no recourse to public funds. We offer practical and legal support:

- specialist immigration casework for those who would otherwise be unable to access justice
- advocate for, accompany, and enable people to access services, offering support with destitution, housing, community care, welfare benefits, including a weekly food and toiletries bank
- develop potential and build community through a programme of learning and employability activities
- educate the public about the issues affecting our service users

Check out our [website](#), our [Theory of Change](#) and our recent [Impact Report](#).

If you would like further information and a role description, please email the Director, Alison Kelly
alison.kelly@voicesinexile.org.



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COMMUNITY VOICES GROUP – CVG

Meeting dates – come and be part of the change, speaking directly to representatives from the Council and NHS to get your voice heard



The poster features a central title 'Community Voices Group Upcoming Meetings' in a large, bold, dark grey font. Above the title are three logos: 'Bridging Change' (hands), 'sis' (Sussex Interpreting Services), and 'Brighton & Hove City Council'. The background is a light green with a textured, watercolor-like effect. Large, stylized hands in orange, blue, black, teal, and purple are positioned around the central text. Below the title is a bulleted list of upcoming meetings. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'How to join the meetings' with contact information for Bridging Change and Sussex Interpreting Service.

**Community Voices Group
Upcoming Meetings**

- **Wednesday 9th July 2025: Celebration and Feedback evening event 6pm-8pm, Community Base Conference Room, South Wing Entrance, 113 Queens Road, Brighton & Hove**
- **August 2025: Summer break - no meeting**
- **September 2025: Older People's Health and Wellbeing in person event - details nearer the time**
- **November 2025: Men's Health online meeting - details nearer the time**

How to join the meetings
Contact Bridging Change, email: hello@bridgingchange.co.uk

If you do not speak English and would like to be involved, contact Sussex Interpreting Service, email: laura@sussexinterpreting.org.uk or call 01273 234016 and leave a message in your language



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'BY US & FOR US' EVENTS: FAMILY



July 12th
10am-2pm

Special Guests!

**MOSAIC
FAMILY
TRUST**

Summer Party

Turner Park
99 Sussex Street
Brighton
BN2 9HS

The Bouncy Castle
Is Back!

FUN!

Join us for our Summer Party!

Indoor and Outdoor Games!
Balls, Toys, Parachute!
Book and Art Supplies Giveaway!
Sun Hat and Cap Making workshop!
Food and Snacks!
(Members are encouraged to bring food to share)
Food vouchers for those who need

This is a members only event!!
Scan the QR Code to join for free!



info@mosaicfamilytrust.org.uk
@mosaicfamilytrust
Facebook.com/mosaicfamilytrust



BARCO
for us, by us, with us

**THE BRIGHTON
BASH CARNIVAL**

BRIGHTON'S MOST FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT CELEBRATING BLACK CULTURE

CROWNS

ST. ANN'S WELL GARDENS

SATURDAY 26TH JULY

SAVE THE DATE

REGISTER FOR FREE TICKETS
WWW.BRIGHTON-BARCO.ORG



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'BY US & FOR US' EVENTS: CREATIVE

Art for *Belonging* By The Hera Project



Create, connect, and celebrate global cultures through free monthly art workshops for refugees, migrants, and global majority communities.

Led by experienced artist, Edina Husanovic, each session explores stories, music, movement, and nature — inviting you to express your heritage and creativity in a warm, welcoming and judgement-free space to express, heal, and belong.

We provide:

🎨 All materials 🍹 Refreshments and snacks ❤️ Creative joy and cultural connections.

📅 When: 1–3pm | 2nd Monday of every month.

Dates: 9 Jun • 14 Jul • 11 Aug • 8 Sep • 13 Oct • 10 Nov • 8 Dec 2025

12 Jan • 9 Feb • 9 Mar 2026

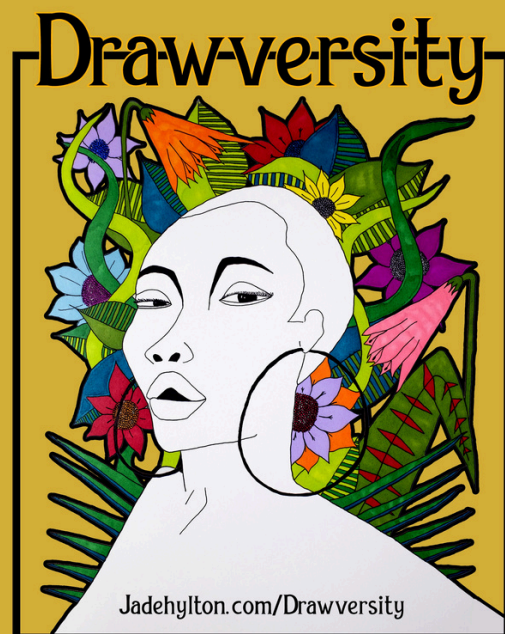
📍 Where: BMECP Centre, Framrose Room, 10A Fleet Street, Brighton, BN1 4ZE

✉️ To book or for more info email

contact@theheraproject.org.uk or call 01273 712175

Let's celebrate who we are — together, through art. 🎨

Drawversity is a life drawing class hosted by Jade Hylton that introduces more Black and People of colour to life modelling. The session is open to all artists to come and draw. Jade will be there for light guidance, with basic materials supplied and the best playlists!



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'BY US & FOR US' EVENTS: CREATIVE

Tatreez

Palestinian
& embroidery

Thursdays

26 JUN &

03, 10 July

10am-12noon

£5 per session

Cornerstone

Community

Centre - Hove

For every level join
and progress at your
own pace with
individualised projects.

Kindly contact 07392626999 or email
culturecollectivegroup@outlook.com for bookings.

RE-MEMBERING SOUTH ASIAN FEMINIST POETICS



Supported using public funding by

**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

Poetry and Art Workshop Series

June 28th and July 5th 2025

Cornerstone Community Centre

1pm-4pm

Print Making

Collage



Worthing - Hastings - Brighton - Eastbourne

MANGO RITUAL

WITH AKILA RICHARDS AND FRIENDS

A poetry performance with film, dance & music.

Be immersed into the requiem and rapture in what it means to be human.

Fri 11 July at Brighton Dome
Artist Talk, 4-5pm, £5
Performance, 8-9:30pm - £5 - £10

Sat 12 July at Towner Eastbourne
Artist Talk, 2-3pm, £5
Performance, 8-9:30pm - £5 - £8



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'BY US & FOR US' EVENTS: CREATIVE

WHITEHAWK MULTICULTURAL WOMEN'S GROUP

Thursdays 15th May, 22th May,
5th June, 19th June, 3rd July

Whitehawk Family Hub

Next to Wellsbourne GP

11am-1pm



Free
refreshments

Meet new people

Find out what's on in your local area

Celebrate different cultures

Try new activities

All ideas welcome!

SUPPORT

Supported by

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Developing
Communities

THE NETWORK OF
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN
FOR BRIGHTON & HOVE



Contact Sara for more info:
Trust For Developing Communities
Sarafernee@trustdevcom.org.uk
07307 683 581

Bevendean Women Together

A community social group for women from
Bevendean and their friends

Meet women from your local community!

Crafts



Sewing



Refreshments



Children
Welcome!



Connect, Create and Chat together

Come and join us!

Holy Nativity Hall, Norwich Drive,
Bevendean, Brighton, BN2 4LA

Every Tuesday in term time

10am to 12pm

FREE

Contact: bevendeanwomentogether@gmail.com



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'BY US & FOR US' EVENTS: NATURE & WELL-BEING

Sat July 26th 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

'No place like home'
MAISHA | STORIES /
STORYTELLING OUTREACH IN EAST SUSSEX

*** Free artist-led workshop series
in Hastings Library ***

@ Hastings Library, Brassey Institute, 13 Claremont, Hastings TN34 1HE

Community Fund | Arts Council England | Funded by UK Government | University of Brighton | Lewes

Sat July 19th 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

'No place like home'
MAISHA | STORIES /
STORYTELLING OUTREACH IN EAST SUSSEX

*** Free artist-led workshop series
in Seven Sisters Country Park ***

@ Seven Sisters Country Park, Pump Barn, E Dean Rd, Seaford, BN25 4AD

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'BY US & FOR US' EVENTS: NATURE & WELL-BEING

Yoga Sessions

for both men & women



Mobility.
Flexibility.
Strength.



SATURDAY

**ENTRY
FREE**

10-11am

BMECP Centre
10A Fleet Street
Brighton
BN1 4ZE

03003031171

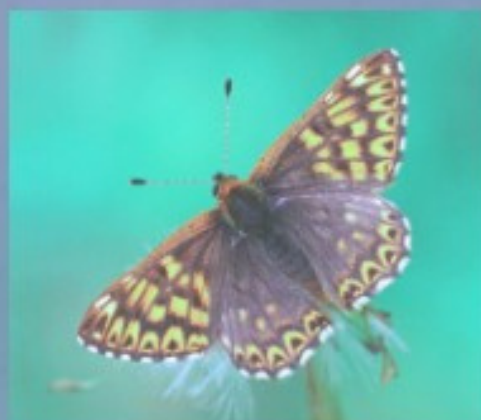
Apollo.schubert@gmail.com

SPECIES STORIES

creative commission

Writing Our Legacy &
the South Downs National Park Authority

6 commissioned writers
£3000+ per commission
Deadline: Friday 11 July @ 9am
writingourlegacy.org.uk



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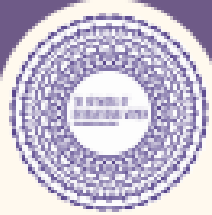
FOYLE FOUNDATION

SOUTH DOWNS
NATIONAL PARK



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'BY US & FOR US' EVENTS: NATURE & WELL-BEING



Changing Chalk
connecting nature, people and heritage

Ecotherapy at Stanmer Park

10.30 - 14.00

Upcoming Sessions:

15th May
14th June
10th July
14th August



In partnership with the Centre
for Ecotherapy, these sessions help you:
Boost your wellbeing
Connect with local nature
Enjoy food cooked over an open fire

Bus passes available.
If you want to attend, email:
outdooractivities@niwbh.org

Changing Chalk
connecting nature, people and heritage

العلاج البيئي في Stanmer Park

10.30 - 14.00

الدورات القادمة:

مايو 15
يونيو 14
يوليو 10
أغسطس 14



بالشراكة مع مركز العلاج البيئي، تساعدك هذه
الجلسات على:
تعزيز صحتك
التواصل مع الطبيعة المحلية
الاستمتاع بالطعام المطبوخ على نار مفتوحة
تذاكر الحافلات متوفرة
إذا كنت ترغب في الحضور، أرسل بريداً
إلكترونيًا:

outdooractivities@niwbh.org



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'BY US & FOR US' EVENTS: GROUPS

Join our weekly meetups

Every Wednesday, 10-12 at Jubilee Library



We welcome women from diverse cultural backgrounds

Come have a chat with hot drinks and friendly smiles.

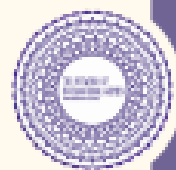
This is a safe space with creative activities and opportunities to access other support.



homity

The Network of International Women for Brighton and Hove
www.niwbh.org / info@niwbh.org

COST OF LIVING PROGRAMME



With Interpreters

Struggling with water, gas and electricity bills? Food prices and childcare costs?

Confused about benefits and council tax?

We can help! Book one of our sessions. This programme specifically supports women



2025 Dates:

16th September | 16th October
11th November | 9th December |



Time: 10:00-12.30

Where: Citizens Advice Bureau,
Tisbury Road BN3 3BQ



By appointment only:
col@niwbh.org or
077 83 792 650



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'BY US & FOR US': MUSIC

Mehfil-e-Rose Hill

mehfil: "a gathering where music and poetry
is performed for a small audience in an
intimate setting"

Delightful, immersive and connecting
south Asian classical music



Thursday ♦ 25th September 2025

Saturday ♦ 22nd November 2025

Thursday ♦ 15th January 2026

Saturday ♦ 21st March 2026

Saturday ♦ 23rd May 2026

Tickets at www.therosehill.co.uk

Instagram: @mehfilspace

The
Mehfil
Space

zero
classikal



Thursday 25 September 2025 - Khayal vocals/Violin
Saturday 22 November 2025 - Poetry and Music: Lorca and
Flamenco
Thursday 15 January 2026 - Sarod, Veena and Tabla



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**We aim to support *BRM/BME community
organisations to grow and thrive in the city**

We do this by:

- working with you to find out what your group needs
- delivering training events to meet those needs such as fundraising and governance
- networking such as Founder's Talks where we celebrate and hear from people who have already set up groups
- creating a newsletter with all your events and important information included

**Please contact the Bridging Change
Infrastructure Team:**

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Website:

bridgingchange.co.uk/infrastructure



SHARE YOUR BY AND FOR BRM EVENTS OR JOBS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WHICH GOES OUT CITYWIDE!

ANY IMAGES OR FLYERS MUST BE JPEG OR PNG

Please only send information if:

- **your event is run by, and is primarily for BRM/BME communities**
- **your event is after mid October as the newsletter goes out then**

Text or written information can be sent in an email or word document

**PLEASE SEND BY END SEPTEMBER TO:
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