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MUSLIM ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL



**CELEBRATING ARTS AND  
CONNECTING COMMUNITIES**

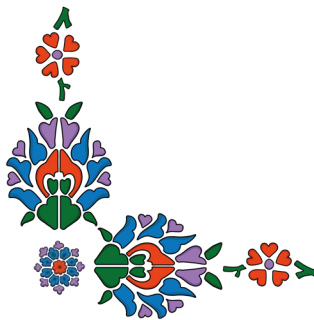
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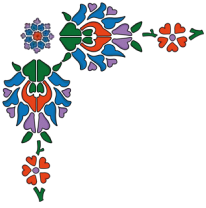


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# Hello and Salaam...

**Welcome to MACFEST 2022, a groundbreaking and award-winning Muslim Arts and Culture international Festival.**

Our mission: celebrating arts, diversity and connecting communities. We are proud to offer you again a rich feast of over 75 events from February to September 2022 across the North West, celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the Muslim diaspora communities.

We are delighted to offer you an international art feast, with events hosted from Azerbaijan, Algeria, Canada, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Pakistan and the USA. We are proud to present various themed festivals within MACFEST: Youth, Women, Ramadan, African, Arabic and South Asian Festivals. There are many highlights, including the amazing Indonesian Festival in March, and a fantastic week of African Heritage events in July.

You will find something for the whole family: literature, art, history, music, performance, photography, culture, comedy, art exhibitions, demonstrations, debates, women and youth panels, children's activities, and art workshops.

We are bringing you a great line-up of local, national and international speakers: performers, writers, academics, photographers, comedians, poets, film makers, actors, artists and singers: from Algeria - to the USA.

A new development: on 5th March we are launching Muslim Women's Arts Festival, part of Muslim Women's Arts Foundation, a sister company of MACFEST UK. This initiative has been established to celebrate Muslim women artists locally and internationally. With over

25 events hosted in the North West, and globally: from Australia to Sudan - over 75 creative women, such as poets, performers, writers, photographers, artists, carpet weavers, calligraphers, sculptors and a ceramicist.

We are offering a hybrid programme with digital, and some live events with our wonderful partners across the North-West. We are delighted to partner with Manchester Science Festival, Bury BAME Project, Bolton Sunnyside Club, Colourful Heritage Project in Glasgow, The Literary Circle of Kirklees Group, Thalassaemia South Yorkshire, and Trafford/Stockport College Partnership Group, hosting events and mini-festivals.

We are equally delighted to host a Youth Festival in February with schools and colleges celebrating MACFEST Days! This includes: arts and cultural activities, poetry and climate change panels. A very warm welcome to our new and existing colleges and schools partners and the British and international students taking part in MACFEST, including from Birmingham and Malaysia.

Nearly all of our events are free. Donations are welcomed.

Thank you for joining us! Enjoy!



**Qaisra Shahraz MBE**

Founder, Executive Director  
and Producer of MACFEST



# FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



**RAMADAN  
FESTIVAL**



**ART AND  
DESIGN**



**ARAB  
FESTIVAL**



**AFRICAN HERITAGE  
FESTIVAL**



**ISLAMIC  
GARDENS**



**BOOKS AND  
MANUSCRIPTS**



**MUSLIM WOMEN'S  
ARTS FESTIVAL**



**INDONESIAN  
FESTIVAL**



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# WEEKEND FESTIVAL

## Festival Opening Ceremony

Date: Saturday 5th February

Time: 12.00 - 13.00

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join us for the opening ceremony of Manchester's fourth MACFEST - Muslim Arts and Culture Festival, to kick start the festival with over 70 events.

There is something for everyone: welcome speeches, art exhibitions, presentations, an Indonesian dance and puppet show, music from the Muslim Choral Ensemble and celebrating Islamic gardens.

Tilawat - recitation from the Holy Quran: Akif Faisal

Welcome by: Diane Hawkins, High Sheriff of Greater Manchester

Hosted by: Abdullah Afzal, comedian and actor





# The Contribution of Scotland's Muslims by Colourful Heritage

Date: Saturday 5th February

Time: 15.30 - 17.00

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

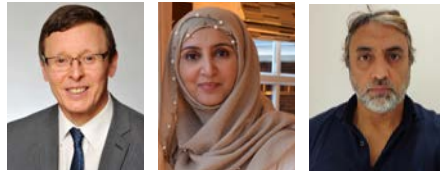
Throughout the 20th century an increasing number of South Asian Muslims arrived and made Scotland their new home. This relatively small Muslim population in Scotland has had great success and produced several pioneering politicians and enterprising entrepreneurs.

Also, did you know that over one million Muslims fought for Britain during the two World Wars? Hear the story about the Punjabi Muslim regiment: 'Force K6' that escaped from Dunkirk during World War 2 and made their way to the Highlands of Scotland!

Introduced by: Shahid Hanif, Chief Operating Officer, Colourful Heritage.

Presented by: Dr. Saqib Razzaq, Project Officer, Colourful Heritage.

Chief Guest: Duncan Dornan, Head of Glasgow Museums.



# The British Museum, London, Islamic Gallery: Showcasing Muslim Civilisation

Date: Sunday 6th February

Time: 12.00 - 13.00

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite

Welcome to The Albukhary Foundation Gallery of the Islamic world situated at the heart of the British Museum. The displays show the cultural diversity of this vast region. Objects and stories: from West Africa to Southeast Asia, from the 7th century to the present day.

The objects displayed include well-known masterpieces of Islamic art and the objects of the everyday, ranging from archaeology, coins, shadow puppets, traditional textiles and dress, to the arts of the book and contemporary art. This talk will discuss the gallery, highlighting some of the objects and narratives.

Hosted by: Venetia Porter, Senior Curator at the British Museum, London.



## Islamophobia and Muslims in the media

Date: Sunday 6th February

Time: 15.00 - 16.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite

Join us for a lively discussion on the topic of Islamophobia, with a panel of an amazing group of Muslims. What is it like for British Muslims in the UK and around the world, faced with anti-Muslim hatred and the rise in hate crimes? What are the solutions?

With:

- Professor Akbar S Ahmed, Author, Scholar, Film-maker and Poet.
- Baroness Sayeeda Warsi, Lawyer, Politician and a member of the House of Lords.
- Ismael Lea South, Director of The Salam Project, Cultural Youth and community consultant

Hosted by: Dr Myriam Francois, Writer, Broadcaster and Academic

Chief Guest: Lynn Cooper, High Sheriff of Greater London





# GREATER MANCHESTER FESTIVAL

## Islamic Artefacts in Museums

Date: Saturday 12th February

Time: 12.00 - 13.00

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Manchester Museum Curators and South Asia Gallery Collective members share a selection of objects from the museum's Islamic collection.

We hope you are able to join us for this informative and interactive session focussing on some of the key objects from the collection.

Get to know more about Manchester Museum's South Asia Gallery, a keystone of the museum's capital project 'Hello Future' set to open in October 2022. The South Asia Gallery will be UK's first permanent gallery to explore stories, histories, experiences and contributions of UK South Asian diaspora communities.

Hosted by: Nusrat Ahmed, South Asia Gallery Lead, Manchester Museum and colleagues



## The Blind Chef: A feast for the senses

Date: Tuesday 15th February

Time: 18.00 - 19.30

Venue: Digital

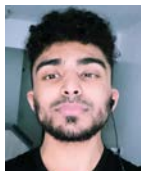
Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join Ibraheem in conversation as he shares his journey from going totally blind to becoming an independent chef.

He will be sharing three of his signature South Asian dishes by exploring his creative side to excite your senses!

Hosted by: Ibraheem Iqbal.

Introduced by: Tehmina Ahmed





## The Last of the Lascars: Yemeni Communities in Britain

Date: Thursday 24th February

Time: 18.00 - 19.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

This presentation charts the fascinating and little known history of Britain's oldest Muslim community.

Originally arriving as imperial oriental sailors and later postcolonial labour migrants, Yemeni Muslims have lived in British ports and industrial cities from the mid-nineteenth century, marrying local British wives, establishing a network of 'Arab-only' boarding houses and cafes. They also established Britain's first mosques and religious community in the early twentieth century, encountering racism, discrimination and even deportation in the process.

This original research publication brings together the unique narratives and events of the chronology of a British Muslim community that stretches across 170 years of UK history from empire to modern multicultural Britain.

Presented by: Dr Muhammad Seddon, Lecturer at University of Chester

Hosted by: Karen Shannon, Chief Executive of Manchester Histories





## The Book in Muslim Society

Date: Saturday 2nd April

Time: 14.00 - 15.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join us into the world of Islamic manuscripts, and miniature paintings with Jake Benson, cataloguer of Persian manuscripts at the John Rylands Research Institute and Library.

Learn how Muslims manufactured, utilized, and appreciated books. Jake will present some of the dazzling masterpieces together with comparatively humble productions that ordinary people could afford.

He will show how by the early modern period, thrifty booksellers, stationers, and bookbinders manufactured books to meet any person's taste and budget.

Presented by: Jake Benson, Research associate, The University of Manchester.

Hosted by: Andrew Nowell, journalist at Manchester World.



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# House of Wisdom Exhibition

Date: Sunday 26th June

Time: 14.00 - 15.00

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

The House of Wisdom exhibition, developed by the British Muslim Heritage Centre in Manchester, highlights and showcases the amazing contributions of Muslims to civilization.

Find out about some of the remarkable achievements made by Muslim scholars, inventors and scientists that still benefit billions around the world in so many amazing areas such as: education, astronomy, medicine, architecture, mathematics, engineering, science, technology - and much more.

Hosted by: Shafiq Saddiq, Head of Education, The British Muslim Heritage Centre

Chief Guest: Esme Ward, Director of Manchester Museum, University of Manchester.



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# YOUTH FESTIVAL

## Young, British and Muslim

Date: Wednesday 9th February

Time: 18.00 - 19.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, Register on Eventbrite

Young people speak out!

Join us for an exciting discussion between students from across the UK, talking about climate change, the impact on their future lives and discussing possible solutions.

- Manchester Islamic Grammar School for Girls
- Fuaad Jafree, Manchester Grammar School
- Tasniem Tajeldin Sidiq, King Edward VI, Camp Hill School for Girls, Birmingham
- Ayla Baig, Cedar Mount Academy, Manchester

They will be introduced by their teachers or Headteachers.

This event is sponsored by QED Foundation, Bradford.

Hosted by: Miss Donna Johnson and Mr Neil A. Johnson, Co-Headteachers of Levenshulme High School, Manchester.

Chief Guest: Patsy Kane OBE MA, former Executive Headteacher and education consultant working with leadership teams.



## Levenshulme High School: Celebrating Poetry

Date: Friday 11th February

Time: 11.00 - 13.30

Venue: Levenshulme High School, Crossley Rd, Manchester, M19 1FS

Tickets: Invitation only

"Poetry can make you laugh, cry, prickle, be silent, makes your toenails twinkle, makes you want to do this or that or nothing, makes you know that you are alone in the unknown world, that your bliss and suffering is forever shared and forever all your own" - Dylan Thomas.

You are invited to a very special event at Levenshulme High School which celebrates poetry in the Islamic world. This will include presentations about Muslim poets led by students, poetry recitals in both English, Arabic and Urdu as well as the opportunity to hear some original poetry being performed by our very own, incredibly talented young people.

You are guaranteed to leave inspired after this celebration of the written and spoken word.

Hosted by: Mr Mashood Hashmi, Miss D Johnson and Mr N A Johnson, Academy Co-Headteachers



## Children's Books: Everyday Heroes

Date: Sunday 13th February

Time: 15.00 - 16.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, Register on Eventbrite

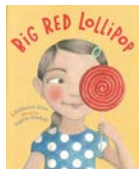
In this presentation Rukhsana Khan, a Canadian award-winning children's books author, shares two of her most famous stories: KING FOR A DAY and BIG RED LOLLIPOP.

Readers get an in depth look at how the art and text conspire to create an unforgettable experience for child readers!

This presentation is suitable for children who are 5 – 10 years old.

Hosted by: Rukhsana Khan, Children's author, performer and story teller

Introduced by: Dr Becky Alexis-Martin, Academic, artist and photographer.





## Newman RC College: Celebrating Diversity and Culture

Date: Monday 14th -  
Wednesday 16th February

Time: All Day

Venue: Newman RC College,  
Broadway, Chadderton, OL9  
9QY

Tickets: Invitation Only

To celebrate our diverse community of Muslims here at Newman RC College, each year group will be celebrating and learning about a Muslim country.

Year 7 will be celebrating the arts and culture of Afghanistan, Year 8 celebrating Bangladesh, Year 9 celebrating Italy and Year 10 celebrating Pakistan.

Each year group will focus on the celebration of faith through exploring religious art, religious dress and religious artefacts from these countries.

Hosts: Mr Glyn Potts, Headteacher, Mrs Jane Santoro, Assistant Headteacher and Anam Majid

Special Guest: Mr Bernard O'Toole, Chair of Governors



## Celebrating Cultural Diversity Day: Manchester Islamic Grammar School For Girls

Date: Wednesday 16th February

Time: All Day

Venue: 55 High Lane, Chorlton-  
cum-Hardy, Manchester M21  
9FA

Tickets: Invitation Only

We shall be celebrating our cultural diversity day by going on a world tour travelling through the different cultures and countries, represented by our staff and students.

We will be showcasing and celebrating food, the 25 languages spoken by our students, music, Islam, culture and fashion!

Hosted by: Mona Youssef Mohamed, Head Teacher,  
Manchester Islamic Grammar School for Girls





## Celebrating Muslim Art and Culture at Hopwood Hall College

Date: Friday 18th February

Time: 13.00 - 15.00

Venue: Hopwood Hall College,  
St. Mary's Gate, Rochdale, OL12  
6RY

Tickets: Invitation Only



We are delighted to host Hopwood Hall College again!

They will offer us an amazing art and cultural feast. It will be a celebration of the talents, cultures and experiences of our Muslim staff and students.

Hosted by: ESOL team

Chief Guest: Julia Heap, Principal and CEO



## Celebrating Muslim Art and Culture at AGGS

Date: Monday 21st - Friday 25th  
February

Time: All Day

Venue: Newman RC College,  
Broadway, Chadderton, OL9  
9QY

Tickets: Invitation Only

We are delighted to host Altrincham Grammar School for Girls as they celebrate Muslim Heritage!

There will be influences from Muslim art and culture in lessons across the school, lunchtime activities and special guest workshops. A real celebration of our school's diverse cultural heritage!

Hosted by: Ms Stephanie Gill, Principal



Altrincham Grammar  
School for Girls  
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## International Youth Speak Out on Climate Change!

Date: Sunday 20th February

Time: 14.00 - 15.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, Register on Eventbrite

We are delighted to host a special panel with young people from five countries!

School students will share their thoughts about climate change relating to their countries.

They will also discuss possible solutions needed to address the climate and environment problems.

- Intan Ayu Irina, Sekolah Tun Fatimah, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Aliya Mehmedovski, Neues Gymnasium Leibniz, Stuttgart, Germany
- Monis Nabi, Madhavrao Scindia Public School, Bareilly, India
- Mohammad Sohaile Yusoph from Mindanao State University - Saguiaran High School, Philippines
- Abdulrahman Alhalabi, Canon Slade Sixth Form College, Bolton, UK

They will be introduced by their teachers or Headteachers.

Moderated by: Professor Sorhaila Latip-Yusoph, multi-media practitioner and educator, Mindanao State University, Marawi, Philippines.

Chief Guest: Edith Conn OBE JP DL, President Red Cross, Chair CrimestoppersGM





## Celebrating Cultures at Withington Girls' School

Date: Tuesday 22nd February

Time: All day

Venue: Wellington Rd,  
Fallowfield, Manchester M14  
6BL

Tickets: Invitation Only

We are looking forward to hosting our special Culture Day, celebrating the different cultures and traditions of the diversity of our pupils.

Activities will include a 'round the world' tasting menu, an assembly performance of dance, music and drama, 'express through dress' and specially themed lessons.

As part of the lead up to the day, pupils will create a 'shared cultures' art piece that will reflect and honour the rich diversity of our school community.

Hosted by: Jen Baylis, Deputy Head and our pupil-led Religious Societies and EDI team.

Special Guests: WGS Governors



## Islamic Calligraphy Workshop for Children

Date: Tuesday 22nd February

Time: 18.00 - 19.00

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite

Join us for our very popular children's workshop introducing the basics of Islamic art, led by the internationally renowned calligrapher Samir Malik.

Your children will learn the basics of Islamic calligraphy and start the journey of writing beautifully, exploring their creativity and getting to know a side of Islam that will allow them to beautify your homes, the world and transcend boundaries and faiths.





## Celebrating Poetry and International Mother Language Day

Date: Thursday 24th February

Time: 18.00 - 19.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, Register on Eventbrite

Join us for an exciting event with young people from the UK, on a literary and poetic journey. We will also celebrate International Mother Language Day!

Young poets will recite or perform their poetry in English or their mother tongue.

Three young poets from a school in Salford, two poets from Loretto College and Withington High School.

- Sabkhat Un-Nisa
- Alyamama Issa
- Syeda Zainab Mazhari - talking about Indian Urdu literature

They will be introduced by their teachers or headteachers.

Hosted by: Sidra Choudhury, English teacher, Withington High School.

Chief Guest: Yaron Matras, linguist



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## Youth: Celebrating Cultural Heritage

Date: Sunday 27th February

Time: 14.00 - 15.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, Register on Eventbrite

Join us for a cultural feast from around the world!

From Manchester to India: school students will celebrate their cultural heritage of their country of origin.

We have a feast of topics for you including: Pakistani architecture, Lebanese culture, Iranian and Mexican heritage, Indian culture and Egypt the cradle of love and peace.

They will be introduced by their teachers or Headteachers.

- Aline Wassim Daya Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- Salena Rashid, Our Lady of Fatima Senior Secondary School, Aligarh, India. Salena will talk about Indian culture, cuisine, monuments and climate.
- Mahnoor Akhtar, Saleh Omar, Fatima Iqbal, Zahra Karim, Withington High School, Manchester
- Meral Mohamed, Whalley Range High school for Girls
- Maryam Mohseni, National Cathedral School (10th grade), Washington DC, USA.

This event is sponsored by READ Foundation.

Hosted by: Melody Fox Ahmed, Director of Global Programs, National Cathedral School, Washington DC, USA.

Chief Guest: Councillor Rabnawaz Akbar, Director of MACFESTUK





## Celebrating Muslim Heritage: Stockport and Trafford Colleges

Date: Thursday 24th March

Time: 11.00 - 16.00

Venue: Live from all Colleges

Tickets: Free, Register on Eventbrite

The Trafford College Group (Trafford College, Stockport College, Marple Sixth Form College and The Cheadle College) is proud to announce that they will be hosting MACFEST in March 2022!

Join us for a range of art and cultural activities with staff and students to celebrate diversity and Muslim heritage. They are delighted at the opportunity to celebrate the Muslim Arts and Culture Festival: with their community partners, Trafford and Stockport Colleges and Stockport Grammar School.

Welcome message from Chief host, James Scott, Principal and CEO, Trafford College Group:

"I would like to welcome you. We are delighted to host this incredible event celebrating Muslim Arts and culture and the rich diversity of our college and community. Our partnership with the Muslim Arts and Culture Festival is of great value to The Trafford College Group, and we look forward to many more collaborations to confirm our connection."

There will be food, art and literature and henna demo!



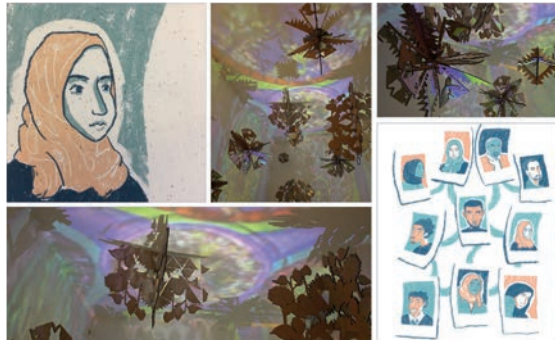
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## Celebrating Diversity at Manchester Academy

Date: Friday 25th March

Time: All Day

Venue: Moss Lane East, Moss Side, M14 4PX

Tickets: Invitation Only

Manchester Academy celebrates a week of cultural activities throughout many subjects.

There will be cultural hubs celebrating the diversity of the Muslim world.

Manchester Academy is a very multicultural school so will spend a week celebrating different cultures, diversity and Languages and then showcasing them at the end of the week to help others learn about all the different backgrounds of students within their school.

A lot of cultural learning will take place amongst students and staff.

Hosted by: Saima Baksh and Tahani Anani, teachers



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Celebrating & Elevating Muslim Women

Over 25 Events

5th - 20th March 2022

Launch Event: Saturday 5th March  
at the Whitworth Art Gallery



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# Welcome to the Muslim Women's Arts Festival!

**We welcome you to the first-ever Muslim Women's Arts Festival! Hosted by Muslim Women's Arts Foundation and Supported by MACFEST.**

On 5th March, the Women's Arts Festival will be celebrating the launch of the festival at the Whitworth Art Gallery.

We are delighted to offer you a feast celebrating Muslim Women in the creative industries from the North-West and across the world!

We have a marvellous selection of events in store for the whole family. Including art exhibitions, calligraphy workshops,

performances, poetry recitals, and many more activities, encouraging yourselves, your children and the whole family to explore their creative spirits whilst guided by the expertise of Muslim female artists!

This festival marks the launch of the global Muslim Women's Arts Foundation, set up by the founder of MACFEST, Qaisra Shahraz MBE.

We have a marvellous selection of fun-packed events in store.

Thank you for joining us!







## Opening Ceremony

Date: Saturday 5th March

Time: 11.30 - 12.30

Venue: Grand Hall, Whitworth Art Gallery, Oxford Road, Manchester, M15 6ER

Tickets: £10 (includes lunch), register on Eventbrite

Join us for the official launch of the Muslim Women's Arts Foundation and the first ever Muslim Women's Arts Festival; celebrating and elevating Muslim female artists across the globe!

There is something for everyone: Welcome speeches, performance, cake cutting, celebration of multi-art forms and singing by Hawo Ahmed Hilowle, famous Somali singer, videos of artwork and more!

Tilavat - a recitation from the Holy Quran by: Mahmuda Afolabi

Welcome by: Qaisra Shahraz MBE and Ed Watts, Head of Learning and Engagement, the Whitworth Art Gallery

Launched by: Sir Warren Smith KCVO KStJ JP, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester

Hosted by: Abdullah Afzal, actor and comedian



## Cultural Hubs

Date: Saturday 5th March

Time: 10.30 - 11.30

Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery,  
Oxford Road, Manchester, M15  
6ER

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite



Join us for an art, culture, and heritage feast! Explore our cultural hub presentations from around the world, curated by our local Muslim women.

- Afghanistan – Liza Rasool
- Bangladesh – Saki Chowdhury MBE
- Libya – Nafeesa Madani
- Morocco – Hanane El Hadioue
- Pakistan – Anila Saied
- Sudan – Hind Gaily
- Turkey – Fatma Soykan



## Silk Painting Workshop

Date: Saturday 5th March

Time: 13.00 - 14.00

Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery,  
Oxford Road, Manchester, M15  
6ER

Tickets: £5, register on  
Eventbrite

Join us for an exciting silk painting with Aysha Yilmaz!

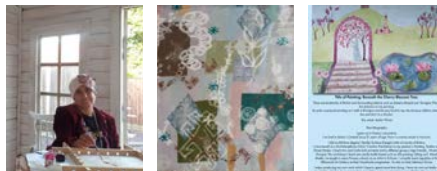
In this workshop, motifs and designs from The Silk Road: such as Iran, Uzbekistan and Turkey will be used to produce a silk painting. A briefing will be given by Aysha on how silk is produced and its origins. Also, she will touch upon the origins of the motifs used.

Aysha will demonstrate how to apply the design on to the silk fabric from a drawing, followed by techniques of filling in with silk paints.

Materials needed for this workshop are:

- Silk fabric piece: at least A4 size, or a plain white silk scarf (these can be bought online).
- 3-6 silk paint colours, Marabu (online shop) has a good range of colours.
- Silk painting gutta/liner tube in gold colour
- Paper, pencil and a rubber.

Limit of 25 people for this workshop.



## Documentary Film: My Name Is...

Date: Saturday 5th March

Time: 14.00 - 14.30

Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery,  
Oxford Road, Manchester, M15  
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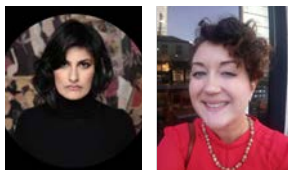
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*My Name Is:* is an international multi-award winning mini documentary series into experiences of individuals with non-western first names, its' link to their identity, and how it correlates to pressures of conforming to westernized English norms.

Introduced by: Dr Becky Alexis-Martin, Academic and photographer

Presented by: Dr Javeria Shah, Scholar and investigator of the 'My Name Is' project



## Multilingual Poetry and Nasheed

Date: Saturday 5th March

Time: 14.30 - 15.30

Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery,  
Oxford Road, Manchester, M15  
6ER

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite

Join us for an entertaining multilingual poetry and Mushaira feast, as we celebrate the written and spoken word with Muslim women poets from around the UK.

We present to you an enchanting poetry recital in different languages with:

- Werda Omar, Somali
- Tamanna Abdul-Karim, Bengali
- Dr Shahreh Sharif, Iranian
- Rubina Khan, Urdu
- Hanane El Hadioue, Arabic

The poetry recital will be followed by Nasheed by Dudia Zilic, Alaa Zalat, Hanane El Hadioue and Nafeesa Madani.

Hosted by: Becky Swain, Director of Manchester Poetry Library, Manchester Metropolitan University



## Musical Performance

Date: Saturday 5th March

Time: 15.30 - 16.30

Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery,

Tickets: £8, register on  
Eventbrite

Join us for our musical and performance finale! With two amazing performances by the Anamika group and the Turkish Folk Dance group!



## ALL DAY ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

### Henna Painting for Adults

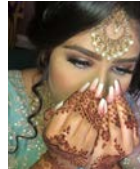
Date: Saturday 5th March

Time: All Day (from 10.30)

Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery,

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite

Join us for a fun and creative activity for adults, henna painting with Atika Shakir!



### Hijab Styling

Date: Saturday 5th March

Time: All Day (from 10.30)

Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery,

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Join us for an exciting hijab styling session with Uzma Farooq!



### Hair and Makeup

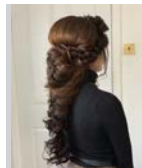
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Join us for an exciting session about the art of hair styling and makeup and beauty with Amber Mirza!



## Card Making Workshop with Farhat Javid

Date: Saturday 5th March

Time: All Day (from 10.30)

Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery,

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join us with Farhat Kalsoom Javid for a fascinating and intricate card making session!



## Face Painting

Date: Saturday 5th March

Time: All Day (from 10.30)

Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery,

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Bring along your children to this fun packed face painting session with Nataliya Stefurak



## Ebru Marble Painting

Date: Saturday 5th March

Time: All Day (from 10.30)

Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery,

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join us for an exciting activity for children to get creative with marble painting with Rabia Avcı!



## Calligraphy Workshop

Date: Saturday 5th March

Time: All Day (from 10.30)

Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery,

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join us for an exciting calligraphy demonstration for children with Farzana Patel from Blackburn.



# ALL DAY EXHIBITIONS

## Art Exhibiton by Hanna Ihsan

Date: Saturday 5th March

Time: All Day (from 10.30)

Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery,

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite

We are delighted to showcase an art exhibition by Hanna Ihsan from Birmingham.



## Art Exhibiton by Ayesha Yilmaz

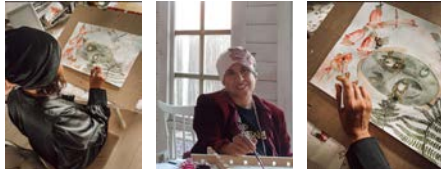
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We are delighted to showcase an art exhibition by Ayesha Yilmaz from Bolton.



## Art Exhibiton by Asma Jadakara Desai

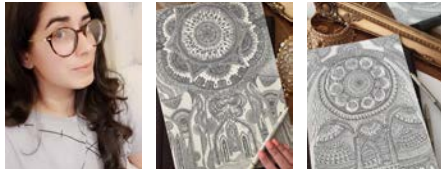
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We are delighted to showcase an art exhibition by Asma Jadakara Desai from Bolton.



## Art Exhibition by Atefeh Seifi

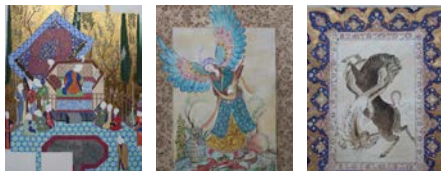
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Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery,

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite

We are delighted to showcase an art exhibition by Atefeh Seifi from Bury.



## Art Exhibiton by Natalia Stefurak

Date: Saturday 5th March

Time: All Day (from 10.30)

Venue: Whitworth Art Gallery,

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

We are delighted to showcase an art exhibition by Nataliya Stefurak, a Ukrainian-born artist and Muslim convert from Trafford.



## Art Exhibiton by Ashfia Ashrif

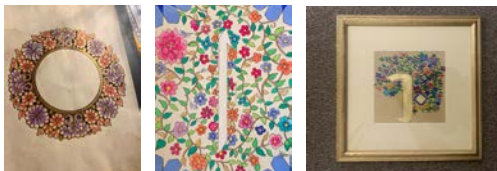
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Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

We are delighted to showcase an art exhibition by Ashfia Ashrif from Altrincham .



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# EVENTS FROM 6TH - 20TH MARCH

## Celebrating Women's Empowerment and Creativity

Date: Sunday 6th March

Time: 14.00 - 15.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

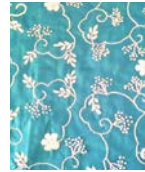


Join us for an amazing event as we celebrate Pakistani rural women artists and creatives: who have developed and maintained their handicrafts skills in Mazri goods, embroidery and more!

This event is hosted by Kwendo Kor, a women-led indigenous organisation working to improve female education, health and civil rights in the impoverished and deeply conservative North-West region of Pakistan.

The organisation also helps to market their products.

Hosted by: Dr Marilyn Crawshaw, Chair of UK Friends of Khwendo Kor (FROK).



## Muslim Designers in the Fashion Industry - Hello from Russia!

Date: Monday 7th March

Time: 18.00 - 19.30

Venue: Digital

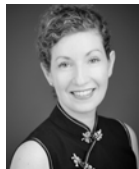
Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join us for our first panel exploring modest fashion across the globe with a designer from Russia and a fashion critic from London!

We are delighted to host Dilyara Sadrieva (Russian), founder, fashion designer, CEO of Bella Kareema and an advocate and enthusiast for modest fashion and Shannie, London-based Model agent, Modest Fashion critic and a photographer

Join us in learning about their marvellous work and their journeys into the world of fashion.

Hosted by: Natascha Radclyffe-Thomas, Professor of Marketing and Sustainable Business, British School of Fashion, London





## Muslim Women Writers Speak Out

Date: Tuesday 8th March

Time: 18.00 - 19.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite



Muslim women writers around the world celebrate International Women's Day!

Join us for a lively discussion with a panel of four incredible women:

- Wardah Abbas (Nigeria)
- Fawzia Koofi (Afghanistan)
- Kübra Gümüşay (Germany)
- Myriam Francois (UK)

Moderated by: Dr Claire Chambers, University of York

Chief guest: Vice Lord-Lieutenant, Sharman Birtles



## Poetry Bonanza with North-West Poets!

Date: Wednesday 9th March

Time: 18.30 - 19.30

Venue: Central Library, Manchester

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join us for an enchanting evening with some wonderful British poets: Boshra G, Saira Anwar and Razia Mohammed, who will entertain with a celebration of their spoken words, poetry and talking about their writing.

Presented in partnership with Creative Manchester and the Centre for New Writing, University of Manchester.

Welcome by: Neil MacInnes OBE, Head of Libraries, Galleries and Culture, Manchester City Council and Danny Middleton, Service Development Officer, Reader Development and Events

Hosted by: John McAuliffe, Professor of Poetry, Centre for New Writing and Director, Creative Manchester at The University of Manchester



## Food, Women Empowerment and Malaysian Cuisine

Date: Thursday 10th March

Time: 18.00 - 19.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join us for an exciting evening with two amazing women, Haleh Moravej and Syirin Said.

Part One: Haleh examines how women's empowerment, gender equality, and food security are associated and inextricably linked. The role of women is pivotal in agricultural production and food security. Women, especially in developing countries, are essential to tackling hunger, malnutrition, and poverty. Worldwide they are the primary farmers and producers of food.

Part Two: Syirin will be taking you on a journey behind the influences on her cooking, how her Malay heritage, both Malaysian & Indonesian played a huge part in shaping her into the woman she is today.

Hosted by: Haleh Moravej, Lecturer, nutritionist, founder of @MetMUnch, Manchester Metropolitan University and Syirin Said, voice artist, model and TV host.



## Books, Books, Books! The Art of Bookmaking

Date: Saturday 12th March

Time: 12.30 - 14.00

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

From creative ideas to the physical copy you hold in your hand, what is the process of bookmaking?

Join us for an exciting panel exploring the art of bookmaking with writer Qaisra Shahraz MBE, writer and translator Safiya Florence Ascoli-Ball and Sari Meutia, a publisher from Indonesia: who will discuss their love of books and the magic of the written word.

This event is sponsored by Department of English, Manchester Metropolitan University

Moderated by: Mary Bracht, an American/Korean, author of *White Chrysanthemum*.

Chief Guest: Dr Jess Edwards, Head of Department of English, Manchester Metropolitan University



# Hello from Azerbaijan! Celebrating 6th to 20th Century Women

Date: Saturday 12th March

Time: 15.00 - 16.30

Venue: Digital

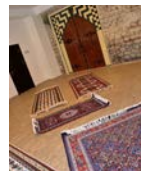
Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

We are excited to host Azerbaijan again! We will delight you with an amazing historical and artistic feast:

- Online exhibition of Azerbaijani women in the 6th and 20th centuries.
- The role of Azerbaijani women in carpet weaving
- Mugham performance.
- National dance.
- Azerbaijani women in sport.

Moderated by: Leyla Gasimova, Peace Activist, Localisation advocate of the Khan Academy of Azerbaijan.

Chief Guest: Elin Suleymanov  
Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.



## Stand-up Comedy Performance with Fatiha El-Ghorri

Date: Sunday 13th March

Time: 16.00 - 16.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join us for an incredible laugh-along evening with comedian Fatiha El-Ghorri!

Fatiha smashes the Muslim stereotypes: and challenges people to think about what they know about Islam, Muslims and especially Muslim women.

She has made many TV appearances such as Comedy Central and Comedians v Food!

Hosted by: Nailah Edwards, Digital Producer/Editor, TV presenter, Islam Channel.





## Hello from Australia! Ceramics and Sculptures

Date: Sunday 13th March

Time: 13.00 - 14.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join us as we travel down to Australia to meet with two renowned female artists.

Shireen Taweel (Lebanese/Australian) is a multi-media installation artist and Idil Abdullahi (Somali/Australian) is a ceramic and henna artist.

Together they will take you on a journey through their works.

Moderated by: Dr Liz Stirling, Senior lecturer at Leeds College of Art, Leeds Beckett University and Art Doctor.



## Women and Performance: Meet an Actress, Comedian and the first Arab Hijabi Ballerina!

Date: Monday 14th March

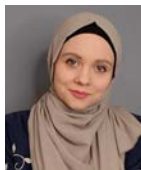
Time: 18.00 - 19.00

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join us for an exciting panel celebrating three famous female performers from Egypt and UK: Engy El Shazly, the first ever Arab hijabi ballerina from Egypt, Nailah Edward, Muslim convert, TV presenter, producer and actor and Nabz Pat, a writer and stand-up comedian, named one of top 8 Creative Muslim Women on YouTube in 2018.

Follow their journeys in the performance industry, and hear about the highs and the lows of being a performer!





## Batik Painting Workshop

Date: Wednesday 16th March

Time: 14.00 - 15.30

Venue: Live

Tickets: £5, register on Eventbrite

Learn about the centuries-old art of batik painting and the techniques which are widely used in Indonesian fashion and textiles.

This workshop will be hosted by: Rina Koesnanto

Introduced by: Sally Jastrzebski-Lloyd, House Manager of Elizabeth Gaskell's House



## Creative Female Artists

Date: Thursday 17th March

Time: 18.00 - 19.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Let us take you on a creative journey as we celebrate and showcase the enthralling artwork of two successful women artists.

Haneefah Adam, is a Nigerian self-taught contemporary artist and Faiqa Uppal is a Pakistani watercolour artist.

Moderated by: Lord Richard Fou'ad MacLeod, artist and calligrapher.





## Muslim Women Photographers

Date: Friday 18th March

Time: 18.00 - 19.30

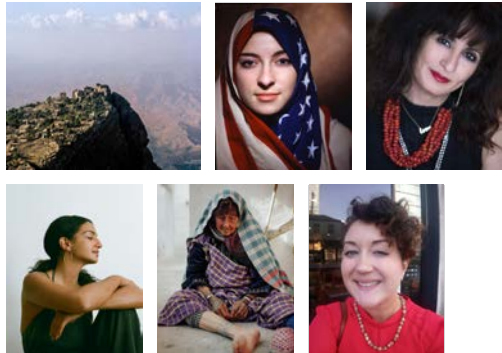
Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Welcome to the world of photography!

Join us as we explore the world through the camera lens, captured by two famous Yemeni Muslim photographers: Yumna Al Arashi and Boushra Almutawakel.

Hosted by: Dr Becky Alexis Martin, Lecturer in Human Geography at Manchester Metropolitan University and an award-winning photographer.



## An Illuminated Path: a workshop with Ashfia Ashrif

Date: Saturday 19th March

Time: 11.30 - 12.30

Venue: Longsight Library,  
519 Stockport Rd, Longsight,  
Manchester M12 4NE

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join us for an exciting Illumination painting workshop Ashfia Ashrif an artist and a student of Tehzip/illumination.

As well as a demonstration, she will also speak about her journey as an artist and showcase examples of her work.

Introduced by: Fiona Fulton, Neighbourhood Engagement Officer.



# Block Printing Workshop

Date: Saturday 19th March

Time: 13.00 - 14.00

Venue: Science and Industry Museum, Liverpool Road, Manchester M3 4FP

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite



National Lottery Award Winner: Taslima Ahmed runs CDM UK (Creative Design and Manufacture) for non-profit, will be running a print workshop at the Science and Industry Museum, Manchester.

This workshop for 15 people, will provide the opportunity to learn about and try the traditional block printing method. Taslima and staff from the Science and Industry Museum will share how this traditional technique originated and how it is linked to the textile factories of Greater Manchester.

Hosted by: Claire Critchley, Science and Industry Museum, Manchester



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**INDUSTRY**  
**MUSEUM**

# Musical Bonanza at the Lowry

Date: Sunday 20th March

Time: 14.00 - 15.30

Venue: The Lowry, the Quays, Salford, M50 3AZ

Tickets: £8, register on Eventbrite

Join us for a marvelous musical finale, for the first ever Muslim Women's Arts Festival!

We present to you a spectacular musical performance at the Lowry theatre in Salford Quays!

Our talented performers from the North West are:

- Gulcin Bulut
- Erdogan Bayir
- Katayoun Fahimi
- Sarah Yaseen

Introduced by: Matt Eames, Senior Programmer/Producer at The Lowry.





# WELCOME TO INDONESIAN FESTIVAL!

Date: Sunday 27th March

Time: 13.00 - 15.00

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite

Join us for an amazing art and cultural feast from Indonesia, for all of your senses!

Learn about the beautiful Indonesian cultural traditions, the Islamic influence and celebration of Ramadan. In this festival there's something for everyone:

- Angklung/Arumba music: Medi Nur Achmad, Arumba Coach
- Shadow puppetry: Undung Wiyono, Puppeteer
- Batik Heritage: Kurnia Effendi, Writer and Batik enthusiast
- Sharia economy and history: Rachmat Basuki, economic Research centre
- Islam and Fine Art: Dr Anna Sungkar, Painter
- Cirebon mask dance: Dr Harry Nuriman, Dancer
- Muslimah Dress in Indonesia: Aldita Ramdani, fashion entrepreneur
- Cuisine, Ramadan and Eid: Irfan Maulana, Chef and team from STEIN, Jakarta

Hosted by: Safira Azizah, a teacher and Iwan Bung Kelinci, Lecturer of English, STBA LIA, Universitas Pertamina in Jakarta, Indonesia

Special Guests: General (Ret.) Dr. Moeldoko, Prof. Dr. Parlagutan Silitonga, Ratu Ratna Dewi Kartika

Chief Guests UK: Sir Tony Llyod, Member of Parliament, Rochdale and Afzal Khan CBE, Labour MP for Manchester Gorton, Shadow Minister for Legal Aid







# RAMADAN FESTIVAL

## Hello from Algeria!

Date: Sunday 10th April

Time: 15.00 - 16.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

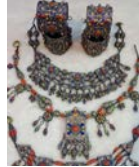
Welcome to Iftar (breaking of the fast in Ramadan) from Algeria, with a celebration of Algerian Kabyle art and cultural heritage.

We are delighted to offer you a rich feast of:

- History of Imazighen
- Berber Culture
- Kabyle weddings
- Kabyle Art (Bernous and wool carpets)
- Traditional songs by Sarah Ait Mechedal
- Celebrating Ramadan in Algeria - past and present
- Cuisine and food for Iftar.

Hosted by: Celia Ait Mechedal, Lalmas Ghenima, Civil Engineer

Chief Guest: Dr Mohammed Ali, Director of QED, advisor to MACFEST





## Hello from Pakistan!

Date: Sunday 17th April

Time: 14.00 - 15.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite

Join us for an amazing celebration of Ramadan and Pakistan's cultural heritage. We have a marvelous feast in store for you!

- Celebrating Ramadan and Iftar
- Development of tourism
- Museum of Lahore and artefacts: a virtual visit
- Walled City of Lahore: history and heritage
- The festivals of Pakistan & Minorities
- World Bank heritage project: preservation of Sikh, Hindu and Sufi sites of Pakistan
- Lahore , a UNESCO City of Literature

Presented by: Moneeza Hashmi, broadcaster, television producer and Sumera Khalil, lecturer

Chief Guest: Paul Griffiths, Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester



## MACFEST Iftar with our partners

Date: Sunday 24th April

Time: 19.30 - 22.00

Venue: Khizra Mosque, 25  
Cheetham Hill Road, Cheetham  
Hill, Manchester M8 0PF

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite

MACFEST is delighted to host an Iftar event, with Khizra Mosque in Manchester.

The evening will celebrate our festival's extensive partnerships across Greater Manchester, inviting our valued partners and volunteers to join us for the breaking of the fast and to learn about the month of Ramadan.

Hosted by: Jawad and Sajjid Amin and Qaisra Shahraz



## Celebrating Eid in Dubai

Date: Sunday 1st May

Time: 14.00 - 15.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite

Join us for a celebration of Eid-ul Fitr in Dubai!

Sharifa Tamsin and her husband Rashid will take you on an incredible journey of how they celebrate and prepare for Eid in the United Arab Emirates.

Learn about Emirati Culture and Heritage. Join us on a cultural journey to know about the significance of Eid and preparations for the holiday in the UAE community.

Food, dress, decorations, and shopping all included.

Hosted by: Sherifa Tamsin Madgwick and Rashid Al Tamimi





## Walk with MACFEST and celebrate Eid at the Whitworth Art gallery

Date: Saturday 21st May

Time: 11.00 - 16.00

Venue: Central Victoria Mosque,  
20 Upper Park Rd, Manchester  
M14 5RU

Grand Hall, Whitworth  
Art Gallery, Oxford Road,  
Manchester M15 6ER

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite

Join us for a walk, starting at Manchester Central Victoria Mosque, to celebrate Eid Ul Fitr: the breaking of the fast.

Enjoy the food and entertainment provided at the Whitworth Art Gallery.

Our mission is to foster a joy of walking, building cultural bridges - promoting social and community cohesion in a dynamic way!

All welcome - Muslim and non-Muslim communities.  
#SpreadHoneyNotHate

Hosted by: MACFEST and the Whitworth team.



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# Celebrating Eid in Indonesia

Date: Sunday 29th May

Time: 13.00 - 14.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join us and celebrate Eid al-Fitr in the harmonious Indonesian Culture!

In Indonesia Eid al-Fitr is celebrated in a joyful and exuberant way. Apart from the worship rituals, the victorious day is celebrated with a lot of social gatherings where people ask for forgiveness from families, relatives and friends, of which gifts, foods and cultural performances with religious element are often involved!

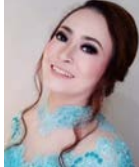
Entertainment: with ethno-contemporary dance by Genra Lestari Budaya dancers, music performance by Krakatau Ethno

Featuring:

Ratu Ratna Dewi Kartika, Head of Genra Lestari Budaya  
Pra B. Dharma, musician, Krakatau Band  
Dr Harry Nuriman, ITB lecturer

Hosted by: Iwan Bung Kelinci, Lecturer of English, STBA LIA, Universitas Pertamina in Jakarta, Indonesia

Chief Guest: Vikas Shah, MBE, Deputy Lieutenant, Entrepreneur and Philanthropist



# NORTH WEST EVENTS

## Celebrating Bury's MACFEST

Date: Saturday 26th March

Time: 10.00 - 14.00

Venue: Bury Met Theatre,  
Market St, Bury BL9 0BW

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite

Welcome to Bury MACFEST!

Join us for a journey through the Middle East in the West with The BAME Project.

Prepare to be mesmerised by South Asian Fashion and for your breath to be taken away by the art of South Asian Dancing. Aesthetic Arabic Calligraphy, Heavenly Henna Painting, Authentic Asian Food tasters all under one roof! All this and more to be explored...

Entertainment by: Abdullah Afzal, actor and comedian

Hosted by: Nauman Rashid Khan, Asian Sound radio presenter

Chief Guests: Eamonn O'Brien, Bury Council Leader and Qaisra Shahraz MBE, MACFEST executive Director.



## Celebrating Oldham MACFEST

Date: TBC

Time: TBC

Venue: Gallery Oldham, Oldham  
Library and Lifelong Learning  
Centre Oldham Cultural Quarter,  
Greaves Street, Oldham OL1  
1AL

Tickets: Free, register on  
Eventbrite

Welcome to Oldham MACFEST!

Join us for an afternoon at Oldham Gallery and Library. We will offer you a feast of art and cultural activities.

Full details in February.





## Celebrating Bolton's MACFEST

Time: Saturday 25th June

Date: All Day

Venue: Bolton Museum and Art Gallery, Le Mans Cres, Bolton BL1 1SE

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Muslim Arts and Culture Festival goes to Bolton for the second time!

The Sunnyside Club is proud to host MACFEST, and celebrate the diversity of the town. A diverse range of local Bolton Muslim artists and poets will showcase their works and talents.

The event will be live streamed on Facebook and via zoom (if COVID-19 restrictions are in place) or we may meet in a local venue with social distancing measures. Register on Eventbrite and the details will be released closer to the time of the event.

Bolton MACFEST 2022 is supported by Bolton Council's Library and Museum Service and Bolton at Home.



## Women, Poetry and Writing: Hello from Kirklees!

Date: Sunday 19th June

Time: 14.00 - 15.00

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

We are delighted to partner with the Literary Circle of Kirklees. Join us for a literary afternoon from Dewsbury, Kirklees, Yorkshire.

The Women poets from Dewsbury will present their first exciting collection of poems 'New Normal', compiled by Fara Butt.

Hosted by: Fara Butt, Author

Chief Guest: Nancy Barrett, Director, Creative Scene, Kirklees





# AFRICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

## Celebrating African Heritage - Launch Event

Date: Saturday 9th July

Time: 14.00 - 16.00

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, Register on Eventbrite to reserve place

Join us for our splendid inaugural event celebrating diverse African Cultural heritage!

We will enchant you with the history of the Berbers of North Africa, the tradition of Somalian oral storytelling, the Festivals of Nigeria, the amazing architecture of African Mosques and hear the music by Sona Jobarteh.

- History of Berbers in North Africa - Celia Ait Mechedal (Algeria)
- Celebrating Nigerian Festival - Maryam Afolabi
- Story telling from Somalia - Werda Omar
- The mosques of Africa - Sara Adio
- Music - Sona Jobarteh, Gambian Singer

Hosted by: Maryam Afolabi, MACFEST team member.

Chief Guest: Mike Shaft, BBC Radio broadcaster





## African Heritage in Islam: Books and History

Date: Monday 11th July

Time: 18.00 - 19.30

Venue: Digital

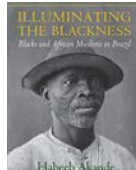
Tickets: Free, Register on Eventbrite to reserve place

Author and historian Habeeb Akande will explore African Muslim heritage in Islam.

He will celebrate the cultural impact of Black Muslims in Arabia to Brazil over the past two millennia, including Islamic scholars (Ibn al-Jawzi and al-Suyuti) classic texts on black excellence. Join us for an exciting event!

Presented by: Habeeb Akande, author and historian.

Chief Guest and Host: Professor Karin Vogt, English Language Department, University of Education, Heidelberg, Germany.



## Egyptian Cuisine

Date: Wednesday 13th July

Time: 18.00 - 19.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, Register on Eventbrite to reserve place

Join us to experience the sweet and savoury dishes from the Arab world with Alaa Zalata!

Egyptian food is very famous, especially the street food fowl, falafel, shakshouka and moussaka. Egyptian people love spicy food and always use onions and garlic as these vegetables are grown in Egypt. Desserts like mehalabia and basbousa can be eaten after this delicious meal. You will learn how to prepare moussaka, so don't miss it!

Hosted by: Alaa Zalata, MACFEST team member.





## Women Artists from Sudan

Date: Sunday 17th July

Time: 14.00 - 15.30

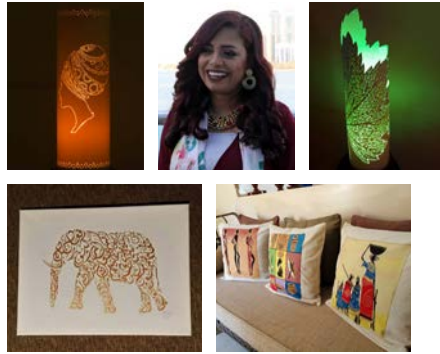
Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, Register on Eventbrite to reserve place

We are delighted to take you on a journey to Sudan into the lives of three women artists: mother, daughter and niece.

Delve into their amazing world of handcrafts including lampshade and cushion designs which celebrates their local culture and heritage.

Hosted by: Salma Ibrahim Elamin Abdulgader, artist



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# INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

## Hello from America!

Date: Saturday 12th June

Time: 14.00 - 16.00

Venue: Digital

Tickets: £5 and limited free, Register on Eventbrite to reserve place



Join us in America with an award-winning filmmaker Babar Ahmed, and an acclaimed artist Lubna Zahid. They will take us on their career journeys, sharing their challenges and success stories.

Babar will show his award-winning short film, *Tikkun Olam*. Lubna will showcase her exhibition of her artwork

Hosted by: Chris Sacarabany, Executive Director, Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, New York, USA



## Islam in Latin America: An Exploration of Muslim History and Identity in the New World

Date: Sunday 3rd July

Time: 15.00 - 16.30

Venue: Digital

Tickets: £5 and limited amount free, Register on Eventbrite

This session will explore the history and culture of the Americas through a little-explored lens - the legacy, impact, and influence of diverse Muslim cultures in the region.

Starting with the foundational narratives of the new world, we will explore orientalism in the Latin American context, the slave trade and slave revolts, immigration from the Arab world, and stories of assimilation, success, conflict, and identity formation as Muslims make their mark through a "crescent under another horizon."

Hosted by: Melody Fox Ahmed, Director of Global Programs, National Cathedral School, Washington DC, USA.





## Travelling and Writing Back: Two Muslim Women in Early 20th Century London

Date: Sunday 24th July

Time: 14.00 - 15.00

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Dr Mahmudul Hasan will be discussing two amazing Muslim women and their travels to Europe in the early twentieth century. Atiya Fyzee from British India and Zeyneb Hanoum from Turkey arrived in Europe in September 1906 on unrelated trips. They later narrated their experiences in the west in *Zamana-i-Tahsil* (1921) and *a Turkish Woman's European Impressions* (1913), respectively. They described a heightened fascination for London and disappointment over certain aspects of the city's social life.

Join Mahmudul Hasan who will be telling you about harems in London, Scotland Yard and the contralto Clara Butt's dress!

Presented by: Dr. Md. Mahmudul Hasan, Associate Professor, Department of English Language and Literature, International Islamic University Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur



## Canada's MACFEST: Hello from Toronto!

Date: Sunday 28th August

Time: 15.00 - 17.00

Venue: Digital

Tickets: Free, register on Eventbrite

Join us in August for a marvellous celebration of Muslim art and culture: live from Toronto!

We will offer you a feast of songs, spoken word, storytelling, painting, drumming and performance!

More details to follow about our artists, poets and performers.



# Arab Heritage Festival

Date: Saturday 10th - Saturday 17th September

Time: 14.00 - 16.00

Venue: Digital and Live

Tickets: Free, Register on Eventbrite to reserve place

Join us for an enchanting week packed with varieties of performances to celebrate Arab Cultural Heritage.

There will be a range of activities from:

- Arabic calligraphy workshop
- Mushaira - Arabic poetry
- Arabic Cuisine
- Hello from Palestine
- History of Berbers
- Arab architecture

More details of separate events to follow on Eventbrite soon.

Chief Guest: Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Paul Griffiths



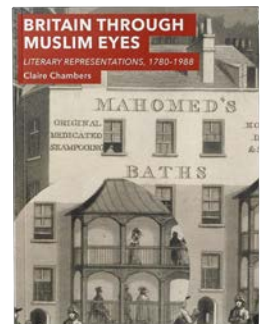
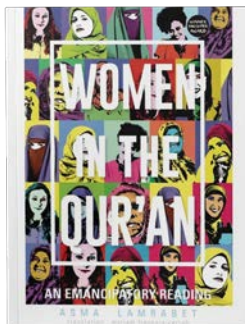
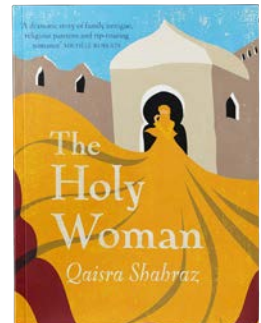
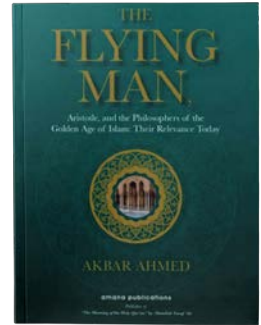
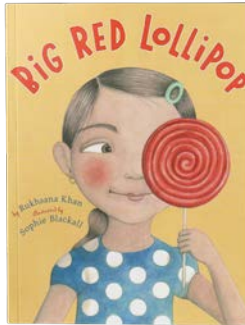
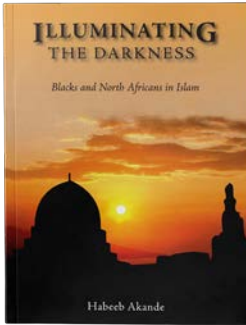
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# MACFEST'S LIBRARY

Here is a collection of books written by some of MACFEST'S amazing panelists and participants, these books are discussed within their panels.



Books Titles from left to right: *Illuminating The Darkness* - Written by: Habeeb Akande, *Big Red Lollipop* - Written by: Rukhsana Khan, *The Flying Man* - Written by: Akbar Ahmed, *British Muslim Women In The Cultural and Creative Industries* - Written by: Saskia Warren, *The Last Of The Lascars, Yemeni Muslims in Britain 1836 - 2012* - Written by: Mohammad Siddique Seddoh, *The Holy Woman* - Written by: Qaisra Shahraz, *Sprache und Sein* - Written by: Kübra Gümüşay, *Women in the Qur'an: An Emancipatory Reading* - Written by: Asma Lamrabet. *Britain through Muslim Eyes: Literary Representations, 1780 - 1998* - Written by: Claire Chambers.

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- Whalley Range High School
- The Manchester College
- Manchester Grammar School
- Manchester Health Academy
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- The University Of Manchester, Creative Writing Department
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- Manchester Arabic School, Chorlton
- Manchester Metropolitan University
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- The University of Salford
- Stockport College
- Trafford College
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- Manchester Museum
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- Stretford Public Hall
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- Khizra Mosque, Manchester
- The Portico Library
- The John Rylands Library
- British Muslim Heritage Centre
- Elizabeth Gaskell's House
- Whitworth Art Gallery
- Gallery Oldham
- The Lowry, Salford



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9th	Young, British and Muslim	18.00 - 19.30	13
11th	Levenshulme High School: Celebrating Poetry	11.00 - 13.30	14
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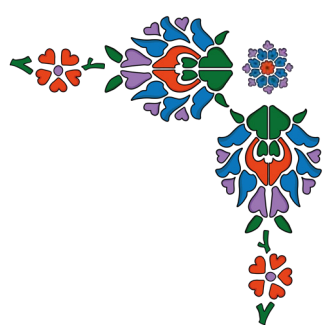
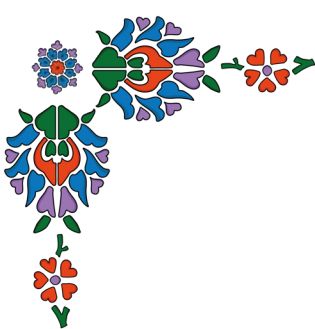
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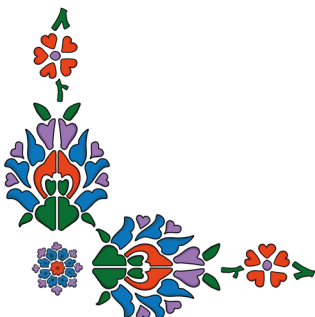
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