

finding our voices

Please see below for details of all interconnected talks and workshops for our Communities Connect finding our voices series

Tuesday 29th September 2009

6.30 - 9pm

Hospitality Training Restaurant
Dundalk Institute of Technology
Dublin Road, Dundalk

finding our voices - Launch Night

The power of Arpilleras and other forms of expression

Join the Communities Connect Team to Launch their exciting two week programme
Opening of Arpillera Exhibition and supporting exhibitions of photographic and artistic expression
Music by local, cross community and International musicians
Light refreshments

EXHIBITION

Gallery opening times:

2-9pm Monday - Friday

Closed all day Tuesday

From Wednesday 30th September -
Thursday 8th October 2009

Arpillera exhibition

This is a unique opportunity to see these quilts which have been exhibited around the world looking at the political repression in Chile and Peru through the eyes of the women who have stitched their message to the world
"The needle & thread became mightier than the gun"

Photographic exhibition


We are delighted to present a photographic exhibition from two local photographers Judy Boyle and Adam Patterson who use the medium of photography as a means of capturing the story of everyday life in local communities. Photographic material ranges from Eastern European Romany communities through to homeless people and various marginalised groups. The exhibit highlights how two people from different communities, who lived with the 'Troubles' as a backdrop to their lives, found their voice and a form of positive expression through photography.

Art exhibition

Offering a rare opportunity to experience artistic pieces of expression created by people from Protestant / Loyalist and Catholic / Nationalist traditions whilst serving prison sentences during the 'Troubles' for their involvement in the conflict.

For further information or to book a place on any of the above workshops / talks, please contact the Communities Connect team at: +353 42 938 1734 / +353 879796130/ johdi.quinn@dkit.ie



- Wednesday 30th September 2009**
Afternoon 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Nursing Building
Dundalk Institute of Technology
- Disability Awareness Forum Theatre - D.A.F.T - DVD Launch**
This very talented and committed group of individuals came together to raise awareness of disability through forum theatre. Small pieces of interactive drama are used to provoke the audience to really thinking about disability in a new light. "See the person not the disability"
- Wednesday 30th September 2009**
Evening 6.00pm - 7.00pm
- Families Beyond Conflict - DVD screening**
Screening of a DVD produced by Families Beyond Conflict (FBC) group which highlights how a group of families came through the 'Troubles' in the Shankill area of Belfast. FBC has assisted people in their transition from being victims to becoming survivors and this DVD is a testimony to the process.
- Wednesday 30th September 2009**
Evening 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Whitaker Theatre
Dundalk Institute of Technology
- Murals as a form of expression**
Bill Rolston is a photographer from Belfast, Northern Ireland. He focuses his work on the 'peace process', sectarian murals in Belfast, and imagery of the troubles.
He currently works as a full time sociology lecturer in **University of Ulster, Jordanstown**, and also continually works with Beyond The Pale Publications in his spare time.
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- The logo for 'Drawing Support 2' is a small, square graphic. It features a yellow background with a black border. The text 'DRAWING SUPPORT 2' is written in bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the text, there is a small, stylized illustration of a house with a blue roof and a yellow wall. The name 'Bill Rolston' is written in a very small font at the bottom right of the logo.
- Thursday 1st October 2009**
10.00am - 4.00pm
Nursing Building
Dundalk Institute of Technology
- Dealing with the past - A Practitioners workshop**
A conversational workshop for community leaders and those working with communities in the border region and on a cross border basis to explore the issue of dealing with the past. The workshop will be facilitated by Healing Through Remembering as part of the 'Whatever you say, say something' project and will provide a forum for practitioners to discuss the challenges and opportunities of facilitating groups in finding their voices and dealing with the past.
- Thursday 1st October 2009**
Evening 6.00pm - 9.00pm
Whitaker Theatre
Dundalk Institute of Technology
- Men and Conflict**
This special evening is an event for Men which aims to provide a space to discuss various perspectives on conflict. It will include a number of speakers who were involved in conflict both locally and internationally, concluding with an informal discussion where everybody will have the opportunity to ask questions or raise issues.



Friday 2nd October 2009
Morning 10.00am - 1.00pm
Hospitality Training Restaurant
Dundalk Institute of Technology

Arpillera Making - Hands on

Join Deborah Stockdale in this exciting workshop where you can learn how to create your own Arpillera. Take the motivation and inspiration from the Arpillera exhibition and find new ways to express yourself through stitching your story and sharing with others as they stitch their story.

"The combination of having a story and being made by hand really fascinated me.

I think everyone has a story, and also they have the skills to make their own arpillera, even if they can't sew."
Deborah Stockdale, 2009.

Afternoon 2.00pm -
Hospitality Training Restaurant
Dundalk Institute of Technology

Guided Tour of Arpillera exhibition - Learn more about the arpillera exhibition that looks at political repression in Chile and Peru through the eyes of women - the wives, daughters, sisters, lovers and mothers of the 'Disappeared' and how they stitched their message to the world.

Afternoon 1-3pm
Dundalk Town Centre
12.30pm - 1.30pm
Dundalk Institute of Technology
2.00pm - 3.00pm

Street Theatre

Watch as James King, street theatre artist from Derry/ Londonderry, creates provocative pieces of street theatre that makes us critically reflect on society. You can look at your reactions to the theatre as well as to other people's reactions in the street and in the D.K.I.T.

Saturday 3rd October
10.00am - 4.00pm
Dundalk Institute of Technology

YouTHink

This day is devoted to creating a space where young people from diverse communities can come together in a safe and fun space. It will involve a number of workshops which will range from open space forum, percussion, democracy soccer, film making for You Tube, International youth DVD's and alternative art. The goal of youTHink is to encourage young people to explore and learn about people from other cultures and communities leading to a deeper understanding and respect for diversity.

Monday 5th October
Afternoon 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Guided Tour of Arpillera exhibition

Thursday 8th October
Evening 6.30pm - 9.00pm
D.K.I.T

Diversity through Drama and DVD

The Dignity and Belonging through the Arts group presents the drama presentation '*If George could talk*' which is an innovative drama piece set in Nigeria and Ireland. It is an adaptation of a prize winning short story (Roddy Doyle short story competition for immigrants, 2008) with a vibrant and talented cast, hailing from Nigeria, Cameroon, Togo and Kurdistan. A must see.

Fomacs in collaboration with Refugee Information services and Integrating Ireland presents the DVD 'Living in Direct Provision - 9 stories'. The 9 storytellers participated in a collaborative process that integrated storytelling, group and individual reflection, creative writing, photography and the use of multi-media technologies, in order to make a 3-5 minute story about their own experiences as asylum seekers and refugees.

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Everybody is welcome and all workshops and talks are free.



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