



JUNE – JULY 2019

Sat 15th Jun – Sustainable Chester Spring Fair

11.00am – 5.00pm, Grosvenor Park, *Grosvenor Park Road, Chester*

Chester Friends of the Earth are organising this as a great opportunity for groups in Chester to work together and show everyone all the fantastic work that's going on in our city, from Cycling to Fairtrade, Sustainable Palm Oil, Plastic Free, our stance on Fracking, and more. You can apply for a stall, run craft and speakers sessions with this form: <https://helenchesterfoe.wufoo.com/forms/r1ldhiwe0iv314g/>

You can book free tickets here - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sustainable-chester-fair-tickets-60991734921> People are invited to bring a picnic, with all the plastics being collected as part of a Citizen Science experiment (around Plastic Free Picnics).

Further information: Helen Tandy, Chester & District Friends of the Earth Helenchesterfoe@hotmail.com

Tues 18th – Sun 23rd Jun – Refugee Week in Chester

Refugee Week takes place every year across the world in the week around World Refugee Day on the 20 June. In the UK, Refugee Week is a nationwide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and encourages a better understanding between communities.

Here is a list of local events in Chester, co-ordinated by the Chester City of Sanctuary Group:

- **Chester Cathedral Cloister Room – Admission Free**
18th -22nd June 10am-5pm & 23rd June 10am-1pm: I-Welcome photo exhibition – an exhibition highlighting refugees past and present by Magnum Photos. Photographs showing the situation for refugees in Calais.
Myths and Facts display including quiz - come and see how much you know about refugees and asylum seekers.
Walk my Journey – a film resulting from a project by Chester's Theatre in the Quarter, 6 young refugees and 700 local school children.
Art display by children from St Martin's Academy School, Chester.
- **Chester Grosvenor Museum Lecture Theatre – Admission Free**
20th June 7.00pm Talk by Jonathon Ellis, Vice-Chair of the national City of Sanctuary Group and opportunity to meet with representatives of the Chester group. Hear personal refugee stories
- **Unity Centre Cuppin Street, Chester – Admission Free**
22nd June 12 – 4 pm Come and join the community at Unity Centre for a celebration of food made by local re-settled families, in association with Cheshire Halton and Warrington Race and Equality Centre (CHAWREC).
- **Chester Cathedral – Admission Free**
23rd June 10am & 11:30am Morning services with speaker Nadine Daniel, national refugee welcome co-ordinator for the Church of England
- **Storyhouse Chester - £6**
23rd June 3:15pm Britain on Film: "Welcome to Britain" – Collection of archive films looking back at a century of immigration to the UK.
Booking at in person Storyhouse or at www.storyhouse.com/event/welcome-to-britain

For further information about Chester City of Sanctuary see <https://chester.cityofsanctuary.org> or email info@chester.cityofsanctuary.org

Fri 21st Jun – Presentation: Defending Human & Land Rights in Brazil

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm, Our Lady's Parish Centre, *2A Enfield Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 8BY*

This is a presentation by Jose Batista Afonso, about his work in Brazil as a land rights lawyer and human rights defender. He is in the UK following a visit to Brussels. He has worked on human rights abuses and killings linked to land rights conflicts in Brazil, this being one of the most dangerous places in the world for

land and environmental defenders. Batista will touch upon his work with the Pastoral Land Commission to achieve social and environmental justice for poor landless communities.

The presentation will be preceded by Mass at 7.00pm in Our Lady's Church, celebrating Creation and linking in with CAFOD's *Our Common Home* campaign.

All are welcome to join us for the Mass and Batista's presentation or just for the presentation which should be about 8.00pm. Further information: Tony Walsh, tonywalsh43@btinternet.com

Wed 26th Jun – Climate Change Lobby: “The Time Is Now”

The Climate Coalition of 120 organisations, including CAFOD and Christian Aid, is organising a mass lobby of Parliament to connect the poor to the powerful by sharing our concerns on climate change with leaders who can make a difference. Politicians will only increase their ambition if they see that we care. They will act if their constituents tell them that they want change. Further information:

www.theclimatecoalition.org/thetimeisnow

www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/climate-change/join-climate-lobby

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>

CAFOD is running a pilgrimage coach from St Clare's Church on the day for £25 return. Alternatively a number are going on the 8.55am train from Chester. E-mail Bridget Fenwick bfenwick@cafod.org.uk to find out more.

Wed 26th June – Chester Friends of Palestine

June 26 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Room 204, Riverside Building, University of Chester, Castle Drive, Chester, CH1 1SL

At this meeting of Friends of Palestine Andrew Herbert will be giving a talk on his recent visit to the West Bank. Further information: Jane Marshall at chesterfriendsofpalestine@hotmail.com

Tues 9th July – CWDF Forum: Climate Change Apathy?

6.45pm – 9.00pm The Unity Centre, *Cuppin Street, Chester, CH1 2BN*

Our final Forum meeting before the summer break. We will have a talk by Linda & Stewart Shuttleworth on the theme ‘**The psychology of apathy about climate change...and what to do about it!**’ They will explain some of the psychological understanding of apathy and inaction in the face of climate change – with the talk leading into some discussion and development of ideas about actions.

Regular meetings of some of our member groups ...

Second Tuesday of odd months: Full Forum meetings of CWDF, normally 6.45 for 7.00pm at The Unity Centre, Cuppin Street Chester, CH1 2BN. Contact 01244 350323 www.chesterwdf.org.uk

2nd Tuesday of the month (except August and December): Chester and Wrexham Amnesty International Group, meetings alternate between Chester and Wrexham. Check the website for details or contact: www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/chester-and-wrexham amnesty.chester.wrexham@gmail.com

Third Wednesday of the month: Chester and District Friends of the Earth meet at 7.30pm in the Custom House, Watergate Street, Chester. Contact Peter Benson 07740 179939 or chesterfoe@hotmail.co.uk

Last Wednesday of the month (normally): Chester Friends of Palestine meet at 7.15pm in the Riverside Building of the University of Chester, Castle Drive CH1 1SL. Contact chesterfriendsofpalestine@hotmail.com

Third Thursday of odd months: Chester CND meet at 7.30pm at the Quaker Meeting House, Union Walk, Frodsham Street Chester, CH1 3LF. Contact Margaret 07966 791822 or chestercnd@gmail.com for further information.