

# Chester World Development Forum *Diary version 5-02-20*



*See end of list or overpage for information about regular meetings of some of our member groups*

**FEB – MAY 2020**

## **Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Visit to Chester by Robin Roth, Traidcraft Chief Executive**

Wesley Methodist Church, *St John's St, Chester, CH1 1 DA*

Robin Roth Chief Executive of Traidcraft, will be the guest of, Wesley Methodists at their 10.30am Morning Service, to be followed by coffee and informal chat.

For those not wishing to attend the Service, there is an opportunity afterwards to meet Robin and to hear him speak about Traidcraft's thoughts, plans and priorities for the future: **From approx 12.30 pm** you are invited to join him at Wesley for informal chat before a simple lunch (optional) at 1pm, followed by a talk and Q & A Session. Please contact Sue Bownas if you'd like to join lunch: 01244 679270, Mob: 07949 532684 or email: [sbownas@btinternet.com](mailto:sbownas@btinternet.com) If not wanting lunch just come along after 12.30pm, no need to confirm.

## **Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Climate Strike: in support of the UK Student Climate Action Network.**

11.00 – 1.00pm Town Hall Square, *Chester CH1 2HQ*

Join us for the next Climate Strike and support the UK Student Climate Action Network. This is also the annual date for The Climate Coalition's - **Show The Love** when people swap red hearts for green on Valentine's Day to show they care about our planet and are concerned about Climate Change.

Meet up **11am outside Chester Town Hall** with your banner and your green hearts.

Further information: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/support-the-uk-student-climate-network-strike-and-show-the-love-tickets-91311205273>

## **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Mar – Fairtrade Fortnight “She Deserves Fairtrade”**

Each year Fairtrade Fortnight is a big opportunity for campaigners, businesses, schools and places of worship show their support for the farmers and workers who grow our food in developing countries. There will be a Fairtrade stall again in Chester market on the first Friday and Saturday of Fairtrade Fortnight.

Watch out for information about other local events.

## **Mondays 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 Mar – Christian Aid Lent Lunches**

12:00 noon - 1:30 pm Quaker Meeting House, *Union Walk, Frodsham Street, Chester, CH1 3LF*

Arranged by City Centre Churches Together. Please join us for a simple meal. £5 donations to Christian Aid: “Working to end poverty and injustice worldwide”. 01244 375606.

[Lent Lunch on Mon 30 March moves to Handbridge, see below]

## **Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Mar – CWDF Forum**

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

Speakers: Linda & Stewart Shuttleworth, talking of their personal involvement with the charity “Jamie’s Fund”, supporting the development of mental health care in Uganda. <http://jamiesfund.org.uk>

## **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Mar - Sustainable Chester Fair - Sustainable Fashion.**

11.00am to 5.00pm, Rowton Hall Hotel and Spa, *Rowton Lane, Chester CH3 6AD*

Organised by Eco Communities/ Friends of the Earth Chester & District as their fourth Sustainable Fair. This event will have an extra Sustainable Fashion theme, working with Cheshire West & Chester Council, with talks and workshops throughout the day.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/eco-communities-friends-of-the-earth-chester-amp-district-20117717104>

## **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Q & A Session with Chris Matheson MP**

6.15pm Venue to be confirmed.

## **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Mar– Christian Aid Lent Lunch**

12:00 noon - 1:30 pm Community Hall, St Mary's Handbridge, *Chester, CH4 7HL*

The final lunch in the Lent 2020 series arranged by City Centre Churches Together. Please join us for a simple meal. £5 donations to Christian Aid: “Working to end poverty and injustice worldwide”. 01244 375606.

***Further dates overleaf ...***

### **CHESTER WORLD DEVELOPMENT FORUM**

CWDF maintains this diary on website [www.chesterwdf.org.uk](http://www.chesterwdf.org.uk) and circulates flyers.

Contact 01244 350323/ 383668 or [bernard.payne691@btinternet.com](mailto:bernard.payne691@btinternet.com)

to get some extra publicity for your event.

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Apr – “Is Africa developing? Challenging some popular perspectives?”**

4.30pm – 5.30pm, Best Building, University of Chester *off Parkgate Road, Chester, CH1 4BJ*

A lecture by Prof Tony Binns, University of Otago, New Zealand, drawing on his long standing interest in African community development and the livelihoods and wellbeing of Africans. Lecture arranged on behalf of the Geographical Association. Visitors welcome.

Further information: Gill Miller (GA President 2019-20) 07941 629236

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Apr – Film “On Her Shoulders”**

6.00pm -7.30pm Storyhouse, *Hunter Street, Chester CH1 2AF*

The documentary film "On Her Shoulders" is about Nadia Murad a young Yazidi woman who escaped from ISIS and has helped to publicise the plight of the Yazidi and women and children victimised by genocide and mass atrocities. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2018..

Further information: [www.storyhouse.com](http://www.storyhouse.com) or [amnesty.chester.wrexham@gmail.com](mailto:amnesty.chester.wrexham@gmail.com)

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> May – CWDF Forum AGM**

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

Prior to our AGM business we'll be hearing from Stephen Maund, providing an update on community development projects in Malawi.

**12-17<sup>th</sup> May - Exhibition and Conference “Our Journey to Sustainability”**

A week- long exhibition and associated events, to be organised by Chester Sustainability Forum in association with Chester Cathedral. Opening event to include national level speakers. Local groups encouraged to help in the mounting of high quality exhibits. Further information, Colin Watson, 07511 038385.

***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](http://www.chesterwdf.org.uk)

**Second Tuesday of the month (except August & 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](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/chester-and-wrexham) [amnesty.chester.wrexham@gmail.com](mailto:amnesty.chester.wrexham@gmail.com)

**Fourth Tuesday of the month (except August & December):** Chester City of Sanctuary Group meet at 7.00pm at the Quaker Meeting House, Union Walk, Frodsham Street, Chester CH1 3LF.. Everyone is welcome. Further details on the website <https://chester.cityofsanctuary.org> or by contacting [info@chester.cityofsanctuary.org](mailto:info@chester.cityofsanctuary.org)

**Third Wednesday of the month:** Third Wednesday of the month: Friends of the Earth Chester and District meet at 7.00pm New Member Session, 7.30pm Main Meeting, at **The Lock Keeper, Canal Side, Chester CH1 3LH (NB new venue)**.. Contact Martin Preston on [foe.chester@gmail.com](mailto:foe.chester@gmail.com) or our page on Facebook.

**Last Wednesday of the month (normally):** Chester Friends of Palestine meet at 7.15pm in Room 204, Riverside Building of the University of Chester, Castle Drive CH1 1SL.  
Also: MONTHLY STALL: Usually **1st Saturday of the month** 10.30 - 12.30 below Eastgate Clock outside HSBC, Eastgate St. CH1 1LR. Contact [chesterfriendsofpalestine@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:chestercnd@gmail.com) for further information.

***See also the Events section of our website for any further information about the Diary listings, accompanying flyers etc.***

**[www.chesterwdf.org.uk](http://www.chesterwdf.org.uk)**