

Chester World Development Forum *Diary version 17-03-20*



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

MARCH 2020

~~**Mondays 16, 23, and 30 Mar — Christian Aid Lent Lunches**~~ **23 & 30 MARCH CANCELLED**

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 St Mary's Handbridge, *Chester, CH4 7HL*]

~~**Sat 21st Mar — Sustainable Chester Fair — Sustainable Fashion.**~~ **POSTPONED**

11.00am - 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 27th Mar — Q & A Session with Chris Matheson MP**~~ **POSTPONED**

6.00pm – 7.30pm The Unity Centre, *Cuppin Street, Chester, CH1 2BN*
This is the Forum's first opportunity to meet Chris Matheson since his re-election as MP for the City of Chester at the December 2019 General Election. We're meeting at the Forum's usual venue, The Unity Centre, 6.00pm for 6.15pm start, with Chris Matheson able to be with us for about 1 hour.

~~**Fri 27th Mar – Chester Friends of Palestine West Bank visitors + AGM**~~ **POSTPONED**

7.15pm – 9.00pm Room 204 University of Chester *Riverside Building, Castle Drive, Chester CH1 1SL*
Please note that we have changed the date of the March meeting because we have visiting speakers from Bel'in in the West Bank and this was the date which fitted with their itinerary. That meeting will conclude with our AGM. Further information: chesterfriendsofpalestine@hotmail.com

APRIL

~~**Tues 21st Apr — "Is Africa developing? Challenging some popular perspectives?"**~~ **CANCELLED**

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 28th 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 or amnesty.chester.wrexham@gmail.com

MAY - JULY

~~**Tues 12th 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.

~~**11th -17th May - Exhibition and Conference "Our Journey to Sustainability"**~~

By putting on this exhibition with Chester Cathedral, the Chester Sustainability Forum aims to display the wide range of responses to the climate emergency that are being planned and implemented by the many faith groups, environmental groups, businesses, and political parties which share the common objective of improving the environmental sustainability of Chester and its surrounding area. Further information, Colin Watson, 07511 038385.

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CWDF maintains this diary on website www.chesterwdf.org.uk and circulates flyers.
Contact 01244 350323/ 383668 or bernard.payne691@btinternet.com
to get some extra publicity for your event.

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“Our Journey to Sustainability” Associated events include:

Fri 15th May- “All Creation Waits”

7.30pm – 9.00pm Storyhouse, , *Hunter Street, Chester CH1 2AF*

A dance theatre piece created by Claire Henderson Davis.

More information + tickets available at www.storyhouse.com/event/all-creation-waits.

Mon 18th May - “Money Makes Change” workshop

7.00pm - 9.00pm Quaker Meeting House *Union Walk, Frodsham Street, Chester, CH1 3LF*

Learn about how the way you spend, save and invest money can make a huge impact on the world around us.

Free of charge but please register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/money-makes-change-tickets-99010602377 if you would like to attend.

Tues 14th Jul - CWDF Forum

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

Our final Forum meeting before the summer break. Speaker TBA.

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

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 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

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 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

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.

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

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