



JOURNEYS FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL

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PORTSMOUTH 2017
19 – 29 OCTOBER

**EXPLORING REFUGEE
EXPERIENCES THROUGH
GREAT ART**



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Journeys Festival International Portsmouth 19 – 29 October 2017

“Produced by ArtReach, Journeys Festival International invites you to explore ten days of creative events taking place across the island city of Portsmouth. The Festival celebrates the artistic talents of exceptional refugee and asylum seeker artists and explores work that shares the refugee experience.

Journeys Festival International works closely with a portfolio of key partners, from frontline refugee and asylum seeker charities and advocacy groups, to cultural organisations and leading arts venues. Our partners have fully supported the Festival's inception in Portsmouth and its development to enable it to flourish within the city's cultural scene – The JFI Team extend a big thank you to all.

The Festival presents international work such as the Aakash Odedra Company's latest contemporary dance piece *#JeSuis (In Progress)* at New Theatre Royal on 21 October. It offers a range of exciting cultural events, including Look Up (pg. 6 – 7), the large-scale outdoor art gallery exhibited on buildings around the city. Join us for a Coffee Shop Conversation (pg. 5) where there is an opportunity to meet exceptional artists and to hear from those involved in front-line support for refugees and asylum seekers. There are workshops, live music for all and a new project, Journeys to Portsmouth that will produce an oral story telling exhibition, collating and archiving the experiences of established migrants in the city and their experiences of home, belonging and of Portsmouth's fascinating heritage (pg. 9).

Join our journey as the Festival grows locally in the city, nationally in Leicester, Manchester and Portsmouth, and internationally through new European partnerships, helping to give visibility to and support the integration of refugees and asylum seekers from across the globe.”

Charlotte Mountford // ArtReach Producer

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Journeys Festival International has been to Leicester, Manchester and Portsmouth (UK), Palermo and Rome (Italy), Budapest (Hungary) and Hamburg (Germany) in 2017. Looking forward to returning in 2018!

ARTIST RESIDENCY

19 SEPTEMBER – 29 OCTOBER

Artist Residency at Aspex

19 Sept – 29 October

Open 11am – 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday
Aspex Gallery, The Vulcan Building,
Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth PO1 3BF



Leading contemporary art gallery, Aspex, hosts a six week residency for Journeys Festival International's Look Up artists. Zimbabwean artist and poet Majid Dhana and Polish artist Natalia Michalska were selected from an open call to exhibit their work as part of Journeys Festival International's large scale, outdoor art exhibition, Look Up (pg. 6-7). The pair first came to work together through their love of spoken word and performance which has led to a unique collaboration for Look Up that features portraits of the local refugee and asylum seeker community.

The residency provides an opportunity for the artists to develop their creative process and will conclude with an exhibition in the Learning Space 19 Oct – 29 Nov.

For more free Look Up activities and workshops, see pg. 6.

#ThirdThursdays Artist Event:

Journeys Festival International – Launch!

Thurs 19 Oct // 6 – 8pm // At Aspex

The Journeys Festival International team invite you to the official launch of the Portsmouth festival. Meet the Look Up artists and join us for a celebratory drink.

Book your free space at the launch at
JourneysFestivalInt.Eventbrite.com

DISCUSSION

20 OCTOBER

Seminar

Culture and Mobility: Displacement, Adaptation and Creativity

Fri 20 October // 2 – 4pm

Room 1.08, Eldon West, Eldon Building, Faculty of
Creative and Cultural Industries, Winston Churchill
Avenue, University of Portsmouth PO1 2DJ



It is human nature to travel, migrate and move. These movements can be viewed as voluntary or forced, economic or political, desirable or reprehensible. Regardless of how it is categorized, mobility is often an opportunity for learning. Many of us are familiar with the stimulating effect of going to a new place, with different languages and customs to be learned, and opportunities for socializing, work and pleasure to be had.

Taking dance as both a demonstration and a metaphor of the power of human movement, this informal, panel-based seminar will explore how cultural adaptability and creative thinking are strongly related to the long history and present-day realities of journeys, which may be taken for all kinds of reasons. Join this discussion, featuring specially invited leading performers, academics and artists from around the UK.

Book your free space at
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#JeSuis (In Progress)

Sat 21 October 2017 // 7.30PM
New Theatre Royal, 20–24 Guildhall Walk,
PO1 2DD

The award-winning Aakash Odedra Company presents #JeSuis (In Progress). An ensemble of Turkish dancers explore personal stories of conflict, media manipulation, displacement and identity. What makes "home" when millions are on the move?

The performance is followed by:
JOURNEYS – The Art of Displacement

Aakash Odedra Company and Journeys Festival International share the inspiration for their work – including artistic contributions from European partners – and invite an audience response and debate on issues of displacement and the meaning of "home".



BOOKING

Tickets: £17.50 // £15 // £12.50
inc booking fee

Further concessions available for Students, Over 60's and refugee and asylum seekers.

Book at newtheatreroyal.com
023 9264 9000

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Recommended for ages 13+

Running time: 2 hours including interval

Co commissioned by Journeys Festival International (ArtReach), UK; Curve Theatre (Leicester); Contact (Manchester) UK; Art Center New York University Abu Dhabi; Paradise is Here, Switzerland. Commissioned by The Movement, a partnership between Birmingham Hippodrome, Sadler's Wells and The Lowry. Research and Development supported by the British Council in Turkey and DanceXchange (UK)



Hosted by some of the best independent coffee shops in Portsmouth, Coffee Shop Conversations are an opportunity to discuss and exchange views over free tea, coffee and cake.



Across The Sea

Fri 20 October // 11am – 12.30pm
MAKE at Aldingbourne Enterprise, 1 Cornwall Rd,
Portsmouth PO1 5AA

How can we connect with the plight of people separated from us physically? A member of The Migration Collective is joined by artist and activist Jeta Bejtullahu to explore ways in which the stories of those not present can be shared in a meaningful way.

Women Over Water

Tues 24 October // 11.30am – 1pm
St Marks Church Cafe, 10-12 Derby Road,
North End, PO2 8HR

What memories do we keep with us from childhood and how do they connect us to certain locations? Brighton based artist Hong Dam chats with Dr Isabelle Cheng about the experiences of Asian women seeking refuge overseas, discussing the balance between adapting to new surroundings and maintaining links with places left behind.



From A to B

Fri 27 October // 3 – 4.30pm
The Canteen, Point Battery & Barracks, Broad Street,
Portsmouth PO1 2FS

Join Director of Anima Theatre Company, Henry C. Krempels for a discussion with University of Portsmouth's Dr Charles Leddy-Owen, Senior Lecturer in Sociology. The discussion will open with a 10 minute extract of Anima's new play The Sleeper. Set on a train journey across Europe the play explores a pivotal moment of interaction between two travellers and the stark difference in implications this interaction has for each of them.

**Book your free space for a
Coffee Shop Conversation at
[JourneysFestivalInt.Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)**

FREE

LOOK UP PRESENTS UNITED TRIBE

Thurs 19 – Sun 29 October // Various Locations across the city

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Proudly presenting a unique collaboration between local artists Majid Dhana and Natalia Michalska. Together they photographed Portsmouth's refugee and asylum seeker community, working with participants to illustrate portraits that are visually striking and provide an important message to the wider public.

Presented in large scale artworks across the city, United Tribe, gives visibility to Portsmouth's refugee community. Find the artworks around Portsmouth, join one of the Art Walks or get involved in a workshop to discover the personal stories behind the portraits.

LOOK UP WITH ASPEX

Journeys Festival International has partnered up with Aspex to host crafty and conversational events about Look Up. There's something for everyone. Check out the website for more information:

Workshop: Family Saturdays

Sat 21 Oct // 11am – 1pm
Aspex Gallery, The Vulcan Building, Gunwharf Quays, PO1 3BF

Workshop: Aspex Mobile Learning Studio

Wed 25 Oct // Drop in for free between 11am – 3pm
Opposite Cascades, Commercial Road

In Conversation: Look Up Artists join Tony Spencer (Aspex Exhibitions & Gallery Manager)

Sun 29 Oct // 3 – 4pm
Aspex Gallery, The Vulcan Building, Gunwharf Quays, PO1 3BF

LOOK UP ART WALKS

Communicating Journeys

Mon 23 October // 5 – 6.30pm

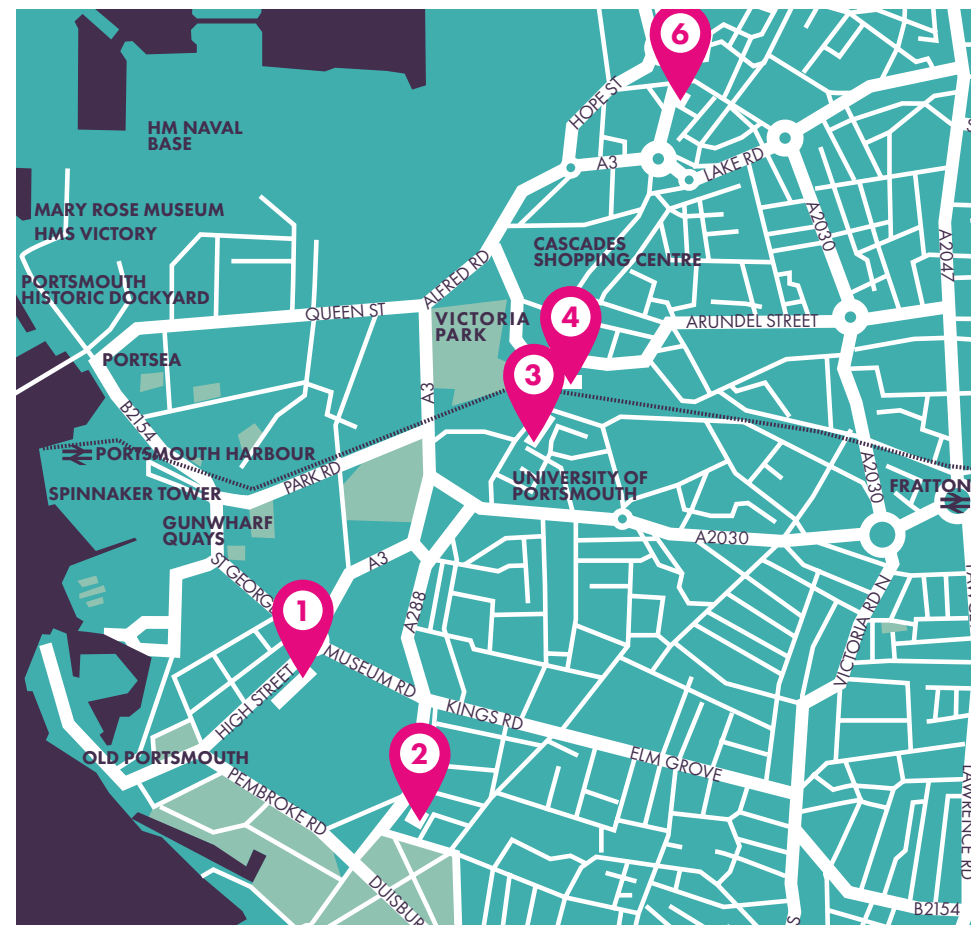
Start: Portsmouth & Southsea Train Station
The Communicating Journeys Art Walk will end at The Container Project at Portsmouth Cathedral for Artist Talk Africa to Diaspora with Tony Spencer, Kye Wilson and renowned British Photographer Vanley Burke.

Walk with Words

Sun 29 October // 1 – 2.30pm

Start: Portsmouth & Southsea Train Station
Finish: At Aspex for the In Conversation event with Tony Spencer.

Book your free space to the Art Walks at
[JourneysFestivalInt.Eventbrite.com](https://www.journeysfestivalint.com)



- 1 Portsmouth Festivities** 10 High Street, Portsmouth PO1 2LN
- 2 University of Portsmouth** Rees Hall, Southsea Terrace, Portsmouth, Southsea PO5 3AP
- 3 Big Screen Portsmouth** Guildhall Square, Portsmouth PO1 2AL
- 4 Portsmouth and Southsea Railway Station** Commercial Rd, Hampshire, Portsmouth PO1 1EQ
- 5 Secret Southsea Location!** See below
- 6 British Red Cross building** 338 Commercial Road PO1 4BT



Look Up to WIN!

Take a wander around Southsea's streets and keep your eyes peeled for a Look Up artwork – the first person to Tweet or Instagram us @JourneysFest with an image of the secret artwork will win two tickets to #JeSuis (pg. 4) at New Theatre Royal on Sat 21 October.

FREE

THE CONTAINER PROJECT

Outside Portsmouth Cathedral, High Street, Portsmouth PO1 2HH

The Container Project transforms a shipping container into an immersive project space for the Festival. Positioned outside Portsmouth Cathedral, the container is in the heart of Old Portsmouth, close to the waterfront. The space will host the oral story-telling exhibition from local migrants, new and old, provide a canvas for live graffiti painting, and host an exciting digital drumming project from The Gambia.



Live Graffiti with N4T4

Fri 20 – Sat 21 October
10am – 5pm

The Container Project, Outside Portsmouth Cathedral, High St, Portsmouth PO1 2HH

In Portsmouth, the Festival presents urban artist N4T4 who will spray the outside of the Container with a mural inspired by the theme of 'Unity' in collaboration with local artist Fark.

Journeys Festival International invites schools, colleges and artists to watch and respond creatively to the work, inspired by talking directly with the artist and the JFI team. **For more information contact** jennifer@artreach.biz

Spearman

Sun 22 – Weds 25 October

12 – 2pm and 4 – 6pm each day

The Container Project, Outside Portsmouth Cathedral, High St, Portsmouth PO1 2HH

Artists Tony Spencer and Kye Wilson present a video installation depicting a West African musician known as Spearman. Using visual arts and technology the installation creates an exchange of vibrant Gambian arts and culture by transporting audiences to Spearman's home village.

Spearman is supported by public funding from the National Lottery through Arts Council England in partnership with Furry Fruits Visual Arts.

Spearman Events at the Container

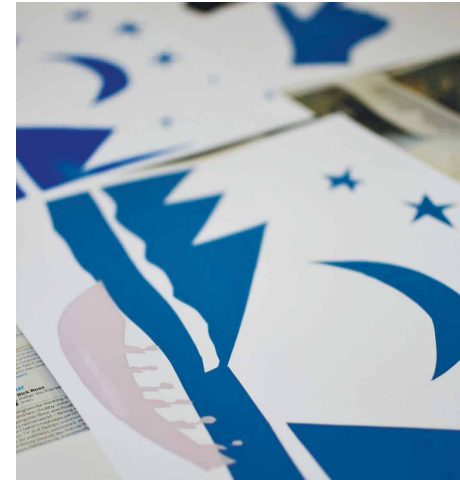
Drumming – By Drum Nation, Tony Spencer and West African Master Drummer Khalifa Conte
Sun 22 October // 2pm

Discussion – Africa to Diaspora with Artists Tony Spencer, Kye Wilson and renowned British Photographer Vanley Burke
Mon 23 October // 6.30 – 7.30pm

Book your space for this event at
JourneysFestivalInt.eventbrite.com

Allunde & Africappella
Tues 24 October // 6.30 – 7.30pm
Local women's singing groups Africappella and Allunde at Portsmouth Cathedral.

Book your space for this event at
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Journeys to Portsmouth

Thurs 26 – Sun 29 October

12 – 2pm and 4 – 6pm each day

The Container Project, Outside Portsmouth Cathedral, High St, Portsmouth PO1 2HH

Learn about how Portsmouth has welcomed its new residents in this unique audio-visual documentary exhibition.

The exhibition consists of a series of oral stories that were recorded as part of the Journeys to Portsmouth project. Across the summer, the project introduced established migrants living in Portsmouth with refugee and asylum seekers new to the city. Together they discussed topics of home, feelings of belonging and welcome in the city, whilst exploring the city and learning about Portsmouth's extraordinary heritage.

Created in partnership with Friends Without Borders and supported by British Red Cross.

Dance Performance by Admiral Lord Nelson School at the Container

Sat 28 October // 3.30pm & 3.45pm

Students from the local school perform a dance in response to the Journeys to Portsmouth Project.

BELARUS FREE THEATRE
NEW WRITING PROJECT

Thurs 26 Oct // 4.30pm

Minghella Studio at New Theatre Royal,
20-24 Guildhall Walk PO1 2DD



Journeys Festival International continues to collaborate with the world's leading refugee theatre company, Belarus Free Theatre in this exciting new programme for refugee and asylum seeker writers in Portsmouth.

Presenting extracts of new work developed over Summer 2017 and directed by Natalia Kaliada and Nicolai Khalezin, acclaimed Directors of Belarus Free Theatre, this is a unique opportunity to hear the newest refugee voices share the stories they want to tell.

Book your space for this event at
JourneysFestivalInt.eventbrite.com

Recommended for ages 18+

FREE

JOURNEYS FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL AT CENTRAL LIBRARY

Thurs 19 – Sat 28 October // Open daily except Sunday – please see website for times.
Central Library, Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth PO1 2DX

The Festival presents an eclectic mix of immersive exhibitions at Central Library. Experience the journeys of refugees and those displaced through cutting edge VR installations, a replica refugee shelter, and the stories that are part of The Travelling Library.

The Travelling Library

Pull up a seat inside Migration Museum's replica refugee shelter... Home to an inspiring collection of books that explore the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers.

Flick through award winning novels, beautifully illustrated children's books, and collections of short stories and poems. Suitable for all ages.

VR Installations

Rekrei

Sat 21 – Wed 25 October

Open daily – please see website for specific times
Rekrei makes cultural artefacts in virtual reality using crowd-sourced imagery. Created in response to the destruction of Mosul Cultural Museum by Daesh (ISIS), Rekrei is at the forefront of virtual reality technology. Explore the museum in a virtual world and witness the digital preservation of cultural heritage.



HOME // AAMIR

Thurs 26 – Sat 28 October

Open daily – please see website for times
Step into the shelter and be immersed into the story of Aamir, a 22 year-old man escaping the threat of murder in Sudan. HOME | AAMIR is a virtual reality film produced from Aamir's personal experiences, exploring the tragic phenomenon of displacement that has become personal to so many around the world.

The film is a collaboration between the National Theatre, Surround Vision, and Room One.

THEY'LL HAVE TO KILL US FIRST: MALIAN MUSIC IN EXILE

Wed 25 October // 7pm

The Loft at The Kings, 39 Albert Road, Southsea
PO5 2SE



Screening of the powerful *They'll have to Kill Us First*, a feature-length documentary following musicians in Mali in the wake of the jihadist takeover and subsequent banning of music. Music, one of the most important forms of communication in Mali, disappeared overnight in 2012 when Islamic extremist groups rose up to capture an area the size of the UK and France combined.

"Essential Viewing" Dazed & Confused

Alongside the screening will be local filmmaker's shorts reflecting on issues of migration and refugees.

Produced in collaboration with Portsmouth film company Trash Arts:
trasharts.co.uk/ Admission free, donations go to British Red Cross, Portsmouth.

ASYLUM – A NIGHT OF GLOBAL SOUNDS

Fri 27 October // 7pm – LATE

Coastguard Studios, Montague House, Clarendon Rd,
Portsmouth, Southsea PO4 0SA



ASYLUM was launched by Dash Arts at London's Courtyard Theatre as a response to anti-migrant rhetoric. Now, the Dash Arts team has joined up with Journeys Festival International and The People's Lounge to present a headline live performance from the phenomenal Syrian kanun player, Maya Youssef. Winner of the Exceptional Talent Award and recent star of the BBC Proms at The Royal Albert Hall, WOMAD and Portsmouth's own Victorious Festival, Maya will be supported by local musicians, poets and DJs.

Join us for an intimate evening of chilled out global vibes with Middle Eastern snacks that will close Journeys Festival International Portsmouth for 2017 and prove that music is a healer and antidote to what is happening, not only in Syria but across the entire world.

Supported by Portsmouth Festivities and Portsmouth Guildhall

Book your free space at
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Pay What You Decide on the Night –
Donations to Friends Without Borders

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- 1 The Canteen** Point Battery & Barracks, Broad Street, Portsmouth PO1 2FS
- 2 Aspex Gallery** The Vulcan Building, Gunwharf Quay's, Portsmouth PO1 3BF
- 3 Coastguard Studios** Montague House, Clarendon Rd, Portsmouth, Southsea PO4 0SA
- 4 The Container Project at Portsmouth Cathedral** St Thomas's St, Portsmouth PO1 2HA
- 5 New Theatre Royal** Portsmouth, 20-24 Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth PO1 2DD
- 6 Portsmouth Central Library** Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth PO1 2DX
- 7 The Loft at The Kings** 39 Albert Rd, Portsmouth, Southsea PO5 2SE
- 8 Faculty of Creative and Cultural Industries** Eldon building, University of Portsmouth, Winston Churchill Ave, Portsmouth PO1 2DJ
- 9 MAKE at Aldingbourne Enterprise** 1 Cornwall Rd, Portsmouth PO1 5AA
- 10 The Café at St Mark Church** 10-12 Derby Rd, Portsmouth PO2 8HR