

World City: Refugee Stories Exhibition Preview and Panel Event

Tuesday 19 June 2012
6 pm



This summer, as London welcomes visitors from around the globe for the 2012 Olympics, the Jewish Museum tells the stories of refugees who have come to London in very different circumstances.

World City: Refugee Stories is a special exhibition which will run from 20 June to 16 September. The exhibition presents the stories of nine individuals, each from a different country, who have come to London to find refuge over nine decades, from the 1930s through to the present. They come from countries as diverse as Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Sri Lanka, Rwanda, Chile and Cameroon. Each individual has a distinctive story to tell, yet there are common threads that link their experiences. The refugees' stories demonstrate courage and resilience, a commitment to build a new life and to make a positive difference.

The exhibition shows evocative photographic portraits of the refugees in their London homes and objects that have special meaning for them. Further refugee stories are explored in a film and animation.

Join us for a preview of the exhibition, followed by a panel discussion '*Protecting People – Rebuilding Lives*' which explores the challenges facing refugees and asylum-seekers at a time of political instability and economic austerity with David Aaronovitch, columnist for *The Times*, Brad Blitz, Professor of Human and Political Geography, Kingston University London, Dr Edie Friedman, Director of Jewish Council for Racial Equality and Roland Schilling, Representative of the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

The event will also introduce two student ambassadors and human rights activists – Rita, a young woman born to an Eritrean mother in a Sudanese refugee camp, and Kamil, a young man, who recently received refugee status after fleeing Iran where he was persecuted for belonging to the Ahwazi minority.

Price: Free with museum admission (£7.50, concs £6.50). Advance booking recommended.

Upcoming events:

Thursday 28 June 7 pm

Journeys: How Refugee Women Struggle for Justice, with Natasha Walter, author of *The New Feminism* and Director of Women for Refugee Women.

Sundays 24 June and 8 July 2-5 pm

"As a refugee you never quite belong anywhere" - Writing Workshop in partnership with Exiled Writers Ink

Sunday 9 September 7 pm

World Jamboree – A Night of World Music and Food in partnership with Faiths Act and Health Poverty Action.



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