

## Refugee Week at UEL, 2019



### All week: The Refugee Week exhibition

#### **UEL Archive with Voice of Kosovo Manchester and the Gujarati Yatra oral history projects.**

University of East London Archives, Room DL.G.02, University of East London: Library and Learning Services , Docklands Campus, 4-46 University Way, London E16 2RD

For Refugee Week, we will be hosting an exhibition in the Refugee Archive room in the Docklands Campus Library showcasing materials from our archival collections, including materials from the Voices of Kosovo in Manchester oral history project and the Gujarati Yatra oral history project.

<https://www.uel.ac.uk/student-life/library/library-archive>

### Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>

#### **Festival of الأنسوية (Womanhood): Through Palestinian Eyes. Amnesty International - with UEL's Afaf Jabiri**

Amnesty International UK, 25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA

10am-7pm

A celebration of women and their role in Palestine and other conflict zones around the world.

Women in Conflict is a topic that's often discussed, debated and sometimes bemoaned. Many narratives have emerged surrounding women in conflict zones being victims, heroes, perpetrators, agents, and

even symbols. Every conflict is as unique as womanhood itself and Nasawiyya Festival is a celebration of all women in all conflicts.

The Festival of **النسوية** will be a celebration of Women and their role in Palestine and other Conflict Zones around the world as well as an educational and awareness raising event. The festival will be a day full of workshops, panel discussions, film screenings and performances.

Not only will this address and education people on issues surrounding women in conflicts; their role, identity and rights. But, it will also be a celebration of them and their contribution. It will take us through a journey of what it means to be a woman in a conflict zone.

#### WORKSHOPS

- Ghada Karmi – Palestinian Resistance to Israeli repressions
- Afaf Jabiri – Woman in nationalist narratives: identity, symbolism and expectations
- Jo Berry and Shaimaa Hassan – Women, Peace and Security: Women's role in countering and assisting violent extremism
- Marie-France Nguo – Sexual Violence as a war tactic and challenges to women's participation in peace building in Congo
- The International League for Peace and Human Rights (ILPHR) (Marwa Baabbad, Mahmood Alazani, and Hamdan Dammag) – The situation of women in Yemen and the risks to their human rights.

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/festival-of-through-palestinian-eyes-tickets-60021812858>

**FESTIVAL OF**  
**النسوية**  
(WOMANHOOD)

**SUNDAY JUNE 16**  
**10AM - 7PM**

**ENTRY £5**

**AMNESTY FEMINISTS**



**FEATURING**  
**AFAF JABIRI**

Afaf Jabiri is Senior Lecturer in Refugee Studies and NGOs Management at University of East London.  
Her research focuses on Palestinian refugees and forced migration; gender and the Middle East; gendering migration and diaspora; gender and development; Muslim and Secular women's movement in the Middle East.  
She has also worked as women's protection officer at UNHCR and served as a policy and advocacy advisor for international and domestic NGOs and UN agencies. She took part in several UN missions to conflict areas, such as: Libya, Syria, and Yemen.  
She will be giving a workshop on Women in nationalist narratives: identity, symbolism and expectations.

**TICKETS @ FACEBOOK.COM/AMNESTYFEMINIST**

## **Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **Who came before you? Poets from 'Diaspora Women' with Paul Dudman, UEL**

Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Rd, Knightsbridge, London SW7 2RL, UK

12-5pm

Join us for this unique event run by poets from the Colombian women's group, Diaspora Woman, and University of East London archivist, Paul Dudman.

Booking: <https://www.vam.ac.uk/event/ZeD3WEI/who-came-before-you-june-2019>

## **Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>**

### **Refugees in the UK: integration and employment: Arup Group with UEL.**

13 Fitzroy Street , London W1T 4BQ

12-1pm

The event will be introduced by Jessica Oddy, UEL PhD student, and will feature videos from Majid Adin and poems by MO AKA Dream.

The panel discussion will include M O Aka Dream, poet (and UEL student), and Majid Adin, animator (and ex-UEL student), along with Richard Thickpenny of ACH, and a representative of BITC.

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**Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Words and Experiences: "The Ungrateful Refugee": Book Discussion and Q&A with author Dina Nayeri Chair: Prof Giorgia Dona, UEL. Organised by the Refugee Council Archive and UEL Archivist, Paul Dudman.**

UEL Docklands Campus, EB.G.10, 4-6 University Way, London E16 2RD.

1-2pm.

A timely, provocative and agenda-setting examination of the refugee experience, from writer and childhood refugee Dina Nayeri

How can refugees and migrants be heard in a hostile environment? To celebrate World Refugee Day 2019, we are honoured to host Q&A and Book Signing event with the established author Dina Nayeri who will be discussing her just published book entitled, "The Ungrateful Refugee" published by Canon Gate on 30th May 2019.

For Refugee Week 2019 we are pleased to be able to host Dina Nayeri to talk about her new book The Ungrateful Refugee. This is Dina's first book of non-fiction where Dina explores both her own story of leaving Iran and becoming a refugee as an eight-year-old child before being granted asylum in the United States. Dina's previous works including Refuge and A Teaspoon of Earth and Sea have both achieved awards and her new book explores real stories from her own experience and from those of other asylum seekers about what it means to be made to leave your home and cross borders hoping for a new start.

"The Ungrateful Refugee offers a new, complete narrative of resettlement, and recalibrates the conversation around the refugee experience. But above all here are the real human stories of what it is like to be forced to flee your home, to journey in hope of a better, safer life, and, for the lucky few, the struggle to start afresh in a new culture."

Dina will be available after the Q&A session to sign copies of her book "The Ungrateful Refugee" after the Q and A session.

Further details of the book can also be found on the Canon Gate website, for details see <https://canongate.co.uk/books/2490-the-ungrateful-refugee/>

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/words-and-experiences-the-ungrateful-refugee-qa-with-dina-nayeri-tickets-61632075196>



**Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Roundtable on the Importance of Oral History for Documenting Life Story Narratives of the Migration Experience: Re-launch of the UK Oral History Society Migration Special Interest Group. With UEL Archive.**

Organisers: Shelly Trower (Oral History Society), John Gabriel (Oral History Society) and Paul Dudman (UEL)

University of East London Archives  
Room DL.G.02, University of East London: Library and Learning Services,  
Docklands Campus, 4-6 University Way, London, E16 2RD

4-7pm.

We are very pleased to be able to run this event as the re-launch of the Oral History Society Migration Special Interest Group during Refugee Week 2019 and the London Festival of Architecture. This event is open to anyone with an interest in oral history and the role it must play in helping us to document, preserve and make accessible the narratives and stories of migration.

Our event will offer the opportunity to hear from a range of speakers and practitioners who have worked with oral history projects in on migration and refugee issues. It will also provide an opportunity to view selected exhibition and archival materials in the Archive room and the chance to network and discuss your own projects and contribute ideas on how we can develop the Migration SIG.

This event will be held at the Refugee Council Archive at the University of East London. UEL has been home to the Refugee Council Archive for over sixteen years now and the collection is developing into one of the largest collections in the UK focusing on refugee and migration experiences. The archive now contains a growing number of collections focusing on issues of refugee and migration studies with an increasing focus on the role of oral history. Recent archival deposits have included 'Voices of Kosovo in Manchester (VOKIM)' and 'Gujarati Yatra.'

Timetable:

4pm-5.40pm: Introductions followed by Panel Session with Short Presentations from each of the Panel followed by Questions.

Speakers including:

Louise Wong and Circle Steele, Crossing the Borders oral history project with the [Wai Yin Society](#), Manchester.

Rolf Killius, [Gujarati Yatra](#).

Judith Garfield, [Eastside Community Heritage](#).

Dr. Annabelle Wilkins, [Translating Asylum](#).

Marella Hoffman, Oral Historian and author of *Asylum under dreaming spires - Refugees' lives in Cambridge today* and *Practicing Oral History to Improve Public Policies and Programs*.

Dr. Rumana Hashem, Research Fellow in Politics and International Studies

(PAIS) at the University of Warwick and Coordinator of the IASFM Working Group for Archiving and Documentation of History of Forced Migration and Refugees.

Paul Dudman, Archivist at UEL and Convenor of the OHS Migration Special Interest Group.

5.40pm-6.10pm: Comfort Break and a Chance to See the Exhibitions.

6.10pm-7pm: OHS Migration Special Interest Group Discussion and Plans for the Future.

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Websites: OHS Migration SIG – [www.ohs.org.uk/information-for/migration/](http://www.ohs.org.uk/information-for/migration/)

UEL Archives - [www.uel.ac.uk/student-life/discover/library/library-archive](http://www.uel.ac.uk/student-life/discover/library/library-archive)

Twitter: [@OHSMigrationSIG](https://twitter.com/OHSMigrationSIG)

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/roundtable-on-the-importance-of-oral-history-for-documenting-life-story-narratives-of-the-migration-tickets-61627957881>



**Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Debating the Mayflower: London Bubble, with UEL's Georgie Wemyss**

London Bubble, SE16 4JD

6:30pm

Join us for a critical discussion during Refugee Week with Georgie Wemyss, Co-Director, Centre for Refugees, Migration and Belonging, UEL, and Darren Chetty about the legacy of the Mayflower voyage.

Booking: <https://www.londonbubble.org.uk/project/debating-the-mayflower/>

**Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Refugee voices : Reading poems from members of the refugee community.**

**Newham Poetry Group with UEL's CNR, Archive, and Sonia Quintero**

Surprise special guest from that community. Facilitator: Sonia Quintero  
The event includes writing activities.

Organised by Newham Poetry Group, UEL Archives, and UEL Centre for Narrative Research

Archive Room, DL - G.02, UEL Docklands Campus  
UEL, 4-6 University Way, London E16 2RD

4-6 pm

**Poetry Reading Club** is happy to announce our Summer Poetry programme, '**Poetry Beyond Boundaries**', which includes this **Refugee Week event**.



UEL Poetry Reading Club is a collaboration between:  
@NewhamPoetryGrp, UEL Archives, and the Centre for Narrative  
Research (CNR)

Thanks to the generous donation of a full collection of poetry, as well as fiction, criticism and theory from the estate of the poet and translator Sarah Maguire, UEL archives now have an amazing poetry collection in different languages, styles and publication types.

Free entry but booking is highly recommended:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/refugee-voices-tickets-60410797321/amp>

## **Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **Celebrating the OLIVE (Open Learning Initiative) course during Refugee Week - with UEL's Aura Lounasmaa**

US1.01, University Square Stratford, 1 Salway Road, Stratford, London E15 1NF,  
room US1.01

#### **3-6pm**

To mark Refugee Week, to celebrate the achievements of all of us who have been involved in the course as students, instructors, volunteers and external partners, and to invite others to think about pathways and challenges in higher education, we invite you to a celebration. Event.

During the event, you will get to meet organisation who support refugees into higher education, meet alumni and contributors of the OLIVE course, practice yoga for resilience and share stories, thoughts and food with us.

This event is followed by UEL Refugee Studies event in the same room from 6pm, open to all participants - please see details below.

Please register by emailing Aura Lounasmaa at [a.lounasmaa@uel.ac.uk](mailto:a.lounasmaa@uel.ac.uk) and let us know of any dietary requirements, request further information or make suggestions for additional activities.

<https://www.uel.ac.uk/research/olive>

Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>

## **Humanitarianism: Theory and Practice in Dialogue: Connecting Activism and Academia**

**STAR, Student Action for Refugees, joins with UEL Centre for Migration, Refugees and Belonging, UEL Centre for Social Justice and Change, and students from MA Refugee Studies and MA**

US1.01, UEL Stratford Circus campus, University Square Stratford, 1 Salway Road, Stratford, London E15 1NF

6-8.30pm



*Join Us for the Refugee Week Event*

***Humanitarianism:  
Theory and Practice in dialogue.***

Connecting Activism and Academia

The University of East London  
MA Refugee Studies and MA Conflict, Displacement and  
Human Security Students and Staff,  
The Centre for Migration, Refugees and Belonging,  
Centre for Social Justice and Change, and  
Student Action for Refugees invite you to join our event  
21 June 6:00-8:30pm  
UEL Stratford Campus US1.01 - University Square  
Stratford  
(<http://www.universitysquarestratford.ac.uk/>)

Discussions, Stories and of course... Drinks and Snacks