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Oldham Peace Week returns with host of free events

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OLDHAM PEACE Week is returning with a host of free events from Saturday, 24 June until Saturday, 1 July.



last day of refugee week.

The week aims to provide many positive events and activities, which are open to all attend.

The launch will be held at Oldham Library on Saturday June 24 from 12noon onwards with a showcase of musical talent and poetry performed by asylum seekers and refugees who are residents of Oldham.

Alongside this this there will be a market place filled with local organisations offering support as this will also be the

On Monday, June 26 it will be a screening of the film 'Threads', organised by the Greater Manchester & District CND.

This film is described as the most powerful anti-nuclear message on film and with scenes filmed on Saddleworth Moor, it really brings home the effect of a nuclear attack on our region.

This is a free event at Oldham Library on Greaves Street from 6-8pm and will include an introduction by Kate Hudson, General Secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Members of Saddleworth Peace Group will be supporting the event and will be on hand to facilitate the Q&A session at the end.

This will also be the launch of a new Oldham Peace Group with the opportunity to sign a petition given by the Japanese Hibakusha A-bomb survivors calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Then on Wednesday, 28 June at 1.30pm the Peace Education Programme will be introduced by Maria Ellis and Moira Colman.

This presentation will explain the programme which is a series of ten free interactive workshops.

There will also be an opportunity to register for a free place on a future programme in Oldham. This event will also take place on Thursday, 29 June at 2pm.

Failsworth Library will also be host to Maria Ellis who will be reading Prem Rawat's children's book, 'The Pot with the Hole', on Thursday, 29 June at 10am.

There will be an opportunity to see a slideshow of the book's illustrations and participate in related activities. This event will also be promoting the 303 words for peace writing competition.

Then to round off the week on Saturday, 1 July is a 'Super Saturday' event when Gallery Oldham staff will be helping children make peace cranes to send to Hiroshima for display in the peace garden there for the memorial event on Sunday, 6 August.

Later in the year to mark United Nations Day of Peace, Oldham Library will host the first Oldham Peace Day lecture on Thursday, 21 September at 6pm with Vijay Mehta, Chair of Uniting for Peace as the guest speaker.

Vijay will also be signing copies of his book *Peace beyond Borders*, which will be available to purchase.

Then Gallery Oldham and Oldham Library will be working together on Saturday, 23 September for a special event from 12noon-4pm.

The event will be the fourth Oldham Peace Day celebration with music, drama, poetry, book readings, inspiring speakers, DVDs and more.

For more information about any of the events please contact:

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