

Refugee Week



Friends House
19–25 June, 2017



Date	Summary	Venue
Monday 19 June 11:00–15:00	Sanctuary through history: Library open day Quakers have been part of movements to welcome newcomers to Britain for many years. Explore artefacts and stories from past initiatives to assist people seeking sanctuary, from the Kindertransport to the present day.	Library
18:30–20:30	Sanctuary in the media Co-authors of <i>The Good Immigrant</i> , Coco Khan, Darren Chetty and Vera Chok, discuss how an anti-racist media might look. Chaired by Dalia Gebrial (Undoing Borders campaign / People & Planet).	Bookshop
Tuesday 20 June 12:30	World Refugee Day, meeting for worship (semi-programmed) Quiet contemplation on the situation faced by people seeking sanctuary.	Worship space
18:30–20:30	Sanctuary in writing Contributors to the new-writing anthologies <i>Refugee Stories</i> , <i>A Country of Refuge</i> , and <i>Over Land Over Sea</i> discuss their first-hand experiences of seeking sanctuary. Chaired by Lucy Popescu.	Bookshop
Wednesday 21 June 18:30–20:30	Sanctuary in the arts Actor and playwright Gaël Le Cornec, author Gulwali Passarlay (<i>The Lightless Sky</i>) and filmmaker Sue Clayton (Goldsmiths College) discuss how the arts can help people think differently about people seeking sanctuary.	Bookshop
Thursday 22 June 18:30–20:30	Sanctuary in fiction Novelists Sita Brahmachari (<i>Red Leaves</i>), Jason Donald (<i>Dalila</i>), Tim Finch (<i>House of Journalists</i>) and Roma Tearne (<i>The Swimmer</i>) discuss the representation of immigration in fiction.	Bookshop
Sunday 25 June 11:00–12:00	Meeting for worship Based in stillness and silent waiting, a Quaker meeting gives space and time to listen and reflect.	George Fox room
13:00–15:00	Challenging immigration detention A panel of experts discuss the immigration detention system and what can be done to challenge it.	George Fox room
14:30–17:00	RefuTEA Newcomers to Britain and longstanding residents drink a cup of tea together. Hosted in partnership with the Refugee Council.	Courtyard