

HEADINGLEY
FESTIVAL OF
IDEAS

9 - 25 MAY 2019

On the Fringes
Encountering Borders & Boundaries

SATURDAY 18 MAY 2019

South Parade Baptist Church

12.30 - 8.30pm

Headingley Festival of Ideas is delighted to present a day of events exploring aspects of borders with guest speakers, singing, and the opportunity to talk to local refugees about their lives in Leeds and the support they receive through Meeting Point.

Listen to two wonderful local choirs and return in the evening to watch a showing of *Les Sauteurs*.

1-2pm

Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust, Carlisle:

Ancient Walls and Living Frontiers

Join archaeology curators Sarah Forster and Elsa Price as they explore the history of Hadrian's Wall, one of Britain's most loved heritage sites. This workshop will look at how the wall was used to physically mark the frontier of the Roman Empire and symbolically to contest the lands between England & Scotland long after the Romans had left.

But archaeology isn't all about the past. The legacy of Hadrian's Wall will be used to explore modern frontiers across the world today and discuss the connections between borders ancient and modern in this interactive session.

**TULLIE
HOUSE**
125 YEARS
CARLISLE

2.20-3.20pm

Medecins Sans Frontieres

Working on the frontlines

Chris McAleer is an ex field staff member with Medecins Sans Frontieres. Previously he has worked next to frontlines during the current conflict in Yemen and witnessed how that has impacted people's access to healthcare; in a United Nations protected camp in South Sudan where the population feared to go outside due to risk of being killed; and during the most recent conflict in Iraq where people had fled fighting and were internally displaced in their own country.

As part of his talk, Chris will talk about how borders - frontlines and lines of protection - impact on people and humanitarian responses in these situations.



3.40-4.40pm



Balkans Peace Park Project (B3P)

In 2000, local people's concern for their unique but threatened environment prompted the idea of a transboundary Balkans Peace Park in the Prokletije/ Bjeshkët e Nemuna mountains of Albania, Kosovo/a, and Montenegro. It would be a symbol of peace, friendship and cooperation between communities across national borders. A UK group was formed in 2001 to support the idea with two main aims: environmental preservation and income generation from sustainable visitor activities.

Richard Hargreaves became involved in the Balkans Peace Park Project B3P when support for it was launched in the UK. He has been cross-border trekking, on foot or mountain bike, through the region most years since 2002. Within the context of B3P and the "Peaks of the Balkans Trail" he will show slides of borders and their crossings and discuss their historical legacy and the feelings they evoke.

6.30pm

The most award-winning Danish (and Skandinavian) documentary of 2016:

Les Sauteurs (Those Who Jump) by Estephan Wagner

From Africa, Abou watches the fence and the future in Europe ahead of him. For over a year, he and thousands of other migrants have attempted to jump the enormous fence system that separates Morocco and Spain - a land border by the enclave Melilla. Behind the camera, Abou portrays the struggle for dignity and freedom on the militarized frontier.



In between the talks:

Throughout the afternoon there will be refreshments and stalls available

Entertained by Asmarina Refugee Women's choir and Harmony Choir

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

But donations will be requested to cover the costs of this event

About Meeting Point

Meeting Point is a social project based in Armley, West Leeds that has been supporting refugees and asylum seekers since 2003. From our base at Christ Church we run a weekly drop-in, English classes and a Women's Group, providing a range of immediate and long term support services. The Women's Group is a creative space, whose members make and sell high quality items to fundraise for their group. Come and visit us to purchase unique products, talk to staff, volunteers and beneficiaries about the work we do and find out how you can help.

About Harmony Choir

Harmony is a community choir that has been based in East Leeds for over 8 years. We are unique in Leeds, as our 30-40 singers come from all corners of the world.

Our vibrant performances for local community groups and good causes truly demonstrate multi-cultural unity. We sing uplifting songs in unaccompanied four part harmony, learning by ear, with a warm welcome and emphasis on fun. We are led by an experienced choir leader, Frances Bernstein.

We welcome everyone, regardless of singing experience, background or faith, and particularly refugees and those seeking asylum. The choir helps forge friendships across all the barriers that normally divide us all, and improves peoples' mental health and well-being. To enable asylum seekers to access the opportunity to sing, we reimburse their bus fares and offer food, refreshments and childcare.

Our thanks to the South Parade Baptist Church for their support for this day's events

