

HEADINGLEY FESTIVAL OF IDEAS

9 - 25 MAY 2019

BORDERS





A space for ideas and debate on a theme of **BORDERS**

BORDERS can divide and protect. Do they create conflict or prevent it?
How have borders influenced your life?

This 2019 Festival of Ideas offers you the chance to explore and discuss these concepts. Please come and share your ideas in our many exciting events and activities.

*The Festival is co-ordinated by a small group of Headingley residents.
We welcome new ideas and people. If you can join us to plan future
Festivals please contact:
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Venues

21 Co Cafe
Headingley Central (Arndale
Centre), Leeds LS6 2UE

South Parade Baptist Church
Kirkstall Lane, LS6 3LF

HEART Ph 0113 275 4548
Bennett Road, LS6 3HN

**Headingley Community Hub
(formerly Library)**
North Lane, LS6 3HG

New Headingley Club
56 St Michael's Road, LS6 3BG

Headingley Parish Hall,
St Michael's Lane, LS6 3AW

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Schools debating competition 2019

As part of the Festival, on Wednesday 20th March, Leeds Salon hosted the final of the annual school debating competition for years 10 & 11 pupils (ages 14 to 16 years), at the HEART Centre. This year's finalists included the winners of the two north Leeds qualifying rounds - **Allerton High** and **Carr Manor** - and the winner of The Tetley competition for south and central Leeds schools - **Woodkirk Academy**. The schools debated the 'repatriation of cultural artefacts', 'tourism' and 'populism' in the final.

STOP PRESS! *this year's winner was Allerton High*

9 may

Talking Heads: Challenging the border mentality

**Time to revisit our commitment to
the Refugee Convention**

7.30-9.30pm / HEART

Dr Mick Wilkinson

Mick will revisit the UK's historic commitment to refugees as the 'mother of Asylum,' a reminder of how grassroots communities have traditionally sought to offer a warm and generous welcome to those in fear of persecution and genocide. He will outline how from the 1990s onwards, a perfect storm of racism, political opportunism and media demonization have betrayed that legacy, creating in its place a 'hostile environment' for asylum seekers and their children. He will conclude by calling on all good people to reclaim the agenda, to restore our commitment to the Refugee Convention and to those in dire need of protection and support.

Dr Mick Wilkinson is Lecturer in Social Justice at the University of Hull and an Associate Member of the Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery & Emancipation (WISE)

11 may



Panel and Discussion:

Refugees - Borders & Barriers
7-9pm / HEART

Alex Sobel is a Local MP who believes that the UK government operates a hostile environment for asylum seekers. He will speak about his work trying to reform the system.

Peninah Wangari-Jones is Head of West Yorkshire Racial Justice Network. She will focus on building community networks as a means of ending racial injustice and addressing colonial legacies.

Tina Brockelbank will describe her experiences at the border in Calais where people, politics and power clash. She now works for Leeds Asylum Seekers Support Network, and is studying an MA in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies.

Maryam Khastawi is an Afghan woman and community activist. She will talk about her own experience of crossing borders: between countries, between refugees and settled populations, settled population and barriers within UK systems.

13 may

Café Sci :Drifting plates and shifting boundaries: what 50 years of plate tectonics tell us about planet Earth'

7.30pm / New Headingley Club

A revolution in geosciences occurred in the late 1960s when it became accepted that the Earth's surface consisted of a series of plates with boundaries that marked regions of earthquakes and volcanoes. The collection of different types of data drove this revolution and the new instruments that collected it came from both warfare and international collaboration. As a result, geophysics became a global science. Plate tectonics remains a powerful model for understanding the movements of the Earth's surface and the hazards they bring to human life. The theory also provides a basis for understanding Earth as a planet and comparing it to other planets that might - or might not - hold life.

Sue Bowler was an astronomer at the Royal Greenwich Observatory, and later Earth Sciences editor at New Scientist magazine. She is now a Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Leeds where she has taught in the Schools of Earth and Environment and Physics and Astronomy for the last 20 years,

Donation please for room hire and expenses: £3 at the door

14 may



A Short Time to Make a Long Border

RHS Chatsworth Flower Show 2018
7-9pm / HEART

Mary will talk about the intense process of creating Turning Point, her Gold-medal winning Long Border at the 2018 Royal Horticultural Society Chatsworth Flower Show. Turning Point was designed to showcase beautiful planting design for shade and sun and year-round interest. Mary will also touch on how borders of different sorts impact on the world of plants and garden design.

Mary is a Leeds-based garden designer and horticulturist. In addition to running her garden design business, Mary Swan Gardens (www.maryswangardens.com), she teaches, gives talks, writes on garden design and makes wilful changes to her own garden.

15 may

Wall in the Mind

Script in Hand production by Sound Company

7.30pm / Headingley Parish Hall

Why do we build the wall?

We build the wall to keep us free

That's why we build the wall

We build the wall to keep us free

From the song *Why We Build the Wall* by Anais Mitchell

What does it do to you when a five metre high concrete 'Peace Wall' is built across your street or back yard or fields? A wall that cuts you off from people who were once neighbours, now designated 'enemies'? Wall in the Mind is a script-in-hand piece of theatre with songs. It retells stories from around the world of the conflict, loss, lies and hope created by separation. They are the stories of real people whose lives have been disrupted by barriers, fences and walls. In a world of fake news, their stories remain true.

Donations on the door suggested £7/£5. No one turned away for lack of funds.



16 may

Border Lines

7.30-9pm / Headingley C. Hub

A poetic feast on the theme of BORDERS. Come and allow your minds to be captivated by the imagination and talents of ten local poets, who will explore the many meanings of the notion of Borders.

Be prepared to be challenged and entertained by a poetic examination of what the concept of "borders" means - physical, mental and spiritual borders. Let your minds be taken on a journey - who knows where it will lead to.

16 may

Bordering on the Criminal

The UK's need for penal reform
7.30-9pm / 21 Co Cafe

The Prison Reform Trust works for a just, humane and effective penal system, examining its workings, informing its players and influencing its rulers. It aims to reduce unnecessary imprisonment, improve prison conditions and promote equality and human rights.

We will hear from Paula Harriott, Head of Prisoner Engagement at the Trust, about why change is needed and how current campaigns are addressing the political issues and supporting prisoners and their families. Followed by questions and open discussion.

17 may



Border Tunes

7.30-9pm / South Parade Baptist Church

Postgraduate researcher Amélie Addison shares stories, songs and reflections from her research in to 18th century composer William Shield. After Amélie shares how this research interacts with her own life and faith, there will be opportunity for those present to reflect on their own experience of borders and belonging.

19 may



Walk the Lines

1-5.30pm / Start at Salvo's, St Anne's Parade

A walk along the boundaries of Headingley and Meanwood led by Liz Westmorland. Hear about places and buildings of interests along the way. This is a 7- 8 mile walk - generally flat and easy underfoot but may be muddy in parts. Short bus ride back to the start.

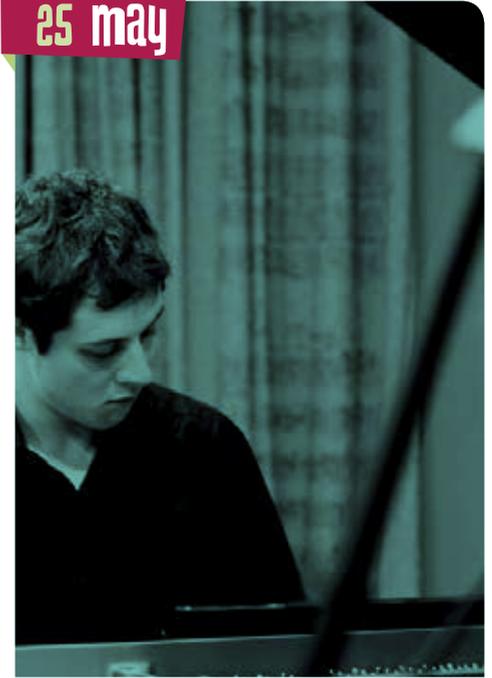
23 may

Exile and Refuge at the Borders of Europe

Conversation with Daniel Trilling
7.30-9pm / Headingley C. Hub

Daniel Trilling is editor of New Humanist magazine and writes for publications including the Guardian, London Review of Books and New York Times. He spent over five years reporting on the experiences of people who come to Europe in search of asylum and his book Lights in the Distance: Exile and Refuge at the Borders of Europe (Picador, 2018) is a portrait of the refugee crisis as seen by those who experienced it first hand.

25 may



Blurring the edges - Borders in music

Sam Watts
7.45pm / HEART

Pianist and composer Sam Watts presents an evening of music of different styles from around the world, including Jazz/Blues, Brazilian music, and European classical music, exploring the connections and differences between them - what gives them their identity and what separates them, exploring where the musical borders lie between different styles and eras and how musical styles mix and emerge in an evening concert/talk

Tickets: £10/£6.

Available from HEART or on the door.

18 may

On the Fringes Encountering Borders & Boundaries

1-9pm / South Parade Baptist Church

An afternoon and evening of exciting events, music and presentations from:

Tullie House Museum, Carlisle,
Balkans Peace Park
Medecins sans Frontieres

The day will also include stalls, live music and an evening film.

See separate flyer for details
or visit: bit.ly/HFOI_18May



22 may

THINK: Humans and the Environment

A focus on Veganism
7-9pm / HEART

Borders of acceptable behaviour: What boundaries do we set ourselves on what we are prepared to eat, in the interests of ourselves and our environment?

THINK is a Headingley group based on the Philosophy in Pubs movement, which meets every month. Everyone is given a chance to speak or, if they wish, to simply sit and listen. The only thing participants need is a willingness to ask questions and an open mind.



24 may



Border Histories

Memory, Amnesia and Nation States
7.30-9pm / New Headingley Club

From the "debateable lands" between England and Scotland in the 16th Century to border conflicts of recent memory, this event will provide an opportunity to explore the contention that the nation state is unsurpassed as an ideal form of social organisation.

John Douglas will explore three approaches to nation states and their borders - the realist, idealist and critical; providing the basis for a participatory and lively discussion.

Programme

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Thu 9	HEART	7.30-9pm	Talking Heads: Challenging the border mentality
Sat 11	HEART	7-9pm	Panel: Refugees – Borders & Barriers
Mon 13	New Headingley Club	7.30pm	Cafe Sci: Drifting plates and shifting boundaries
Tue 14	HEART	7-9pm	A Short Time to make a Long Border
Wed 15	Headingley Parish Hall	7.30pm	Wall in the Mind
Thu 16	Headingley C. Hub	7.30pm	Border Lines
Thu 16	21 Co Cafe	7.30pm	Bordering on the Criminal: The UK's need for penal reform
Fri 17	South Parade Baptist Church	7.30-9pm	Border Tunes
Sat 18	South Parade Baptist Church	1-8.30pm	On the Fringes – encountering Borders and Boundaries
Sun 19	Meet at Salvo's	1-5.30pm (approx)	Walk the Lines
Tue 22	HEART	7-9pm	THINK
Thu 23	Headingley Community Hub	7.30-9pm	Exile and Refuge at the Borders of Europe - With Daniel Trilling
Fri 24	New Headingley Club	7.30pm	Border Histories – Memory, Amnesia and Nation States
Sat 25	HEART	7.45pm	Blurring the edges - Borders in music Sam Watts

Unless stated on event listing inside, all events are free but donations towards Festival of Ideas welcome.

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