

# Exhibitions

1 September - 4 November

## Windrush Lives

**Opening hours: Tues-Fri: 10am- 4pm, Sat: 10am-5pm**

A unique display of treasured local family keepsakes, pictures and spoken word, *Windrush Lives* shares the living memory of the Windrush generation and their descendants in making Reading the place it is today. **Reading Caribbean Associations Group** Welcome Gallery, Reading Museum, RG1 1QH & free



9 October - 6 November

## John Buckley Open Studios

**Opening hours: 11am-4pm Sat, Sun, Mon**

A rare opportunity to see the work of **John Buckley**, a local sculptor dedicated to highlighting the plight of the victims of war. He has recorded many war-devastated parts of the world. The work includes Mines Advisory Group Landmines Exhibition, The Warrior Anti-war Memorial, Dry Riverbed Nursery, Dance of the Amoeba... The Art Studio, Braziers Park, OX10 6AN free **Karen Goonewardene** [neocartouche2020@gmail.com](mailto:neocartouche2020@gmail.com)

9 October - 10 November

## Sculpture - Nuba Survival

**Accessible all hours**

In an isolated field near a dilapidated barn stands this chilling portrayal of the plight of the Nuba peoples of Sudan. Created by local sculptor **John Buckley** after a visit to the Nuba Mountains in southern Sudan. Hammond Farm, Checkendon, RG8 0NS free **Karen Goonewardene** [neocartouche2020@gmail.com](mailto:neocartouche2020@gmail.com)

17 October - 18 November

## Photo exhibition: Portraits of San Francisco Libre, Reading's twin town in Nicaragua

**Library opening hours: Mon,Tue,Thu: 10am-7pm, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-3pm**

**Russell Maddicks** exhibits portraits of people he met recently in San Francisco Libre where he learned how Reading's assistance to an environmental and educational NGO is improving lives. Reading San Francisco Libre Association. Holybrook Gallery, Reading Central Library, Abbey Square, RG1 3BQ free **Russell Maddicks** [07765 999557](tel:07765999557)

# Reading International Development Forum

The Forum aims to celebrate Reading's diverse communities and action groups. The programme highlights the many international activities, twinning links and solidarity in Reading. The theme highlighted this year is:

## Unite and Act for Human Survival

Let us unite to create:

A world where we live in peace, without divisions and violence

A world that protects all human rights

A world that protects our environment and planet

An equitable world & economic system that serves all

The Festival includes **Black History Month**.



If your organisation is planning an event with an international perspective, contact: [volunteers@risc.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@risc.org.uk) about criteria and dates. All participating groups are included free and all help to distribute the leaflets throughout Reading.



*“What matters today, the issue which blocks the horizon, is the need for a redistribution of wealth. Humanity will have to address this question.”*

Frantz Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth*

# Reading International Festival 2023

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Event details are correct at time of printing – contact organisations to confirm.

## Saturday 14 October

### film *The Beginning of Things*

**11am** Film with scientist **Brain Swimme**, author of *Cosmogogenesis: An Unveiling of the Expanding Universe*; how science and spirituality can come together in contemporary thought. Followed by discussion. **GreenSpirit Reading** RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free Emanuella 📧 [readinggreenspirit@outlook.com](mailto:readinggreenspirit@outlook.com)



### Incredible Small Actions: Community food growing in Reading and beyond

**7pm** Presentations and discussion on the **Incredible Edible Reading** vision to protect our environment and planet through community food growing. The journey so far, digital stories from food-growing initiatives within and beyond and an opportunity to share your ideas and stories to help put the vision into action. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free Kath Burton 📧 [kathburton15@gmail.com](mailto:kathburton15@gmail.com)

## Wednesday 18 October

### Operation Climate Vote

**7.30pm** Greenpeace speaker, **Eleonore Michels**, on how to make climate change a central issue for the General Election. We are inviting the public to join a block of Climate Voters to demand strong climate commitments in manifestos & government. **Berkshire Greenpeace**. [www.greenwire.greenpeace.org.uk/s/event/a2X4H000000fthFUAQ/operation-climate-vote-berkshire](http://www.greenwire.greenpeace.org.uk/s/event/a2X4H000000fthFUAQ/operation-climate-vote-berkshire). RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free/donations Brian Woodgate 📧 [07724 585500](tel:07724585500)

## Friday 20 October

### Slavery, Free Labour & Fair Trade

**7.30pm** Dr **Joseph Yannielli** of Aston University will explore how society has been grappling with the issue of fair trade since early industrialisation. He will be joined by two of his students, **Samriti Hans** and **Safiah Al-Shatheli**. They will examine slavery in Reading, the role of enslaved labour in the production of cotton, sugar and chocolate, and early campaigns for free labour and human rights. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free 📧 [Zainab@risc.org.uk](mailto:Zainab@risc.org.uk)

## Saturday 21 October

### Book launch and panel discussion with author Nadya Ali

**7pm** *The Violence of Britishness, Racism, Borders and the Conditions of Citizenship*. **Nadya Ali** examines how racially discriminatory immigration policies are threatening the rights and entitlements of us all. A panel discussion chaired by **Reading Refugee Support Group** and **Alliance for Cohesion and Racial Equality** followed by book signing. Refreshments. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free **Trish Whitham** 📧 [pgwhitham@gmail.com](mailto:pgwhitham@gmail.com)

### Reading Windrush Group presents *3.3% and Starter Motor*

**7.30pm** Two short plays focusing on the Windrush generation and the generation of today capture the vibe of the time and the question: how much has changed? Filled with the fleeting heat of joy, the quenching taste of hope and the pulsating beat of dignity. Written by acclaimed actor and writer **Clint Dyer** and directed by **2Heavy Productions' Steve Macaulay**. South St Art Centre, 21 South St, RG1 4QU & **£10, £5 over 60s & under 18s** box office 📞 [0118 960 6060](tel:01189606060)

## Tuesday 24 October

### film **Double bill: *The Sequel* and *Together We Grow***

**6pm** *The Sequel* introduces inspiring projects and people from four continents: economist **Kate Raworth**, philosopher **Roger Scruton** and Gaian ecologist **Stephan Harding**. *Together We Grow*, tells the inspiring story of a thriving hub helping to build resilience into its local community by farming in urban backyards. **Transition Town Reading** Reading Biscuit Factory, 1 Queens Walk, RG1 7QE **£6.50** 📧 [info@readingbiscuitfactory.co.uk](mailto:info@readingbiscuitfactory.co.uk)

## Thursday 26 October

### The World Book Club: *The Dangers of Smoking in Bed*

**7.30pm** Join The World Book Club at RISC that meets the last Thursday of every month. This month's book is a psychological horror short story collection written by the Argentinean author **Mariana Enriquez**. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free **Marianna** 📧 [worldbookclubreading@gmail.com](mailto:worldbookclubreading@gmail.com)

## Wednesday 1 November

### Mountains of the E4 Trail across Europe

**7.45pm for 8pm** Illustrated talk about the E4 Long Distance Path, 6600 miles from Spain to Cyprus: lengthy climbs, beautiful vistas, cloud filled valleys, mountain top restaurants, icon filled chapels, snow and *sauerbraten*. **Austrian Alpine Club** RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free **Jan** 📞 [07576 261318](tel:07576261318) text only

## Thursday 2 November

### Experience San Francisco Libre, Reading's twin town in Nicaragua

**7.30pm** **Russell Maddicks** and 10-year-old **Francisco** present their recent visit to San Francisco Libre and how Reading's assistance to an environmental and educational NGO is improving lives. **Reading San Francisco Libre Association** RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free **Russell Maddicks** 📞 [07765 99957](tel:0776599957)



## Friday 3 November

### Hood in the Wood

**7pm** Are we now utterly dependent upon technology? Stone sculptor **McAlistair Hood** talks about his low-impact lifestyle and practical investigation into the design and purpose of the mind, body and soul and its relationship with the natural world. **McAlistair Hood & Food4families** RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free **Andrew** 📞 [07576 451844](tel:07576451844)

## Saturday 4 November

### Celebrating Burkina Faso

**7pm** Fundraising event with live music, food, raffle and more! **Eva Watkinson** from **Debt Justice** will talk about the economic challenges faced by Burkina Faso and other West African nations and ways to alleviate them. Proceeds will go towards the Food Crisis Appeal (Red Cross), Tigoung Nonma Cooperative in Burkina Faso and Lasting Action For Inclusion. **LAFI & TN** RISC, 35-39 London St RG1 4PS & free **Alice McGonnell** 📞 [07857 551393](tel:07857551393)

## Wednesday 8 November

### book launch *Pharmanomics: How Big Pharma Threatens Global Health*

**7.30pm** Pharmaceutical companies make billions while billions of people are left without essential medicines. Author **Nick Dearden** exposes the current problems and shows a pathway to a fairer, safer system of producing medicines for all. **Global Justice Reading** RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free **Jackie Oversby** 📞 [07745 310794](tel:07745310794)

## Thursday 9 November

### This Christmas, don't just buy! Buy Just

**6.30pm** Hear stories of our fair trade producers and a chance to browse our new ranges of toys from Sri Lanka by Lanka Kade and Weaving Hope, Christmas decorations from Kashmir and Palestine by Fair to Trade, accessories from Cambodia by Lost in Samsara, jewellery from India and Peru by Just Trade London. Sample fair trade wine and snacks. The World Shop, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free **Silvia** 📞 [0118 956 9800](tel:01189569800)

## Friday 10 November

### The Legacy of British Nuclear Colonialism

**2pm** For decades the UK's nuclear weapons programmes exploited the resources, lands and labour of communities around the world. We'll discuss this continuing legacy and implications for disarmament initiatives today. Speakers from affected communities. **Nuclear Information Service** Online event, register at [www.nucle-arinfo.org](http://www.nucle-arinfo.org) free **Trish Whitham** 📞 [07935 009078](tel:07935009078)

### film *Downwind*

**7pm** A new documentary exposing the harrowing impact of USA and UK nuclear tests on Western Shoshone land in Nevada. After screening Q&A panel includes **Ian Zabarte**, Principal Man of the Western Shoshone Nation, film maker **Mark Shapiro** and Greenham/Aldermaston peace camp women who halted a British nuclear test. Refreshments. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free **Trish Whitham** 📞 [07935 009078](tel:07935009078)