

Events 15-31 October

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

Thursday 11 October

film **BlacKkKlansman (2018)**

7.45pm From visionary filmmaker Spike Lee comes the true story of Ron Stallworth. Ron, played by John David Washington, was the first African-American detective to serve in the Colorado Springs Police Department. Stallworth bravely sets out on a dangerous mission to infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan. Reading Film Theatre, Palmer Building, UoR, RG6 2AH & £8/£7concs/£6members ☎ 0118 378 7151



Monday 15 October

Reading Refugee Support Group: Monday Drop-in

10am-1pm A social drop-in for refugees and asylum seekers, living in and around Reading. In addition to socialising with others over a hot drink, fruit and biscuits, English language support is available, general information and help with CV writing and job hunting. Travel can be reimbursed. Reading Refugee Support Group, RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & Sunday Kendi ☎ 0118 950 5356

Taming the Nuclear Dragon

7.30pm Reading Peace Group and Nuclear Information Service join with **Kate Hudson**, General Secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, to discuss the meaning of the new international Treaty for Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and how to ensure UK compliance. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free/donations NIS ☎ 0118 327 4935

Tuesday 16 October

Salsa Class & Latin Club

7.30-11pm Fun and friendly with a special class for absolute beginners. Two left feet and no sense of rhythm—no problem! Every Tuesday, 7.30-9.30pm classes; 9.30-11pm dancing Red Hat Salsa. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & first absolute beginners' class and Latin Club free Ed ☎ 0118 966 8292

film **C'est la vie (Le sens de la fête) (2017)**

7.45pm With 30 years of catering under his belt, Max (Pierre Bacri) has organized hundreds of parties. This time, the gorgeous wedding in an XVIIIth Century chateau with a brigade of waiters, cooks, an orchestra, and photographer are under his command. The film is tinged with political and racial complexity. French with subtitles. Directed by Olivier Nakache and Eric Toledano. Reading Film Theatre, Palmer Building, UoR, RG6 2AH & £8/£7concs/£6members ☎ 0118 378 7151

Wednesday 17 October

When Will the Polluter Pay?

7.30pm Screening and discussion of *Bhopali*. The site of the Union Carbide/Dow plant in Bhopal continues to poison the local water supply. Health effects now extend into a third generation of Bhopalis. Restorative Action for Bhopal (and Bhopal Medical Appeal). Reading Quaker Meeting House, 2 Church St, RG1 2SB & Annie Murray ☎ 0118 941 2728/07807 663965



Thursday 18 October

Environmental injustice and resistance in North Africa & Middle East

7.30pm The ecological crisis is a reality from Morocco to Iraq, and it is already undermining the socioeconomic and ecological basis of life in the region. It is seen in disruptive climate change, polluting extractive industries, wars, occupation, diseases, exhaustion of natural resources and water scarcity. People across the region are resisting and demanding sovereignty over their land, resources and livelihoods. Speakers **Hamza Hamouchene** from Environmental Justice North Africa and **Nazli Tarzi** from Tadamun-Iraqi Women Solidarity. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free Zainab ☎ 0118 958 6692

Alliance for Cohesion and Racial Equality (Acre) 2018 AGM

6.30-8.30pm As part of **Black History Month: Anti-slavery Awareness** we will be exploring the topic **Strange Welcome!** The uneasy relationship between Commonwealth Citizens from the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and the United Kingdom that led to the recent Windrush Scandal. With Reading Slavery Links exhibition (see Exhibitions) Reading Borough Council Chamber, Bridge St, RG1 2LU & Victor Koroma ☎ 0118 951 0279



Friday 19 October

Join The Zimbabwe Conversation

7.30pm **Black History Month** celebrating and talking about Zimbabwe with Zimbabweans in Reading and Friends of Zimbabwe through talks, showcasing: culture, charities, goods, art, music, religion, food etc. Zimbabwe Community Group. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & Alice Mpofu-Coles (Chigumira) ~@alinyana15@gmail.com Thompson Chauke ~@culturetomarts@gmail.com

film **Through a Glass Darkly (Ingmar Bergman 1961)**

8pm Swedish drama tells the story of a young woman with schizophrenia who has delusions about meeting God. An Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Language Film. The film is sponsored by Open Mind and will include a short presentation on the depiction of mental health in cinema at 7.30pm. The Rising Sun Arts Centre, 30 Silver St, RG1 2ST & free/donations Larry Watson ☎ 0118 986 6788

Los Dos Gringos y un Argentino

10pm ¡Bienvenidos al hogar oficial de 'Los Dos Gringos'! We are two wandering Gringos walking a lonely dusty road, hoping that one day we will be accepted as honorary Latinos by strumming our guitars in a Spanish fashion. Global Café, 35 London St, RG14PS & donations Will ☎ 0118 958 3555

Saturday 20 October

African Night Fever presents Diabel Cissokho

8pm Senegalese musician **Diabel Cissokho** is part of a great line of Cissokho griots. International tours with his family's band Bannaya led to a long stint as Baaba Maal's kora player, as well as with acclaimed musicians such as Kandia Kouyate, Pee Wee Ellis, Omar Pene, Cheikh Lo, Ernest Ranglin and Youssou N'Dour. South St Art Centre, 21 South St, RG1 4QU & £15/£13members box office ☎ 0118 937 3456

Salsa Class & Monthly Latin Party

8pm-12.30am Fun and friendly with a special class for absolute beginners. Two left feet and no sense of rhythm – no problem! Or just come and listen to the Latin rhythms. 8-9pm classes; 9-12.30am party. Red Hat Salsa. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & first absolute beginners' class free Ed ☎ 0118 966 8292

Sunday 21 October

What can we do?

3pm Can silence be a vehicle for social change? Join Quakers, in expectant silence, asking: 'What can we do in these uncertain times?' Followed by conversation and afternoon tea. Reading Quakers (Religious Society of Friends), 2 Church St, RG1 2SB (off London St) & Robyn Appleton ☎ 07775 812 143

film **Tawai – A Voice From The Forest**

7.30pm A Bruce Parry film. From the peoples of the forests of Amazonia and Borneo to the Ganges and Skye, Tawai is a quest for reconnection to nature, providing a powerful voice from the heart of the forest. Berkshire Greenpeace. The Lyndhurst, 88-90 Queen's Rd, RG1 4DG Brian Woodgate ☎ 0772 458 5500 ~@www.berkshiregreenpeace.org.uk

Monday 22 October

The Alliance of World Scientists' Second Warning to Humanity

7.30pm A talk to briefly cover the breadth and depth of the warning published in November last year. Population growth and its effect on the environment features strongly. Population Matters Reading Group. 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & £1 Bill Dowling ☎ 01344 772130

Tuesday 23 October

Ancient Egyptian Fun Day

10am-3pm Members of the Thames Valley Ancient Egypt Society join us for a fun day of activities with an Egyptian theme, inspired by fantastic artefacts from the collection. Find out about the Society's work and join in activities including: dressing up, handling artefacts, making scarab beetle necklaces, finding out about daily life in Ancient Egypt, decorating masks and writing your name in hieroglyphs. Families welcome. £5 for all activities Reading Museum, Blagrove St, RG1 1QH & ☎ 0118 937 3400

Wednesday 24 October

Borders: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

7.30pm Ruben Andersson (Associate Professor of Migration and Development) considers Europe's contemporary and historic borders, to show how bordering shifts over time. He asks whether we should aim for 'good borders' rather than 'no borders'. Refreshments/snacks afterwards. Joint Global Justice Reading & RISC event. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free Jackie Oversby ☎ 0774 531 0794

Thursday 25 October

Vedanta's Billions & The City of London

7.30pm On 22 May 2018 thirteen people, including women and children, were shot dead by police on their 100th day of protest against pollution by British mining company Vedanta Resources' copper smelter in Tamil Nadu, India. **Samarendra Das** and **Miriam Rose** from grassroots solidarity group Foil Vedanta share cutting edge research, and expose the complicity of the City of London and the Financial Conduct Authority in Vedanta's abuses. Refreshment/snacks. Joint Foil Vedanta & RISC event. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free Zainab ☎ 0118 958 6692



Even If We Lose Our Lives

8pm Amnesty International presents a powerful script that tells the stories of three Afghan women human rights defenders. These are ordinary people just like us. Their voices should be heard. Followed by discussion on the current situation in Afghanistan. Amnesty International - Reading Group. Abbey Baptist Church, Abbey Sq, RG1 3BE & suggested donation £7 Anne McFarlane ☎ 07753 168 174

RISC book club: **The Museum of Innocence**

7.30pm Novel by the Turkish author Orhan Pamuk. It depicts a panoramic view of life in Istanbul as it chronicles a long, obsessive love affair. The RISC Book Club meets monthly to discuss new and classic international fiction. We support the work of authors from the Majority World—Africa, Asia, South and Central America and the Caribbean—by reading their novels and poetry. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free Doreen/Michele ☎ 0118 958 6692

Friday 26 October

Playing to Think!

11am-12.30pm In this 90min workshop, children and parents will be playing games, looking at art and picture books, and even creating some art work, while wondering about the 'bigger than I' questions: 'What is the value of money?' or 'What's the difference between telling a lie and keeping a secret?' or 'When did you start to think?' Ages 7+, all invited places, please book. Joint event with RISC & Museum of Reading. Victorian Gallery, Museum of Reading, Blagrove St, RG1 1QH & free ☎ 0118 937 3400

Greenpeace Halloween Pirate Party

8pm-1am Scallywags abound! Halloween fancy dress party. Music including Limpopo Groove, Dolly and the Clothespegs, All About Frank, Tape It Shut and Horse Rock. Berkshire Greenpeace and Reading Friends of the Earth. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & £6advance/£8door/£6concs Enrico Petrucco ☎ 07854 968 560

Saturday 27 October

Visual Arts: **Love, Live, Dream**

2-9pm The first of a series of events at The Rising Sun Arts centre which aim to build bridges and create a space which is welcoming to all. This event focuses on visual arts (poetry and music events will follow) and takes the theme of Love as its focus. Featuring the beautiful work of Syrian Artist **Ahmad Alazami**. The Rising Sun Arts Centre, 30 Silver St, RG1 2ST & free Larry Watson ☎ 0118 986 6788

Europe - A Promise of Peace

7-9pm A talk/workshop to reflect on the shared values of person, community and solidarity that underlines the treaties of London and Rome as model of peace and our commitment to them. Reading Peace Works. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free E Marchiori ☎ 07580 512 739 ~@readingpeaceworks@yahoo.co.uk

Steve Morano Band with support from Jackie Doe and The Uncertainty of Passion

8.30pm Double bill night with **Jackie Doe and The Uncertainty of Passion** – a collaboration of international musicians working together to perform Jackie's original songs reflecting the universality of the human condition. Followed by talented composer **Steve Morano** and his 5-piece band playing original folk-blues/country-soul. Steve composed and performed Reading's very own anthem *Jackson's Corner*. Global Cafe, 35 London St, RG1 4PS & suggested donation £5 Jackie Doe ~@jackie.doe@gmail.com Steve Morano ~@stephenmorano@hotmail.com



Monday 29 October

Winning Climate Justice: Africa, Development, and the Paris climate talks

7.30-9.30pm **Selam Abebe**, an environmental lawyer, speaks about the challenge of climate change and gives an 'insider's view' of the Paris UN climate talks. Selam Abebe is a Leverhulme Doctoral Scholar at the Reading Centre for Climate and Justice. Reading Friends of the Earth. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free Chris Burden ☎ 07707 807 169/John Booth ☎ 07503 626 167 ~@info@readingfoe.org.uk

Wednesday 31 October

film **The Occupation of the American Mind (2016)**

7.30pm 'The best answer to propaganda is not counter propaganda, it's understanding how propaganda works. It's understanding how propaganda operates so it can't work on you anymore, that's what our film does.' Roger Waters, narrator. Palestine Solidarity Campaign. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free Paul ☎ 07527 741 461

Ski-touring in Norway

7.45pm Illustrated account of a ski-tour crossing of Norway's Hardangervidda national park during the Beast-from-the-East winter of 2018, and more skiing and winter climbing opportunities in other Norwegian national parks. Austrian Alpine Club (UK). RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & non-members & guests £3 Jan ☎ 07576 261 318

“If we are to have peace on earth, our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective.”

Martin Luther King Junior - born 1929, assassinated 1968

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Post festival events

Friday 2 November

A Celebration of Palestinian Art and Culture

6-10.30pm Cultural evening that will include: cookery demonstrations, pop art exhibition by artist **Mohammad Z Bassyouni** (see Exhibitions), videos highlighting Palestinian political and cultural resistance, presentation about Keep Hope Alive Olive Campaign by Reading volunteers recently returned from helping with the olive harvest in Bethlehem. Middle East Monitor (MEMO), P21 Gallery & Sabeel-Kairos community in Reading. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free/donations Lindsey ☎ 0118 926 4256/RISC ☎ 0118 958 6692



Saturday 3 November

Dancing into Darkness

2-5pm Although we are descending into the darkness of winter, there is a promise of new life in Spring. We will celebrate the Celtic New Year using simple international dances. Beginners are welcome. GreenSpirit Reading. Watlington House, RG1 4RJ £3 Deborah Rabia ☎ 0118 935 2169

Wednesday 7 November

A Palestine Book Awards 2018

7.30pm Hear from the people behind this year's Palestine Book Awards' fabulous shortlist of authors. **Dr Ibrahim Darwish**, chair of Palestine Book Awards and one of the judges, and short-listed author **Tareq Baconi**, whose writings have appeared in, Sada: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, The Guardian. RISC and Middle East Monitor (MEMO). RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free/donations Michele ☎ 0118 958 6692



“We must dare to invent the future.”

Thomas Sankara - born 1949, assassinated 1987



“Let us build societies that are able to coexist in a dignified way, in a way that protects life. Let us come together and remain hopeful as we defend and care for the blood of this Earth and of its spirits.”

Berta Cáceres, Honduran environmental activist - born 1973, assassinated 2016



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Thursday 8 November

film *Wajib: Duty* (2017)

8pm A melancholic father and his estranged son are forced together to hand deliver his daughter's wedding invitations to each guest. Set and shot amongst the Arab community in the Israeli city of Nazareth, *Wajib* a low-key family comedy-drama giving a revealing insight into a seldom filmed society. Directed by Annemarie Jacir. Arabic with subtitles. Reading Film Theatre, Palmer Building, UoR, RG6 2AH & £8/£7concs/£6members ☎ 0118 378 7151

Wednesday 14 November

Breath of Life – Interfaith Week Reception

7-9pm Food, speeches and informal discussion about the theme 'Breath of Life – How we pray and meditate'. Hosted by the **Mayor of Reading, Debs Edwards**. Reading Interfaith Group, Dialogue Society & Reading Borough Council. RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free Maaiké Hartog ☎ 07947 259 910 ☎ contact@readinginterfaith.org.uk

Exhibitions

1-31 October

The North Seen By The South

Global Café opening times, Tues-Thurs: 11am-11pm; Fri & Sat: 11am-1am; Sun: 4.40-10.30pm

Brilliantly funny exhibition of comic strips and cartoons dealing with world issues as relevant today as 30 years ago: climate change, human rights, war, economics and trade deals. Famous cartoonists from all over the world include Syria's Youssef Abdelke, Egypt's Osman Bahgat, Brazil's Biratan Porto, Burkino Faso's Benjamin Raya Sawadogo and Cuba's Francisco Blanco. Global Café, 35 London St, RG1 4PS & free Will ☎ 0118 958 3555

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, repairs and stops the destruction of our planet
- A world that protects all human rights
- An equitable world where resources are shared and used responsibly.

The Festival includes **Black History Month** and **One World Week**.

If your organisation is planning an event with an international perspective, contact **Zainab Khan** ☎ 0118 958 6692 ☎ zainab@risc.org.uk for information, about criteria and dates. All participating groups are included free and all help to distribute the leaflets throughout Reading.



21-28 October



The world is changing - how about us?

Events will be exploring what changes we can make to move towards a world in which we can all thrive within the life-supporting systems of our common home. ☎ www.oneworldweek.org



Thursday 18 October

Reading's Slave Links

4-8pm This exhibition uncovers some of Reading's links with the transatlantic slave trade, the campaign for its abolition and its long-lived aftermath. It explores Reading's involvement and the impact on our town's development, its people and prosperity. Reading Borough Council Chamber, Bridge St, RG1 2LU & free Victor Koroma ☎ 0118 951 0279 ☎ info@acre-reading.org

Friday 2 November

Al Nakbah: The Pop Art Exodus

6-9.30pm A pop art exhibition by artist **Mohammad Z Bassyouni**. Comprised of nine thematic prints, each reflecting on the violent process of ethnic cleansing and expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians who to this day are being systematically forced to abandon their homes in order to allow the expansion of the state of Israel. It also tells the tragic individual stories of those people who have lost their personal freedom and livelihood. P21 Gallery, Middle East Monitor (MEMO). RISC, 35-39 London St, RG1 4PS & free/donations ☎ 0118 958 6692

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