



**LEWES ORGANISATION IN  
SUPPORT OF REFUGEES  
AND ASYLUM SEEKERS**

*Lewes Town Hall, Lewes, BN7 2QS*

**The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Refugee Week Summer 2018  
celebrating the ‘contributions, creativity and resilience’ of refugees**

LOSRAS members, friends and supporters are invited to an evening at the Linklater Pavilion,  
Railway Lane, Lewes BN7 2FG

**On Wednesday 4 July 2018, Dr Jo Shawcross of Freedom from Torture** will talk about her work with torture survivors, asylum seekers and refugees in the context of the current hostile environment.

This will be followed by a short story written by a refugee  
and then a social get together with refreshments.

*Contributions of light refreshments most welcome. Please contact Jean Gould 01273 472657  
([jean.gould1@gmail.com](mailto:jean.gould1@gmail.com)) or Jane McIntosh 01273 474505 ([mcintosh115@gmail.com](mailto:mcintosh115@gmail.com))*

**Refugee Week Lewes and around:**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Our LOSRAS stall in Cliffe Precinct will be from 9.30 am for about 2 hours.  
We’d welcome your presence and support.**

*If you are able to join us in leafleting and staffing the stall please contact Jane or Jean, as above*

**Freedom from Torture walk:** East Sussex Freedom from Torture group are planning a fundraising coastal walk and cream tea on July 1st at 12.00pm. for further details, see:

[https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/events/south\\_downs\\_coastal\\_walk](https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/events/south_downs_coastal_walk)

**The Illuminate Tapestry:** Women from the Network of International Women have created a tapestry to represent diversity in Brighton. There will be a launch with a film of the making of the Illuminate Tapestry in Brighton Library at 1.00pm on Saturday 23 June

**Festival by the Lake:** Hastings Supports Refugees are holding an afternoon music and spoken word festival on Sunday June 24th at Ashburnham Place (Battle) to raise awareness and funds for Hastings Supports Refugees. More information and tickets at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/festival-by-the-lake-2018-tickets-44572415294>

**And in July, DON’T MISS.....**

**Community Matters, Waitrose:** We are thrilled to have been chosen as one of the Waitrose charities of the month for July. Please shop ‘til you drop and don’t forget the green tokens!

**Lewes News:** Do read the July edition, which will be carrying an illustrated article about LOSRAS.

Our next newsletter will be in early August 2018, which will also launch the LOSRAS website!

## **Fundraising:**

LOSRAS Sponsored Walk on 13 May took place on a beautiful day. Thanks to our staunch and supportive walkers, organised by Jean Gould and Arnold Simanowitz, it achieved a total of £1110.00

LOSRAS Plant Sale on 19 May also reached a grand total of £1234.00. Very many thanks to all who contributed: members and friends, Goldcliffe, Wyevale, Woodruffs, Friends Meeting House and especially the Friday Market.

## **Collections at All Saints Centre:**

Friars Walk, Lewes, open Mon - Sat 9-11 am. Ring 01273 486391 for other times (if door shut, try office on the right side of the building).

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group needs: for men only, in good condition: trainers/ shoes - sizes 8,9,10; jogging bottoms, jeans, hoodies; warm jackets/ coats, hats, scarves, gloves; new boxers and socks, and for Voices in Exile: new women's knickers and sanitary goods.

Please bring items in a carrier bag and put in black 'LOSRAS' box inside entrance. Contact Val and Arnold Simanowitz on 01273 480011 with any queries.

## **Refugee Tales:**

It's still not too late to join the fourth annual RT walk from St Albans to Westminster with tales of former immigration detainees and live music each night (6 – 11 July – see <http://refugeetales.org/the-walk-of-2018>)

## **Data Protection Regulations:**

Most of you will have received an email notification already, but we now have to inform you of the following:

The data we hold: In most cases we hold your name and a corresponding email address that you have given us at some time in the past.

For most people we also have a telephone number and a residential address. If you wish to know precisely what contact information we hold, please get in touch.

Use of the data: We use your email address to distribute information to you about the activities of LOSRAS. This includes meeting notices and reminders; the bi-monthly Newsletter; information about events organised by the group and campaigns we think you might like to support.

Limitations on the use of the data: Your contact information is only used by LOSRAS. No other organisation has direct access to our contact list and it will not be shared with any third party.

Withdrawal of consent: If at any time you wish to withdraw your consent from being on the LOSRAS contact list, please send an email to [alison.belldavies@gmail.com](mailto:alison.belldavies@gmail.com), with 'Please Remove' in the subject field.

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## **LOSRAS aims to promote the welfare of refugees & asylum seekers in and beyond the Lewes District by:**

- raising awareness of issues relating to refugees and asylum seekers
- providing practical help and responding to local issues as they arise
- advocating and lobbying to improve the rights of refugees and asylum seekers

## **Committee:**

**Chair:** Jean Gould 01273 472657 [jean.gould1@gmail.com](mailto:jean.gould1@gmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Tony Sims

**Membership Secretary:** Alison Bell 01273 470673 [alison.belldavies@gmail.com](mailto:alison.belldavies@gmail.com)

**Members:** Jane Andrew, Jody Harris, Belinda Kirby, Jane McIntosh, Annie Ralph, Gill Tipping