

# Join us for Refugee Festival Scotland 2024!



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# REFUGEE FESTIVAL SCOTLAND 2024

The festival has been organised by Scottish Refugee Council since 2000 to celebrate the cultural work and contributions of New Scots. It's an umbrella festival, which means events are organised by individuals, groups and organisations across Scotland. Anyone can take part!

In 2024 the festival will run **Friday 14 - Sunday 23 June.**

# FESTIVAL EVENTS

Every year, the festival hosts **100+ events** across Scotland which include: campaigning, exhibitions, food, discussions, music, dance, sports, storytelling, children and families activities.

Your event can happen **anywhere in Scotland.**

Regular community activities can also be adapted to be part of the festival!



My Friend Selkie, Citimoves Dance Space in Aberdeen



You, Me and a Cup of Tea, at Saint Sylvester's Church in Elgin



African dance, music and food in Paisley,  
organised by Pachedu



Community meal at Glasgow Autonomous Space.





Discover Ukraine, AUGB Edinburgh



**Esol Perth is running a Football  
Tournament to celebrate  
#ScottishRefugeeWeek.**

**Come and watch a game, help the ref  
and celebrate our New Scots' talent!  
Saturday, 2 pm, South Inch Park in  
Perth**

ESOLPERTH Family Sports Day



Food and Fun Day in Dundee, organised by Scrap Antics



Broughty Ferry Beach Day, organised by RSPB Scotland  
with Dundee Refugee Integration Network

**OUR COLLABORATION WITH  
RSPB SCOTLAND**



# Wild Dundee – Where nature meets every challenge

Broughty Ferry Beach Day,  
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with Dundee Refugee  
Integration Network



# Our events



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# Reflections and Building Connections



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# Acknowledgements

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## Stay connected

Keep up to date with the latest thinking, news, events, and information from the RSPB in your local community.



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# THIS YEAR'S THEME:

## RISE

What gives you strength to overcome challenges and pursue what matters most to you? How do you help others to thrive, be heard and feel connected? How do we rise together above hostile narratives and continue to grow as diverse communities?



# If you don't need funding

## Event registration

until 1st May

Everyone is welcome to run an event, whether you're an individual, cultural organisation, a local community group, local authority, or a national institution.

We just ask that your event:

- takes place in Scotland
- is open to the public

and

- does at least one of these three things:
  - a. celebrates the skills and cultural contributions of New Scots;
  - b. provide opportunities for New and Older Scot communities to meaningfully connect;
  - c. promote a culture of understanding, welcome and support.

**Register your event online until 1st May** at:  
<https://www.refugeefestivalscotland.co.uk/get-involved/>



# If you need funding

## Funding opportunities: Small Grants until 1st March

Our Small Grants Fund is open to **constituted community groups** and **organisations** based anywhere in Scotland that are led by refugees or focused on assisting refugee communities.

The Fund helps cover the costs of running events. You can apply for up to **£750**. We expect to support up to 70 events.





To apply, you need to fill in an **application form on our website.**

You will be asked to provide:

- Your details
- A short event proposal
- Explain how you are involving New Scots in the planning and delivery of your event
- A budget

**Apply for Small Grants Funding until 1st March at:**  
<https://www.refugeefestivalscotland.co.uk/get-involved/funding>





Picnic and Play, organised by Hidden Gardens, Lickety Spit and Kin Kitchen.



# Funding opportunities: Arts Open

## until 1st March

Arts Open will support **three artists** from a refugee or asylum-seeking background who are living in Scotland to present their work as part of the festival.

The three selected artists will receive:

- A grant of £1,000 for materials, expenses and other production costs
- Venue costs covered
- Support with event planning, delivery and promotion



To apply, you need to fill in an **application form on our website.**

You will be asked to provide:

- a biography
- a short event proposal
- examples of your work

**Apply for Arts Open until 1st March at:**

<https://www.refugeefestivalscotland.co.uk/get-involved/arts-open>





Govanhill Hopes: Banner making workshop by Print Clan, Govanhill Baths

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SCOTLAND**

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**A FESTIVAL FOR EVERYONE**



**Email: [festival@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:festival@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)**

# WHERE TO START: YOUR IDEAS!

How can taking part in Refugee Festival Scotland connect with your work and open up new opportunities for you to join a movement of welcome and friendship in support of refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland ?

What are you interested in finding out?

Are you looking for partners?

What event would you like to do, and for whom?

What support do you need?



# Key Dates

**1st March:** deadline to apply for Small Grants  
and Arts Open

**1st May:** deadline for event registration

**June:** Refugee Festival Scotland,  
**Friday 14 – Sunday 23 June 2024**

