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Culture and Arts as a guiding light for change!



At Day-Mer our vision and our message is one of hope. Over the past year our communities have persevered in the face of adversity, demonstrating the beauty of our diversity and strength of our collective fight for a better world. It is with this motivation that we welcome you to our 28th Annual Culture and Arts Festival.

Our festival is a place where politics and arts intertwine. It presents a chance to view the developments across the UK, Europe and the world through the prism of cultural needs of working people. Throughout June we will be presenting to you a variety of events that showcase the skills and creativity of our local community, and will bring ordinary people together to discuss the extraordinary times we are living in, and seek out our common experiences and collective solutions.

Life has become even harder for working people and the vulnerable in society, and the past year has seen further unprecedented changes take place. These challenges have been used to scapegoat minorities and detract further from our hard won democratic rights. The political landscape is shifting in front of our eyes. This can be seen in the Brexit referendum, the move to an executive Presidency in Turkey, Trump in the USA, Macron's election in France and the policies of Theresa May's government and the announcement of the snap election on 8 June.

In the Middle East, which has always been a battle ground for imperialist power, ISIS

now threatens not just the people of these lands but also their rich architectural, artistic and cultural heritage. ISIS seeks to spread its hatred of humanity, culture and arts not just in the Middle East. It is no coincidence that in an attempt to spread its venom and hatred across the world, ISIS targets events and locations in which people gather to appreciate and take ownership of art and artists.

Always retaining the light of thousands years of human experience and never siding with regression, arts and culture today face the oppression and exploitation of the ruling classes and their governments as well as the cruelty of barbaric, bigoted and regressive forces. Even facing repression and bans by regressive governments, in the rest of the world, art and culture is used as a means to imprison humanity rather than its emancipation treated as objects of consumption and of the market. In spite of these attacks, culture and art remains resistant and continues to be the guiding light and source of strength for those struggling to change the world.

It is in this spirit that we invite you to join us in taking ownership of the rich and diverse cultural heritage which makes up our communities in London, and actively work with us to ensure that art takes its rightful place as the beacon for fighting for our rights and freedoms.

So get in touch, get involved and join us at our 28th Culture and Arts Festival!





Photography Exhibition: *Refugee Lives*

Even as thousands of people die attempting to seek sanctuary from war, the popular media demonise refugees and migrants.

Day-Mer Turkish and Kurdish Community centre seeks to counter this negative message and through this photography exhibition brings to life the experience of child refugees fleeing conflict in the Middle East.

Enfield Council are supporting Day-Mer's 28th Cultre & Arts Festival in conjunction with Refugee Week to raise awareness of

the plight of refugees and foster solidarity between people of all faiths and ethnicities.

This exhibition features the work of photographers who have worked or lived in conflict zones in the Middle East, and those who have actively engaged in refugee support campaigns.

We are pleased to be collaborating with Erem Kansoy, Yasin Akgul and Mursel Coban, who have made their photographs available for this exhibition.

Photography Exhibition

13 June - 8 July,
10am - 5pm
Dugdale Centre, EN2 6DS





Our rights and our freedoms: What next for democracy in the UK?



Britain faces an uncertain and volatile future, not least because of the brutal austerity politics that characterised David Cameron and Theresa May's Conservative governments since 2010. Austerity coupled with the adoption of populist right wing policies aimed at dividing the public and scapegoating ethnic minorities, migrants and refugees has created deep divisions in our society. Despite this, the past year has shown the strong willingness by communities to fight austerity and work together to protect their democratic rights and public services. The results of the Brexit referendum might have provided the opportunity for right wing nationalism to gain momentum with the support of the mainstream media, but it also saw a resurgence in community organisation and politicisation amongst young people who have rallied around the need to protect and strengthen democratic rights and freedoms in the UK.

It is against this backdrop that Theresa May called a snap election in the hope that she would win a landslide victory. Far from gaining the majority she had hoped for, substantial gains were made by the Labour

Party under the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn. Without an outright majority the Conservative Party have been left struggling to form a government. How long such a government can last is now a real uncertainty. On the other hand, a result of this election has been the rallying of large sections of the society, with young people in particular, around the Labour Party in order to react to May's anti-popular "Hard Brexit" and austerity policy programme. It is at this critical juncture of UK political history, that we bring together trade unions, politicians, journalists and campaigners to evaluate the recent election and what might be in store for the people of the UK, our public services and the economy as a whole.

Speakers:

Lindsey German (Stop the War Coalition)

Chris Baugh (PCS Union)

Louise Regan (NUT President)

Oktay Sahbaz (Day-Mer Secretary)

Panel

22 June, Thursday,
6:30pm
North London Community House,
Tottenham, N17 6PY





A NIGHT OF INSPIRATION & HOPE

As the most dynamic, vibrant and struggling force of our society, youth are under constant attack. While continuing their attacks on youth, the dominant classes do not shy away from trying to pull them into their own unjust politics.

Whenever questioned, every political party, every government official will have promises lined up, they will talk about investing in youth. But as we saw, with higher education tripling in tuition fees, we witnessed the barriers confronting working class youth in their studies, we witnessed young workers forcefully accepting low-paid and zero hour employment contracts due to lack of alternatives. Only to be left alone in our day-to-day struggles, only to be told "deal with your own problems".

The youth will not bow to these attacks and games. It is because of this that we see more and more young people becoming more involved in politics as was shown by their active participation in the recent general elections. As Day-Mer Youth, we will raise our struggle against these attacks so our demands can be heard clearly; so our struggle can be louder; so we can stop the

unjust attacks and begin to build the world we desire. As youth, we once again take our place in our culture and arts festival alongside the rest of the community, participating every phase of its organisation and enjoying every second of it. As well as involving young people in the practical organisation of the festival, we believe bringing together young people in an event specifically by and for them will help raise their distinct voice in the struggle for a better world.

We call on all young people to stand together both in the practical organising of this event as well as in raising their voice to celebrate their own struggles!

We are stronger together. Unity is strength!

Youth Night

23 June, Friday,
7pm
North London Community House,
Tottenham, N17 6PY



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Friday 23rd June
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Day-Mer Youth



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LET'S PROTECT OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE TOGETHER

Day-Mer views cultural and art activities as essential to developing the creativity and confidence of our children, and we are pleased to welcome you all to a family fun day at which children can make new friends, discover new talents and get involved in creative fun and games.

As parents we all want to be able to support our children so that they can live long, happy and fulfilled lives. In recent years, sadly we have seen the politics of austerity impact on the future prospects of our children who are already said to be amongst some of the unhappiest children in the world. Under the Conservative government our children's schools have become increasingly under resourced and over crowded, which in turn is impacting on the ability of our much loved schools and teachers from providing the education our children deserve. We know that

this must change, and at Day-Mer we have been working with children and parents in our community to fight against these austerity politics.

There are few opportunities for children in North London explore new skills or share their talents amongst their peers and families. This is why we have continued to provide local families an opportunity to engage in cultural and art activities, and have brought together a variety of performances by children who have taken part in music, dance and arts workshops in the past year. We look forward to seeing you and your families so that we can support our young talented friends.

Family Fun Day

24 June, Saturday,
12 noon - 6pm
Haringey 6th Form College, N17 8HR





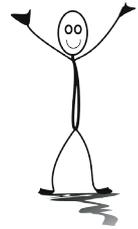
Film Screening

Films bring families and communities together under one roof, they bring to life the experiences of people near and far and build solidarity. This year we present to you Day-Mer's very own community cinema, set under the railway arches of Bruce Grove station at the heart of one of the most diverse neighbourhoods in London.

At our community cinema, we welcome you to the free screening of a unique collection of short films depicting life in the UK and beyond.

Film Night

28 June, Wednesday,
7:30pm
North London Community House,
Tottenham, N17 6PY

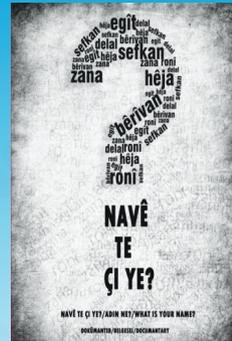


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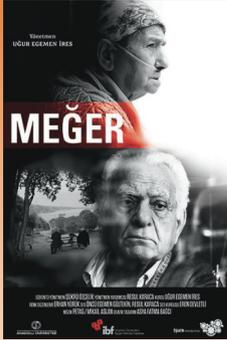
Clean (Temiz)

Directed by Onur Cihan, this film tells the story of a writer who loses some money in his own house and then experiences an unexpected battle with his conscience. The core themes explored in this film are relationship between migration, home and alienation.



What's your name? (Nave Te Çi Ye)

The film tells the story of the Kurdish people's struggle of choosing names for their children due to bans on certain names and the resulting tragi-comic situation they find themselves. The play is brought to you by co-directors Omer Altas and Cihad Ilbas.



Pure State of the Soul (Meğer)

In this short documentary, Ugur Egemen invites us to face a societal challenge by letting us into the experience of his own family. Through this fictional documentary the film tells the story of Armenian Yusuf Ires from Dersim who has been forced to spend all his life as a Muslim but decides at the age of 71 that he wishes to be now baptized.



The Nested Game (Oyun İçinde Oyun)

Director Suat Eroglu presents a unique insight into political developments in Turkey through dramatic portrayal of a game full of lies and cheating amongst a group of local men around a coffee table.



Beloved By Britain (Britanyan'ın Sevdigi)

Director Mahir Güden brings to screen the life of Cengiz, an asylum seeker who lives in London. Every month he must go to the Home Office to signing. The sign in day is always an overwhelmingly stressful experience for him. Cengiz has only one wish; to build a life in Britain.

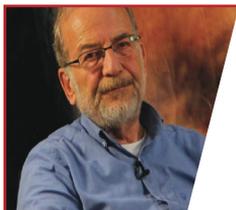


Barber (Frizör)

Directed by Ayhan Salar, Frizor tells the humorous story of migration and workers in Germany, a country defined by its history of immigration.



THE ROLE OF ARTS, CULTURE AND INTELLECTUALS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY



Aydın Çubukçu
Writer



Mehmet Ali Alabora
Artist



Füsün Demirel
Artist



Prof. Naif Bezwan
Academic

It is a reality that culture is meaningful and effective in terms not of the individual efforts, ideas and actions of the artists but within the totality of the social conditions in which they are produced.

We know there are many artists and intellectual who produce art for the dominant class and whose interests overlap with those of the establishment. On the other hand, there are many more whose work is inspired by the the ordinary lives of the masses and who contribute to social change by representing the interests of those who are oppressed.

For years people have discussed the role of artists and intellectuals in the struggle for democratic rights and freedoms, but it is hard to imagine how art and culture can be separated from the movement. The struggle for democracy is directly linked to culture and art, with the movement relying on art and culture to strengthen its collective effort. In return, the battle for democracy supports the intellectual and artistic struggle for freedom.

Thus we often see political action in the arts increase, resulting in artists and intellectuals

creating a strong oppositional force and a movement in their own right, which in turn is able to capture the imagination of the masses and lead a movement for change.

This year we will present an opportunity to discuss the role of arts and culture, and indeed artists and intellectuals in the context of the ongoing struggle for democracy in Turkey. Our panelists will share their expertise and experience of the pressure on artists, academics and intellectuals in Turkey, and will draw conclusions from which lessons can be learnt by all.

We are delighted to be able to bring together intellectuals and artists from Turkey with our community, and hope to see many of you at this timely panel discussion.

Panel

30 June, Friday,
6:30pm
Noth London Community House,
Tottenham, N17 6PY





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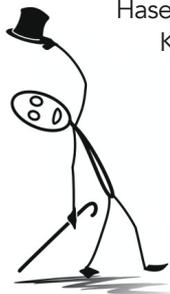
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- Ben Chacko (Morning Star) • Mustafa Yalciner (Labour Party of Turkey) • Politicians & Trade Unionists

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