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Diverse communities to come together for iftar meal

People from communities across Birmingham will come together for iftar, the Muslim evening fast-breaking meal, after a film screening on Saturday 24 June.

The free event is hosted by education and advocacy charity Migrant Voice which works to empower migrants and communities to tell their stories, alongside the Polish Expats Association (PEA) which supports Polish & Eastern European migrants and promotes Eastern European Art and culture.

It is being held in line with the Great Get Together, a national series of events to promote unity and shared values in memory of the late Jo Cox MP. It also chimes with the United Nations' annual Refugee Week, and is the last in a series of Refugee Week events held by PEA at their art space and community hub, Centrala, supported by Near Neighbours Fund.

Children of Men, Alfonso Cuarón's dystopian film about a future Britain with extreme and repressive anti-migrant laws, will be shown ahead of the meal to spark discussion and debate. Food will be provided by Baobab Women's Project, who work on immigration, health and housing issues

A range of diverse people and organisations have been invited to bring Birmingham together around a meal that is traditionally shared as a community.

Migrant Voice's Birmingham organiser, Salman Mirza, said:

"Birmingham is stronger together. Our iftar event is about celebrating our different cultures and communities alongside our shared values, and coming together around a meal that is significant to many of our residents. It will be an informal, relaxed evening at which those of all backgrounds, all faiths and none are welcome."

Alicja Kaczmarek, director of PEA, added:

"We organised a Refugee Week festival in our art space, Centrala, to celebrate diversity and raise awareness of migration. Our gallery aims to facilitate integration using art, and is an excellent space to bring people together to share and celebrate cultures. It's great to be working with Migrant Voice on our cross-cultural film screening and iftar."

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Notes to editors

1. The event will take place from 7pm at Polish Expats Association, Centrala, Unit 4, Minerva Works, 158 Fazeley Street, Birmingham B5 5RT on Saturday 24 June
2. Those wishing to attend should contact salman@migrantvoice.org
3. Journalists wishing to attend should contact press@migrantvoice.org

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