

## **Bulletin 26 September 2008**

### **SDV News and events**

#### **Fundraising**

Please remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online, particularly if you're buying insurance.

Check out the various ways of getting free funds on the site.

Also remember easysearch – if you make 10 searches a day, you can raise £20 a year for SDV.

Find details of both easyfundraising and easysearch on the SDV website.

<http://www.sdv.org.uk/id15.html>

### **Immigration, asylum and detention news**

#### **ID card design revealed by home secretary**

The design of the UK's new identity card - to be issued from November, initially to foreign nationals - was revealed by the home secretary yesterday.

Brandishing an example of the baby pink and pale blue polycarbonate document, Jacqui Smith promised it would combat identity theft, help prevent illegal immigration and enable people to prove their identity more easily.

More than 50,000 cards are expected to be handed out to foreign nationals from outside Europe between November and March as they extend their visas and register marriages or civil partnerships.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2008/sep/26/idcards.civilliberties>

### **Other news and events**

#### **The Chronicles of Irania, The Arches, Thursday 18 September 2008- Sat 20 Sep 2008**

*"Welcome. I am happy for you being here. I am from Irania, a country of happy people. I will be your host for the evening talking about this history. I know you've heard lots of stories about Irania but what I am about to tell you is the truth so forget everything else. Let us see the magic of the land, let us touch the wonder of this delight. Let me take you. You will learn. Let us not be strange."*

This intimate one woman performance (directed by SDV chair, Catrin Evans) invites its audience on a journey into a land that is almost recognisable; into a land that you know but you do not know. Irania is a mystical place where truths, half-truths and un-

truths circulate sometimes it's just easier to believe everything.

The Chronicles of Irania takes a playful and celebratory approach to exploring cultural misrepresentation. Through rich and provocative story-telling this performance explores the West's relationship with an almost mythical Eastern world. By blending fact and fiction into warped and twisted portrayals of Irania it examines the very real construction of the Middle-East and the West through screen flickers, world service crackles and the international pages of your newspaper. What impact does this complicated cultural folklore have upon a nation and its people?

Tickets have just gone on sale and the capacity is limited so please do contact the Arches to book your ticket as soon as possible.

Email: [info@thearches.co.uk](mailto:info@thearches.co.uk),

Box Office: 0141 565 1000 (Open 9am-8pm Mon-Sat / 12-6pm Sun)

[www.thearches.co.uk/ChroniclesofIrania](http://www.thearches.co.uk/ChroniclesofIrania)

### **What are we doing here? GFT Sunday 28 September 7.00pm**

A special screening at the Glasgow Film Theatre examines the pros and cons of Western efforts to help poor countries.

Followed in the cinema by discussion between the audience and international development experts and a gathering in the bar afterwards.

*What are we doing here?*

Director Daniel Klein | Documentary | USA 2008 | 1h22m

At once brave and unassuming, *What Are We Doing Here?* follows three American brothers and their cousin as they travel from Cairo to Cape Town asking what happens to the money we give to charity? Why does so little seem to be changing? And could our so-called "humanitarian" interventions be doing more harm than good? An important and timely film that will change the way you think about Africa. *Followed by an audience-panel discussion asking "Where do we go from here?"*

*To book tickets, call the GFT on 141 332 6535 or visit [www.gft.org.uk](http://www.gft.org.uk)*

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[www.takeoneaction.org.uk](http://www.takeoneaction.org.uk)

### **Volunteer Induction Day, Saturday 4th October, 11am – 4pm UNITY Centre**

The Unity Centre has played a crucial and unique role in providing solidarity to asylum seeker families in Glasgow over the last two and a half years. We provide friendly and desperately needed support for families when they face detention or being forcibly removed from the UK. The centre is independently run by a collective of volunteers and we share the responsibility of running the centre between us.

New volunteers are always welcome at the Unity Centre – you do not need to be an expert on asylum matters to be a volunteer. All you need is to be able to commit to at least half a day a week helping at the centre.

We will be holding an induction day / open day for new volunteers on Saturday 4th October at the Unity Centre.

The day will run through the different ways in which we try to help asylum seekers when they have been detained as well as looking at the previous ways we have helped people with housing, benefits and other legal issues.

It will be a good opportunity to find out what we do and how we organise things at the Unity Centre. It'll also be a good time to meet some of the members of the volunteer collective or if you are just interested in visiting the centre then please come along!

You can find out more information from our website at [www.unitycentreglasgow.org](http://www.unitycentreglasgow.org) or phone 0141 427 7992

Bring food to share - there are shops nearby.

### **The Great Trade Robbery: Tuesday 7th October, 7:00pm**

How the EU Trade Strategy is Affecting Poor Countries.  
The World Development Movement invites you to an evening of  
TALKS, DEBATE AND FILM  
SCIAF Offices, 19 Park Circus, G3 6BE  
Come along and find out what you can do!  
FREE ENTRY & FREE WINE!  
For more information, contact  
Kate Robinson on 0777 5653 467

[www.wdm.org.uk/trade](http://www.wdm.org.uk/trade)

### **Jobs you might be interested in**

Positive Action in Housing is recruiting for the following vacancies:

- **Project Coordinator** – Working with New Migrants, £22,672 per annum+ 5% contributory pension scheme, 30 days annual leave + 15 days public holidays
- **Outreach Worker (Part Time) – Working with New Migrants**, 21 Hours per week/3 Days, £ 18,290 per annum (pro rata) + 5% contributory pension scheme 30 days annual leave (pro rata) + relevant public holidays
- **Project Officer (Casework & Outreach) Part Time**, 14 Hours per week/2 Days £ 21,251.41 per annum (pro rata) + 5% contributory pension scheme, 30 days annual leave (pro rata) + relevant public holidays
- **Administrative Officer**, £16,097 per annum + 5% contributory pension scheme, 30 days annual leave + 15 days public holidays

Closing date for all posts: 12 noon, Friday, 3rd October 2008

Full details available at:

<http://www.paih.org/Latest-News-Appeals/September-2008.html>

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