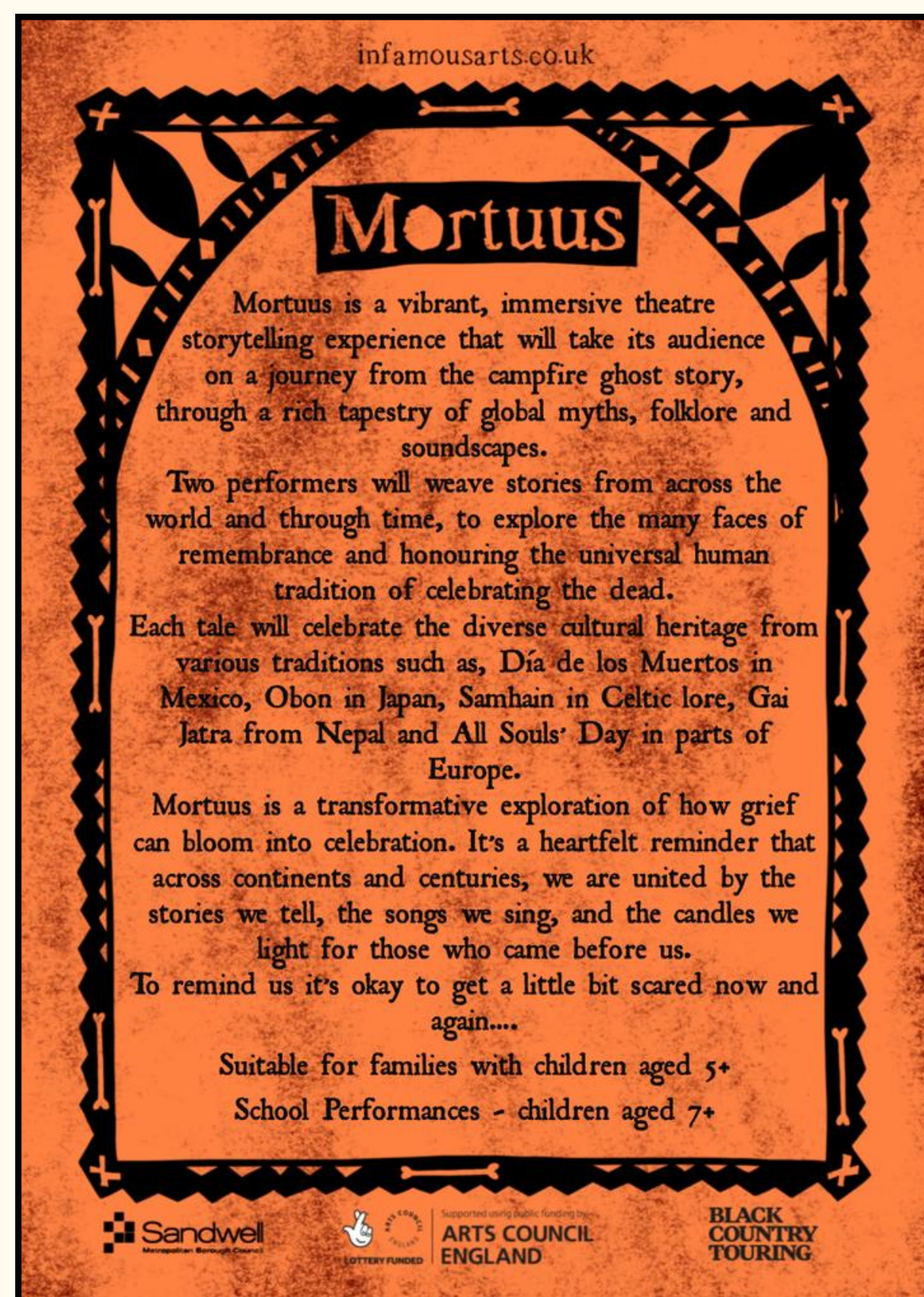
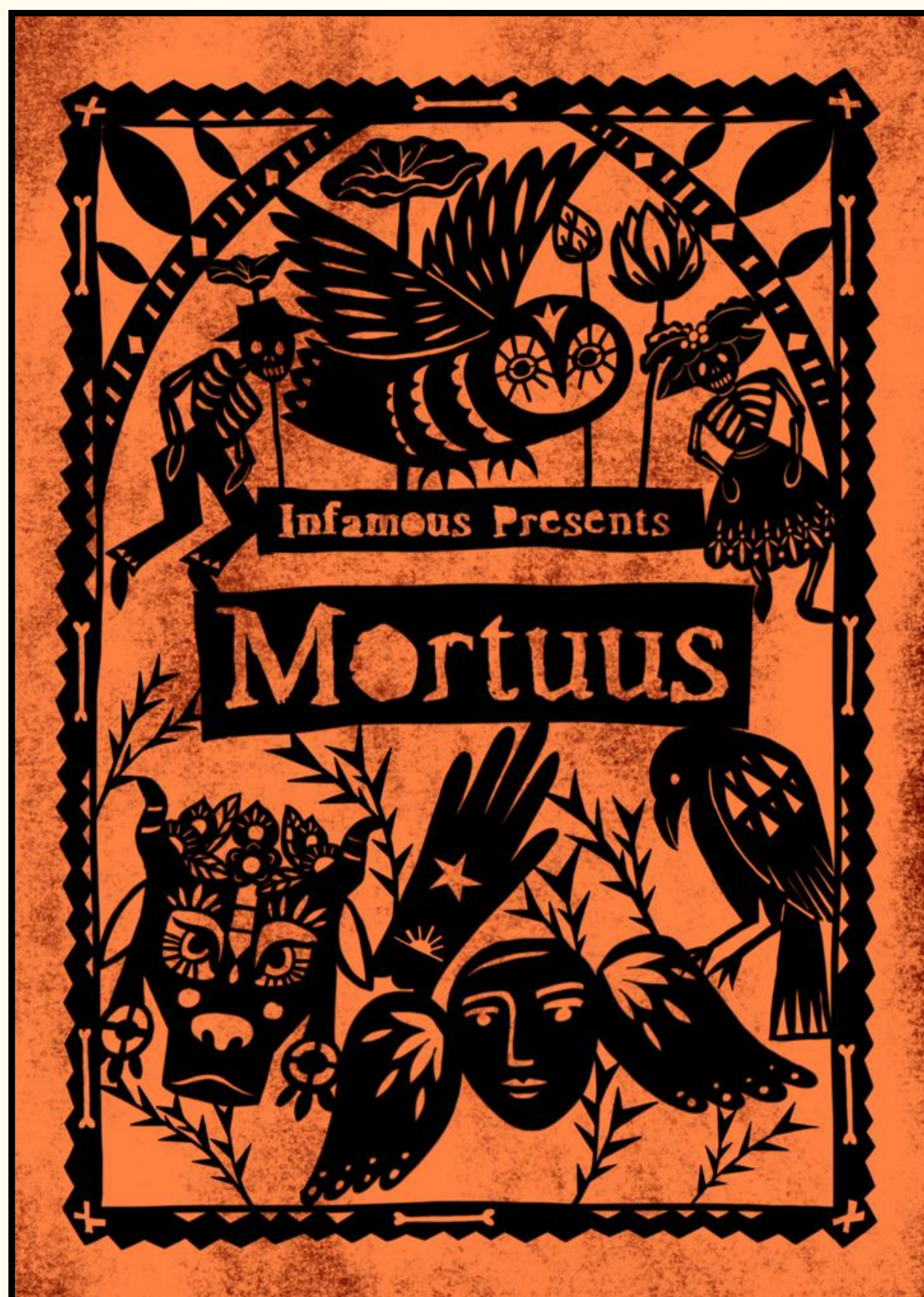


SANDWELL CULTURAL FORUM

September
2026
Newsletter

Infamous Arts has been successful with Arts Council Funding for new show 'Mortuus' touring in Sandwell this Autumn! Congrats to them!



Interested? The show will be touring the Black Country this Autumn from October 21st until 8th November - get in touch with Infamous if you're interested in booking the show via infamouscommunityarts@gmail.com

Ready to try watercolour?



Images from previous courses

Join me for our next relaxed and supportive block of watercolour sessions.

Starts: Week beginning 13th April

Duration: 6 weekly sessions

Time: Tue/Thur 10am-1pm

Location: The Art Yard, b64 5HX

Block Booking

Early booking rate: £110

Standard block price: £132

Individual sessions: £22 (subject to availability)

All materials included.



Booking the full block guarantees your place and helps with planning.

www.beckymccartney.com

@beckymccartney.art

SUNDAY All-Day Portrait Art Sessions at **The Art Yard**

DATES

04/01,
01/02,
01/03,
29/03,
26/04,
31/05,



With lead artist:
Chris Partridge

21/06,
26/07,
30/08,
27/09,
18/10,
29/11,
27/12

For details email to: infoartyard@gmail.com



PAPER & PLAY

PLAYFUL MIXED-MEDIA DRAWING CLASS FOR CURIOUS BEGINNERS

PERFECT FOR ANYONE WHO FEELS UNSURE WHERE TO BEGIN WITH DRAWING.

EACH WEEK WE EXPERIMENT WITH PLAYFUL MIXED-MEDIA TECHNIQUES USING PENCIL, INK, CHARCOAL, PASTEL OR COLLAGE. THROUGH SIMPLE OBSERVATIONAL PROMPTS AND STILL-LIFE SETUPS, YOU'LL LOOSEN UP, TRY NEW MATERIALS, AND ENJOY THE PROCESS OF MAKING MARKS AND CREATING.

STARTING TUESDAY 14TH APRIL

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED – JUST CURIOSITY.

The Art Yard

B64 5HX
1:30-3:30PM

ALL MATERIALS AND
REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

TO BOOK OR FIND OUT MORE



www.beckymccartney.com/courses

SANDWELL STANZAS

HEADLINE ACT
Glyn Phillips
Oldbury Rep
FREE/PAYF

Friday 25th September 2026

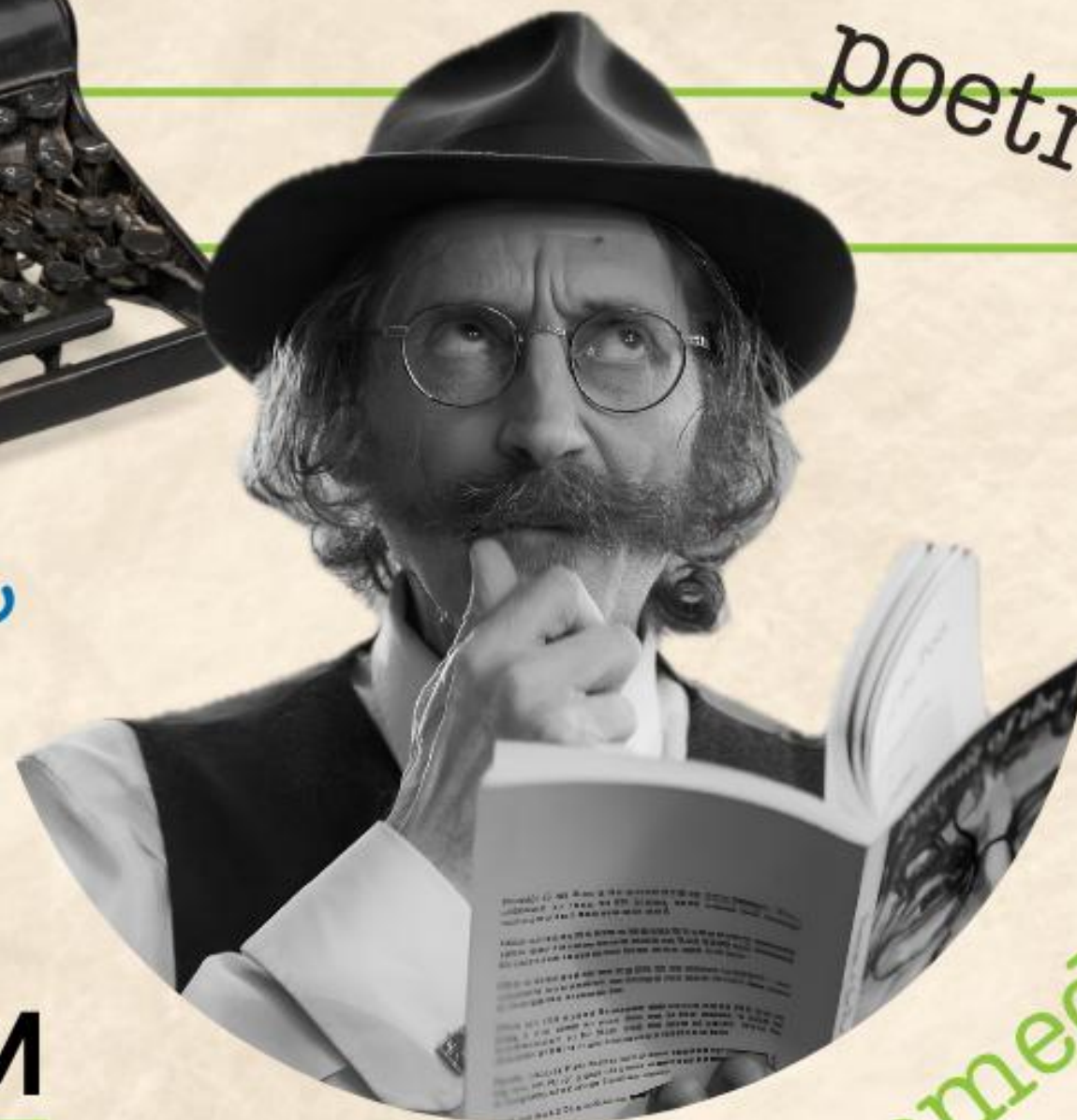


poetry

OPEN
MIC
NIGHTS
2026

music

7-9PM



comedy



The headline poet for our Oldbury Rep partnership special open mic night is Glyn Phillips! Book your tickets through AccessAbility Arts' Eventbrite today!

Hosted by Charley McDermott

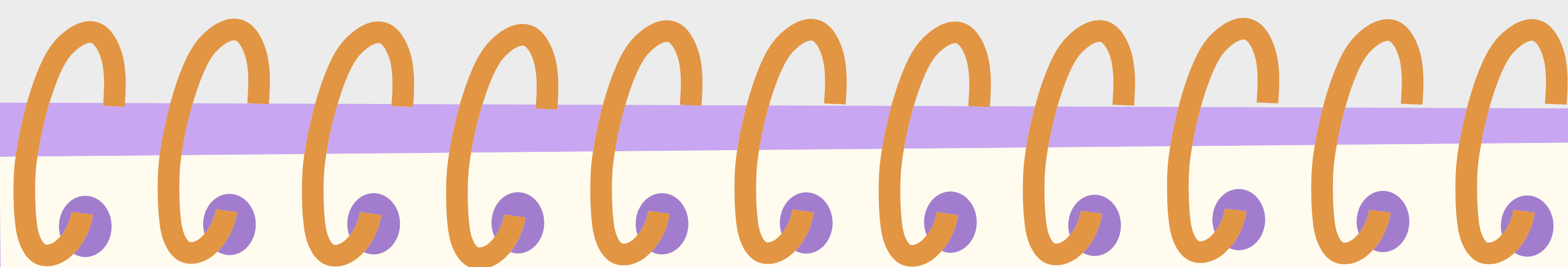
Local Sandwell Artist Gets National Recognition



Born and raised in Sandwell, Black Country artist Billy Dosanjh has received national recognition, with his project Paths You Walk recently featured in The Guardian.

Funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, the project was filmed around The Butts in Walsall and explores migration, memory and working-class life in the Black Country.

Billy's wider practice remains closely connected to Sandwell, with some of his projects developed and filmed across the borough. Read the Guardian feature and discover Paths You Walk [here](#). And more information about the project can be found [here](#).



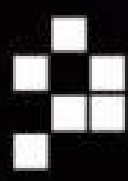
WEST BROMWICH INDOOR MARKET

**HENRY'S
BLUESHOUSE**

**STARTS ON
16TH JAN 26**

FRIDAYS | TOP-TIER ENTERTAINMENT IN WEST BROM.
7PM-10PM | IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BIG BEAR MUSIC!
LIVE BLUES, STREET FOOD & DRINKS*.

*Cocktail and alcoholic/non alcoholic beverages are available. (alcohol served 5pm-9pm).

 **HENRY'S
BLUESHOUSE**   **Sandwell**
Metropolitan Borough Council **WEST BROMWICH
INDOOR MARKET**

A MORNING WITH....

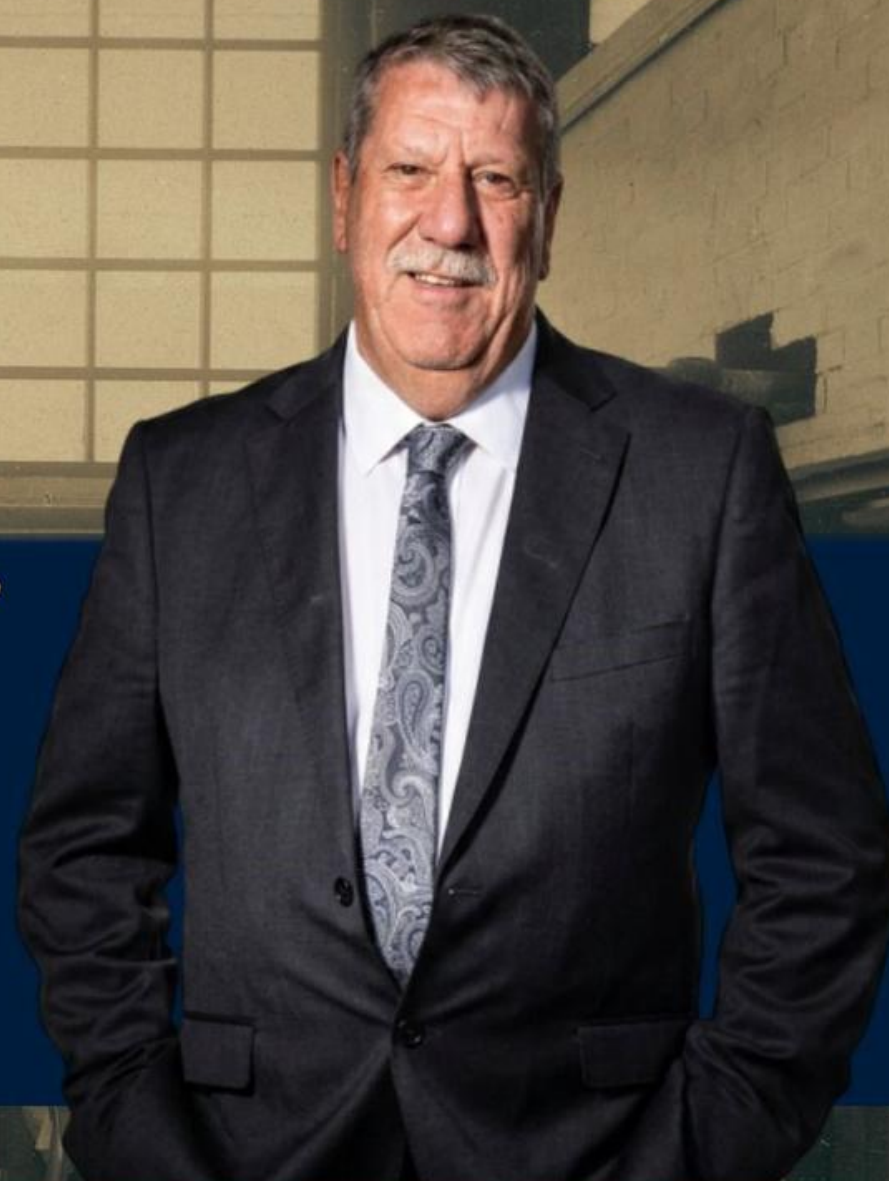
CARL CHINN MBE

'Made in the Black Country'

THIMBLEMILL LIBRARY

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

11AM – 1PM



**Step back in time with Professor Carl Chinn MBE,
one of our most popular historians and storytellers!**

Explore the history of our local area, including the story of
Chance Brothers glassworks in Smethwick, a key chapter
in the region's rich industrial past.

FREE EVENT!



Scan here
or visit:

[www.ticketsource.com/
sandwell-libraries-and-archives](http://www.ticketsource.com/sandwell-libraries-and-archives)

"From glassmaking innovation to the stories of how local
people forged our rich industrial landscape, this talk
brings Black Country History to life!"

Thimblemill Library, Thimblemill Road,
Smethwick, B67 5RJ. Tel: 0121 659 4943



Events from Black Country Touring



Autumn Day with Fungi Frida at Caldmore Community Garden

Saturday 26th September, 12pm to 4pm!

Welcome autumn at Caldmore Community Garden's Autumn Day with Fungi Frida

Enjoy recycled craft workshops, environmental activities, and a garden treasure hunt.

FREE, Check out: [our website](#) for further information



The Roses

Tuesday 8 September 1pm, Rowley Regis Disability Centre, **£3**

Life seems easy for picture-perfect couple Ivy (Olivia Colman) and Theo (Benedict Cumberbatch): successful careers, a loving marriage, great kids. But beneath the façade of their supposed ideal life, a storm is brewing – as Theo's career nosedives while Ivy's own ambitions take off, a tinderbox of fierce competition and hidden resentment ignites.

Book Here: <https://bctouring.ssboxoffice.com/events/the-roses/>



Joyride

Tuesday 13th October 1pm, Rowley Regis Disability Centre, **£3**

Joy (Colman) and Mully (Reid) are two lovable rogues. Joy is angry - she's got a baby and motherhood does not come naturally to her; she feels she's tossed her own dreams aside to give a screeching monster unconditional love.

Book Here: <https://bctouring.ssboxoffice.com/events/joyride-2022/>



The Dustbusters by Feasible Ferret Theatre

Tuesday 6 October 2026 - 10.30am & 2.30pm

West Bromwich Town Hall

As part of Celebrate Sandwell at West Bromwich Town Hall!

The event will bring together organisations, community groups and individuals from across Sandwell to celebrate the fantastic services and opportunities available within our communities, while remembering and honouring Richard. The day will include a range of stalls, workshops, activities and opportunities to connect with organisations across Sandwell, making it a wonderful occasion for the whole community.

Are dust bunnies running wild? Have spiderwebs taken over? Then you need, The Dustbusters! The sassy and silver-topped domestic goddesses from yesteryear.

Book here: <https://bctouring.ssboxoffice.com/events/the-dustbusters/>

Kathy's Song: A Celebration of Simon & Garfunkel



Thursday 8 October 2026 7:30 pm
1000 Trades On The Park

Step into the swingin' Sixties and discover the story behind the songs in a truly unmissable evening of live music and captivating storytelling.

This beautifully crafted show has everything: a heartwarming love story, a splash of stardust and a soundtrack that defined a generation. At its heart is the real-life romance between a young Paul Simon and a shy English girl named Kathy – the muse behind some of his most iconic songs. Along the way, we follow the highs and lows of Simon & Garfunkel's rise to fame, with all the hits performed completely live.

Kathy's Song is a surprising and moving story that has audiences smiling, singing along and getting hugely nostalgic. Groovy!

Storyteller/singer Cat Weatherill has performed at the world's greatest storytelling festivals. Singer/guitarist Ian Cooke is an internationally acclaimed musician and composer.

'An absolutely brilliant story and musical experience' - audience comment
[Visit our website for further information and tickets!](#)



Multistory and The Caravan Gallery present The People's Map of Wednesbury, an evolving, collaborative artwork and exhibition made by, and for, its residents.

Join us for a vibrant pop-up community exhibition in a newly transformed high street space in the heart of the town centre that celebrates and documents Wednesbury's industrial heritage, local identity and contemporary life and creates an evolving portrait of the town.

The exhibition runs Saturday 3 October to Saturday 31 October, and is open Wednesday to Saturday, 10am - 3pm. On Saturday 3 October, 5pm to 8pm, we will celebrate the launch with special performances and complimentary refreshments - do come along.

Address: 45 Union Street, Wednesbury, WS10 7HB

**SANDWELL
CREATES**

**Birmingham
OPERA
company**

Three15
— CULTURE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Thursday 24th September 2026

POP UP OPERA

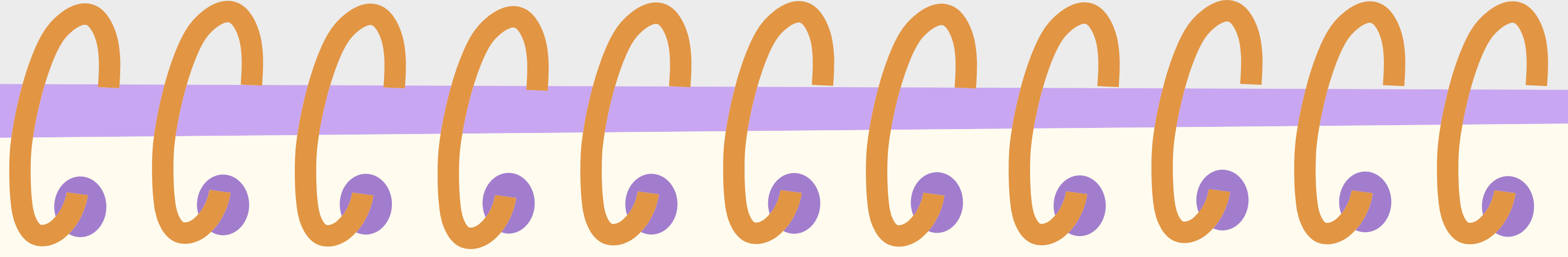
WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Try something new - join us for an electrifying
performance of Opera and music, with 20
minute sets at:

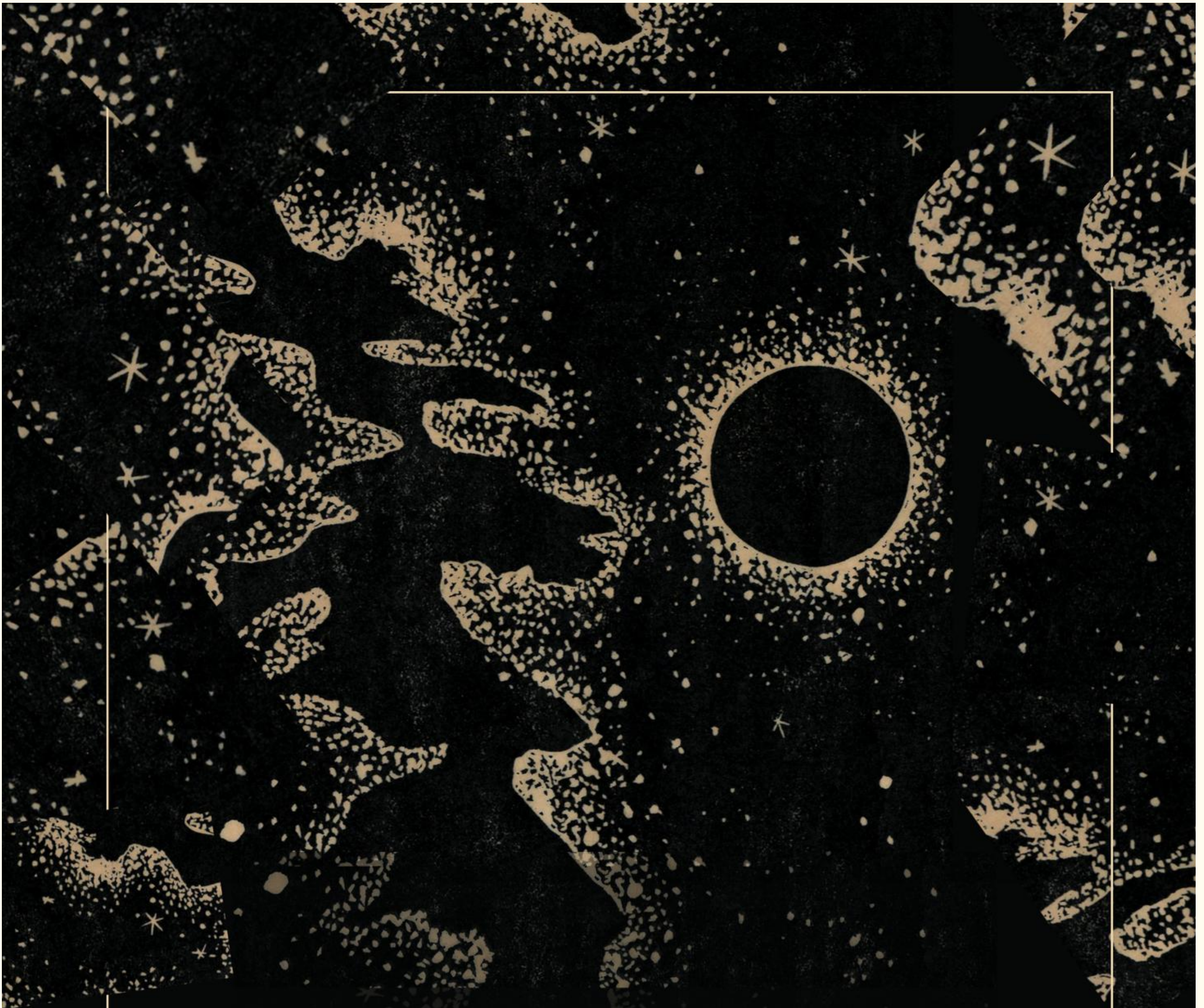
11AM & 12:30PM

Wesley Community Centre & Church, Spring
Head, Wednesbury, WS10 9AD

sandwellcreates.com



EXHIBITIONS



Space to Breathe

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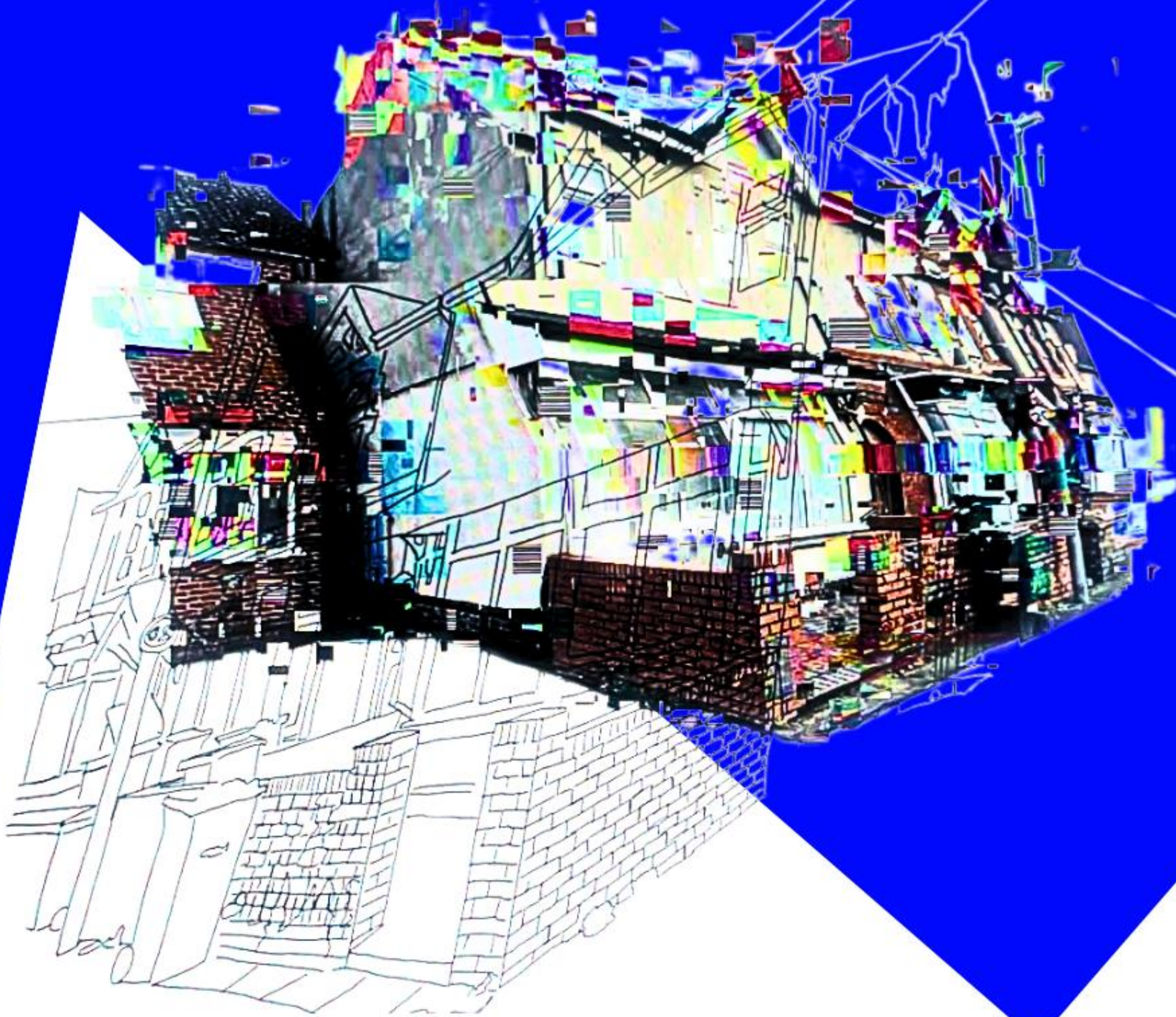
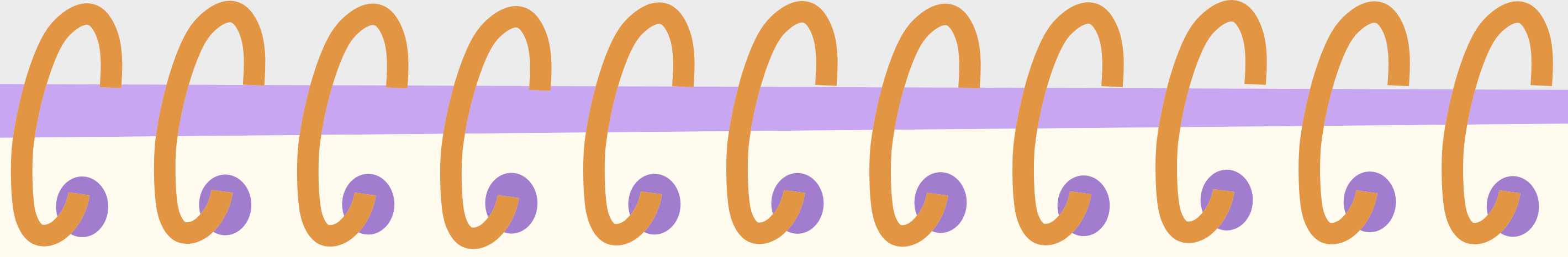
August 1 - September 14

@ Great Barr Library

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room



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A materialisation by f00lsp4nzi

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August 1 – September 14 @ West Bromwich Central Library

Raíces Roots

A meditation on belonging, the roots that we carry and the ones we grow in new lands, a group exhibition by the Midlands-based Latin American collective, ITZATNA Arts.

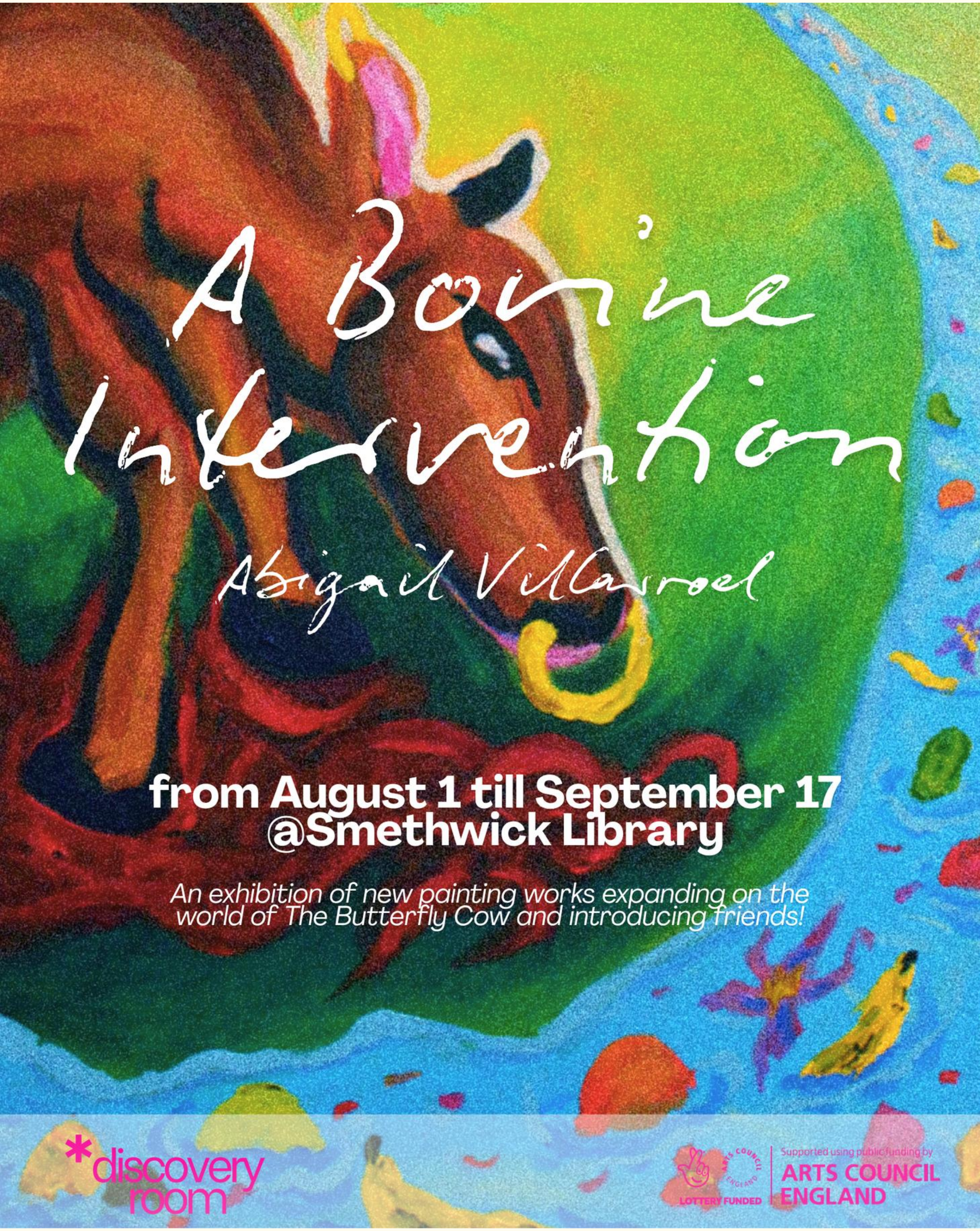
Featuring
work by
Michelle
Amezcu,
Alfredo Hau,
Sebas Hau



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A Bovine Intervention

Abigail Villarroel

**from August 1 till September 17
@Smethwick Library**

An exhibition of new painting works expanding on the world of The Butterfly Cow and introducing friends!

***discovery
room**



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The Ruthless King

An exhibition telling the mythic legend of the Rubbish King, born from Mercian waste and the ruins of capitalism. Witness the tale from a selection of new art works and short stories from Wolverhampton's premier bin-wizard, Bag Lord.

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INFAMOUS ARTS PRESENT

THE TOYMAKER



A FAMILY FESTIVE SHOW OF
TRADITIONAL STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD
SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES



CURRENTLY TAKING BOOKINGS FOR OUR
WINTER 2026 MIDLANDS TOUR
SUITABLE FOR ALL SIZE VENUES, LIBRARIES &
SCHOOLS

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT US;
[INFO@INFAMOUSARTS.CO.UK](mailto:info@infamousarts.co.uk)
0121 439 5410



Bearwood Community Hub
presents

NEW **Curiosity Café**



Starts 19th May 2026!

Skills Share

What knowledge or skills can you share?
What do you want to learn from someone else?

Task & Finish Group

What local issues do you want to help solve?

Community Guide

Bring your memories, recommendations and favourite spots
to add to our Community Guide map!

Library of Things

Sign up to help develop a library of tools and equipment for residents to share

Thimblemill Library

3rd Tuesday Every Month, drop in 2-5pm & 6-8pm

WELCOME

Dottie's

COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Enabling businesses and individuals to waste less through the sharing of good quality food that's within it's use-by date

Open to all

Tuesday 12pm - 2pm

Wednesday 9.30am - 12pm

& 5pm - 7pm

Thursday 12pm - 3pm

Friday 9.30am - 12pm



How to support the fridge:

We aim to provide a minimum of 3 items per visit, however we are reliant on surplus donations so cannot always guarantee this.

Spread the word!

Drop off surplus food

Volunteer to help maintain the service

Thank you

We can accept donations, but they must be transported in a cooler bag, straight from your fridge. We cannot accept any home-cooked items.



DOROTHYPARKES

Community Centre

THE DOROTHY PARKES CENTRE
CHURCH ROAD, SMETHWICK, B67 6EH
0121 558 2998
CHARITY NO. 1093189



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If you have an event in Sandwell, PLEASE
add it to Visit Sandwell by clicking [here!](#)

We want more Sandwell events on Visit
Sandwell - if you need any help with adding
events, please contact Stacey!

[A support video to add
events on
Visit Sandwell is here!](#)

Join the Sandwell Cultural Forum

NOW

**Do you know someone who wants
to join the Sandwell Forum?**

**Email Stacey via:
stacey_bagdi@sandwell.gov.uk**



22nd July!



Featured Events Listing



Click on the text below to find out more about the events and to book

Sandwell Museums:

Haden Hill House

- [Lots of exciting family fun events at Haden click here for the full list!](#)

Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery

- [Lots of history talks and family summer fun at Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery.](#)

Oak House Museum

- [There's a ton of activities happening at Oak House this summer - click here!](#)

Bromwich Hall

- [Check out the amazing events happening at Bromwich Hall](#)

Sandwell Libraries:

- [Lots coming up, book via Ticketsource <-click here](#)

Cultural Forum Members List

1000 Trades

Abigail Villarroel (Artist)

Anthony McFarlane (Artist)

Black Country Multicultural Day Team

Black Country Touring

Black Heritage Walks Network

Bearwood Community Hub

Bearwood Promoters

Big Bear Music

Birmingham Opera

Birmingham Music Archive

Black Country Living Museum

Blue Sheep Books

Brendan Hawthorne - Poet

Bright Young Minds

Canal & River Trust

City of Birmingham Orchestra

Charlottte McDermott - Poet

Chance Heritage Trust

Curl Girl Productions

Creative Black Country.

Creatv Hub

Dalbir Singth Ratta - Music

Drama AND SOME cic

European's Welfare Association

Faith-Brynel Insights

Fantastic Journeys

Filmgage

Infamous Arts

Jessica - Artist

Keith Bracey - Poet

Kickstarts Dance

Learn with Lolonyo

Little Earthquake

Luke Perry (Artist).

Melonie Barnaby - Poet

ME Dance

Method in Motion

Misfits Music

Multistory

Noir Hub CIC

O'Driscoll Collective

Outside Left

Outside The Box Creative Thinking Space

Powered by Can

Quennie Lim (Artist)

Rage Arts

Ruth Conover (Artist)

Sarah Cole (Artist)

Sarah Waldron (Artist)

Sandwell Archives

Sandwell Asian Family Support Service (SAFS)

Sandwell College

Sandwell Mela

Sandwell Valley

SCVO

SIPS

Simmi - Artist

Smethwick Heritage Centre

Spectra

Stan's Cafe

SWEDA

The Art Yard

The Parakeet

The People's Orchestra

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