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Brighton & Hove celebrates the International Mother Language Day

The Language Festival speaks aloud



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Last month the city of Brighton & Hove celebrated diversity by organizing a festival of music and food which gathered people from different walks of life and various parts of the world on the 18th of February at the Open Market.

The festival, organized by Best Foot Music (www.bestfootmusic.net) and supported by community organizations including Euro-Mernet, has succeeded in breaking down cultural stereotypes by bringing together participants from diverse communities.

Visitors of the festival have enjoyed exploring Kurdish, Russian, Yiddish and Syrian music and taking part in a Bollywood dance workshop.

The event proved to be a moment of great collective enthusiasm, shared interest in each other's community and a global junction for people who couldn't otherwise meet.

Music, dance, food and poetry contributed to creating a real community spirit atmosphere which both the performing artists and the diverse audience have and enjoyed.

Euro-Mernet got also involved in this wonderful event. Euro-Mernet Poetry Club team read out poems from different countries including Chile, Iran, Italy and Russia in pro-

motion and celebration of cultural diversity through poetry and in spreading Euro-Mernet's popular motto: love, peace and solidarity.

Language Day: The story

Wealth of world's diverse cultures is particularly reflected in the language as a medium of bequeathing cultural heritage. This is one of the reasons why celebrating the language, particularly the mother tongue, is a unique chance to praise the beauty of the humanity.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated the 21 of February as the International Mother Language Day in November 1999 in promotion of linguistic & cultural diversity and multilingualism.

The choice of the date was made in the memory of the students who were killed in 1952 by the police during their unarmed peaceful demonstrations in Dhaka for the recognition of Bengali as one of the national languages of Pakistan.

This event is emblematic of all the minorities, ethnicities and communities, from all the parts of the world, who continue their fight for the acknowledgement of their own language. UN recognized it in 2008

and declared the International Year of Languages:

"Languages are the most powerful instruments of preserving and developing our tangible and intangible heritage. All moves to promote the dissemination of mother tongues will serve not only to encourage linguistic diversity and multilingual education but also to develop fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue".

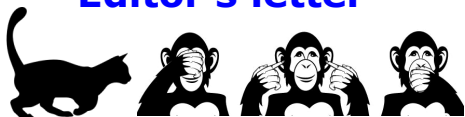
The theme chosen for 2017 is *Towards Sustainable Futures through Multilingual Education*. Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General, launched an appeal "for the potential of multilingual education to be acknowledged everywhere".

According to the UN, more than 50% of about 7,000 languages spoken in the world are likely to die out within a few generations, and 96% of these languages are spoken by a mere 4% of global population.

Respecting the cultural diversity also means that we have the urgent duty to remember of these endangered languages which are as worthy as those which are considered as dominant. □

Luminita Baci

Editor's letter



Dear friends,

We have the pleasure in greeting you, as warmly as we greet the first month of the Spring season, with another newsletter with rich content.

As you can see in the forthcoming pages, last month we made a fair balance of our local, national and international work.

Spring season brings along the revival of the nature and awakens the joy and aspirations inside our inner selves, offering very positive and energising vibes to our souls. Some people start on a new career, some do a huge spring cleaning and declutter their homes, some spend more time with their cats, and some fall in love and write poems for the person who leaves butterflies in the stomach and sweeps their feet off the ground.

Love is a beautiful feeling. But love is not limited to our personal lives. For organisations like us, love is always in the air: love for the communities we have pledged to support, love for the community causes we have dedicated our lives.

It was a lovely feeling to see the prospect of local collaboration at our regular partnership meetings. It cheered us up to see the bright signs of collective work on the horizon, such as the prospective joint activities with likeminded groups during the *Refugee Week* in June and seeing the *BME-PEG* thriving.

It was equally a lovely feeling to see the *Global Interns Strike* receiving our support as well as our well-received input at the *Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy*.

Of course, we did not neglect our support for the permanent campaign partnership work. On page 4, you will see Debora's article on *Safer Internet Day*, whilst regular columns *This Month in History* and *Obituaries* are on page 7 as usual.

You will see brief reports from our *Film Club* screening on page 3, and on page 6 a short version of our radio interview with *Tim Sagar* from *Stand Up To Racism* local branch.

Love, peace and solidarity.

Ümit Öztürk

Euro-Mernet projects & partnerships news...



On Monday the 6th of February, Euro-Mernet team attended the regular periodical meeting of Brighton & Hove Refugee and Migrant Forum, a platform facilitated by Brighton & Hove City Council to co-ordinate the work of statutory and voluntary organisations who support and provide services for refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants in Brighton & Hove.

First speaker, Jonathan Ridley from Community Safety Casework Team, gave a report on hate crimes and racist incidents in the city.

Euro-Mernet team highlighted the challenges of hate crime reporting, especially in schools, suggesting that more awareness on this worrying matter could be raised through educational activities and promotion of international campaigns such as "United against Racism" and "No Hate Speech Movement (NHSM)".

After an update on the activities and strategy of Sanctuary on Sea by its chairman Richard Williams, the discussion focused on planning and preparation of Refugee Week, to be celebrated in Brighton and across the UK from the 19th to 25th of June under the theme "Our shared future". Euro-Mernet will do its part by organising several events, including its regular annual multi-format intercultural event on 19th of June at the Community Base.

Another agenda item was the status of Syrian Vulnerable Person's Relocation Scheme and the integration support work by Voices in Exile.

Focus on last discussion was on the possibility of launching English for Speakers of Other Language courses, accessible to all migrants. □

Matteo Haenen



Euro-Mernet team enjoyed another round of regular meetings with the Black and Minority Ethnic Communities and Police Engagement Group (BME-PEG) last month.

BME-PEG is a group formed by members of BME communities and the Police service of city of Brighton & Hove. The group had evolved from a bi-monthly discussion group almost two years ago into a firmly established community group with a constitution and committee members.

Aims of BME-PEG are:

- ◆ To bring together and foster greater understanding between the Brighton & Hove Police service and the Black and Ethnic Minority (BME) communities in the city.
- ◆ To voice concerns of BME communities in Brighton & Hove on policing in their area.
- ◆ To work as a scrutinising mechanism in partnership with the police with the aim of increasing trust, transparency, confidence and communication.
- ◆ To organise cultural, social and recreation activities to strengthen the relations and interaction between the BME communities and the police force.
- ◆ To encourage and promote increased BME presence within the police workforce.

Euro-Mernet is one of the founding members, helping mainly with the communication and social media development, but sometimes also with legal compliance and technical matters such as the draft text for group's constitution.

Euro-Mernet's coordinator, Umit, has worked for several months on a logo design for the group. What you see above this news article is the fully consulted and approved final version of the BME-PEG logo.

Euro-Mernet team have also completed the work on BME-PEG social media pages (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram), all of which will be publicly launched in late March. □



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EURO-MERNET FILM CLUB

The Coming War on China

After almost a year since the last screening of a documentary by the globally renowned investigative reporter and film maker John Pilger, Euro-Mernet Film Club hosted the screening of his latest documentary.

The Coming War on China, presented by Pilger himself, took two years to film across four flash-points: Marshall Islands (with air views of Bikini Islands), Okinawa (Japan), Shanghai (China) and Jeju Island (South Korea).

Pilger looks at the historical relations of the USA with the countries across Southeast Asia and the tensions between the USA and China in recent years. He questions the actions of the USA military build up all over the Pacific and South China Sea, the nuclear tests around Marshall Islands over half a century ago and the activists against the military bases in Okinawa.

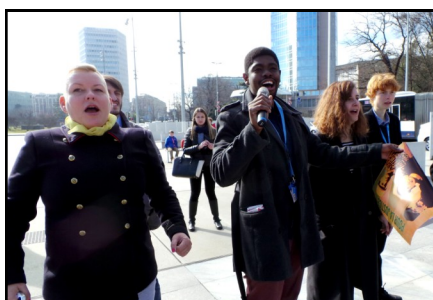
The screening took place at our usual venue, The Blue Man.

Euro-Mernet Film Club aims to raise awareness on social issues and promote the cultural heritage of diverse communities by screening films from around the world, with particular focus on Mediterranean, Middle East, and the entire Europe.

The films we screen are usually social comedies, satirical pieces, documentaries and similar independent productions. Sometimes our film screenings are followed by a talk by a director/producer/actor/actress themselves and/or a discussion between the guests.

All our film screenings are FREE. You are always welcome to join Euro-Mernet Film Club. □

Valentina Auliso



GLOBAL INTERN STRIKE: "U.N. 'PAID, U.N. 'FAIR", SAY INTERNS

On 20th of February 2017, the UN day for Social Justice, many young students across the world came together to say NO to the exclusionary and exploitative practice of unpaid internships for large organizations like UN and some other big corporations or international agencies. Coordinated by the Global Intern Coalition, actions took place in many cities around the world as part of a wide action day called Global Intern Strike.

We had the opportunity to have a closer look at the wider picture at the UN Headquarters in Geneva. As these young people do not get any scholarship or other forms of payment, in order to climb the career ladder and get some kind of work experience, they don't have any other choice but to accept all the conditions imposed by these big agencies.

Beyond that, many students don't have the equal opportunity to apply for such positions because they simply cannot afford it. Many of those who cannot afford to live in a proper accommodation and they resort to sleeping in tents in parks.

For this reason students from all over the world decided to stand up to this situation. They showed their solidarity with the thousands of young people across the world who could not be there, because not only they were unable to afford to work for free, they were also unable to pay for their trip.

Demonstrators shared the stories of "the missing" ones through recordings and photos showing their testimonies and expressing ideas on how internships can be improved through important career tips and a wide range of interesting advice by speakers and experts on the issue.



We interviewed some of the demonstrating students in front of the UN Headquarters in Geneva. One demonstrator said:

"I've been here for a month and a half and I can't be here any longer than that because I simply can't afford to. I'll leave my learning unfinished, I won't be able to make the contribution to the organisation that I wanted to be able to make and nobody wins from that, everyone loses from that. UN loses from that because there are lots of talented people who can't afford to come here. We want to see paid internships, fair internships, equal access and for interns to have quality equal rights".

Demonstrator Giulia Scaroni said: *"People are forced to comply with this exploitative system. What we could do in the future is to stop this practice first of all getting the salary for all interns in order to ensure they can sustain themselves during the internship term. Internships are not just a learning experience, they are working experience and somebody has to support them."*

Another student said: *"Behind this exploitation system there is the capitalist system that forces companies and organizations to exploit workers and if we want to fight this we have to fight capitalism and this is the message I'd like to spread."*

The entire team of interns at Euro-Mernet sent their message of heartfelt solidarity to the demonstrators in Geneva and expressed their full support for the right to strike. Euro-Mernet team also expressed their wish to see the demands of the global interns strike will be accepted and met in not so distant future. □

Roberta Gambardella

Safer Internet Day

“Be the change: Unite for a better internet!”



UK Action Day poster; promoting it on the radio show ♦ NHSM & UK Safer Internet Centre posters ♦ Our supporter certificate; Action Day talk at Film Club

By **Debora Barletta**, Projects Manager of Euro-Mernet

Euro-Mernet proudly took part in Safer Internet Day, celebrated every year on the 7th of February. The Day aims to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. It also aims to inspire a national interaction by inviting all stakeholders to join forces for united action.

This year's theme was “Be the change: Unite for a better internet!” and it was promoted by different organisations, mainly thanks to the lead of *Insafe*, a European network of Awareness Centres which take care of coordinating Safer Internet Day across the globe. Other partners were *Better Internet for Kids* and *INHOPE*, who all collaborate regularly to provide a series of services that help young Internet users to navigate the web safely.

In order to support the initiative, the Council of Europe's *No Hate Speech Movement* (NHSM) campaign decided to have a dedicated action day. NHSM produced contents and shared good practices and educational tools which allowed to raise awareness about the topic, particularly relevant to the mission of the

movement: making the Internet a better place by promoting human rights online & defeating hate speech.

As a campaign's partner, Euro-Mernet has joined the action by a talk about the initiative at the end of the film screening, *The Coming War on China* (see review on page 3). Guests were briefed on ways of getting better informed and becoming proficient internet users, helping especially kids and young people to make a good use of the cyberspace with wealth of resources.

The team took also the chance to talk about the NHSM campaign in general, encouraging the audience to explore more about it and to join the movement, distributing badges, informative leaflets and balloons.

In order to make a clear and strong statement in support of the vital need for providing means and resources to help individuals enjoy the Internet safely and peacefully, Euro-Mernet has also become an official supporter of Safer Internet Day. Euro-Mernet's affiliation was confirmed through the *Safer Internet Centre*, a partnership of three leading organisations: *South West*

Grid for Learning (SWGfL), *Childnet International* and *Internet Watch Foundation*. It was appointed by the European Commission as the UK's Safer Internet Centre, one of the 31 centres within the *Insafe Network*.

Given the nature of the International day itself, the online activity was particularly relevant and extremely passionate, especially on social media, where following the dedicated hashtags #SID2017 and #SaferInternetDay was possible to discover what was going on in many parts of the world.

To explore more about the various initiatives and to get access to all the tools and the resources made available by so many people and organisations, Euro-Mernet invites you to get in touch with the team or to visit these websites:

www.insafe.com
www.saferinternet.org.uk
www.nohatespeechmovement.org

Internet is a place that belongs to everybody, and everybody has the duty to make it safer and better in order to truly enjoy it.

Love, peace and solidarity. ☐

Geneva Summit *for Democracy & Human Rights*

Can Dündar: Turkey is "world's biggest jail for journalists"



Some of the speakers at The Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy, 21 February 2017. Full report, photos & videos at: www.genevasummit.org

By **Ümit Öztürk**, Coordinator of Euro-Mernet

Euro-Mernet team members have been regularly attending the Geneva Summit for Democracy and Human Rights, the annual conference held in Geneva, Switzerland every year in February.

Each year there are new set of speakers who come from places under oppressive, authoritarian, brutal regimes. Some speakers are the direct victims of human rights violations, while some are human rights defenders in various forms such as journalists, writers, filmmakers, human rights lawyers, and academics.

In some cases, it is a more than enough reason for persecution if you are simply a family member, relative, colleague or personal friend of a dissident person, or a member of certain ethnic, political, religious or cultural communities.

This year's speakers included the following: Antonietta Ledezma, daughter of jailed Caracas mayor Antonio Ledezma; Zhanna Nemtsova, journalist, daughter of assassinated Russian dissident Boris Nemtsov; Can Dündar, exiled Turkish editor who was jailed and targeted for assassination when he was

the editor of national daily Cumhuriyet; Anastasia Zotova, activist married to leading Russian political prisoner Ildar Dadin; Taghi Rahmani, former political prisoner, also husband of jailed Iranian rights activist Narges Mohammadi; Chito Gascon, head of Philippines Human Rights Commission, investigating President Duterte; Mohamed Nasheed, former President of the Maldives, country's leading human rights activist, former political prisoner; Shirin, Yazidi survivor of ISIS sex slavery, author; El Sexto, dissident Cuban graffiti artist just released from prison in January 2017; Biram Dah Abeid, leading advocate against slavery in Mauritania; Dang Xuan Dieu, Vietnamese democracy activist, just released after six years in prison; Nyima Lhamo, activist niece of Tibetan Buddhist monk Tenzin Delek Rinpoche, who died in Chinese prison; Kim Kwang-jin, former banker for Kim dynasty in North Korea.

Every year the participants of Geneva Summit see new faces, hear different stories of speakers. There is one common denominator, one unique common factor that applies

to all: suffering due to the oppressive regime's uncompromising attitude of rejection of the "other" in intolerant and persistent way.

In other words, "otherness" is always perceived as guaranteed ineligibility for "togetherness". Many readers would remember the chilling statement from the former USA President George W Bush: "You are either with us, or against us."

If there is no choice, or a firm and free ground to talk about choices which includes impartiality and non-alignment, then there will be no diversity, no chance of survival as a human being enjoying the life in dignity and decency.

This is a stark contrast against the fact that the life on this planet is beautiful purely due to the diversity of species within the biosphere. The thought of living on a planet with only one type of species, one colour, one size, one taste, etc. is terrible. Let's increase the hard and passionate work for a future where the words "intolerance" and "persecution" are replaced by "coexistence" and "togetherness".

Love, peace and solidarity. □

Stand Up To Racism: Brighton & Hove section launch



Tim Sagar (top left) with Radio EuroMernet team.



Radio Euro-Mernet:
"Global voice of the local communities,
Local voice of the global communities"

During one of our weekly Radio Euro-Mernet shows we interviewed Tim Sagar from the newly-launched Brighton & Hove chapter of the UK-wide campaigning group, *Stand Up To Racism (SUTR)*.

Can you please enlighten us about the Stand up to Racism and the local supporter community?

Over the last year me and other people realized racially motivated hate crime is on the rise and we've got a choice: we can sit on our sofas and do nothing about it except saying something on social media, or we can organise an event to bring people together, like-minded people who feel this raising hate crime has to be stood up to and we must express collectively our concerns about it.

If we try to do it on our own, you know we have to create events to bring people together for more parts of Brighton and Hove who feel the same and are sick of it because it shouldn't been happening, there's no reason for it and it can't be allowed to become normal and so hopefully this forthcoming meeting at the BMECP Centre is going to bring people together and start feeling collectivity about standing up to Racism.

Sometimes we need to go out and meet people in the streets. This is just the start, hopefully this year and next year there will be more events, more gigs, more things to bring people together and feel solidarity. If you create events where people come together, people who don't know before they walk in the door anything about it really, is like they feel that this is something worthy to be part of. It's like it becomes a kind of oasis they can



grow good feeling when everyone has been encouraged to think negatively.

We heard that there are also some national meetings & events related to campaigning against racism, and that there is support from Brighton and Hove.

Yes, on Saturday 18th March there is a National demonstration in London that should be the England one. In Scotland there's one in Glasgow, and in Wales one in Cardiff on the same day. And, yes, many people from Brighton will go to London demo.

About the campaign against racism: in your opinion, do you think there is much difference between the situation across the whole country and the situation in Brighton & Hove?

Brighton is a kind of curious bubble. If you look at the electoral map of the South of England, it's so pretty conservative: Surrey, Sussex, Kent, they look very blue and Brighton & Hove is very green and red. And then there is just miles of blue. There is work to do in Brighton as well.

My kids are 18 and 20 and I'm surprised how many stories they say about racist attitudes. It's not as bad as it was. When I came to Brighton in

1985 it was very white, and it is got better. There is still stuff to do, there is still people with deeply ingrained bigotry who just think it's normal.

Personally, did you observe any differences before and after the referendum, any influence of the Brexit factor?

What's happening with the Brexit referendum, is happening because of a just a campaign of lies and deceptions and yet with 4% majority in referendum, it is 48% to remain and 52% to leave. I don't know what is going on, but it isn't right, and so I can't just sit there on my sofa again and go shame about Brexit.

About racism in schools; the black students will be singled out as trouble makers, and what happens to those kids? They'll start to think: "I'm a trouble maker". So you become anti-social, you become hard.

I think sometimes a lot of damages are done by primary school and secondary school, affecting the personality of the child. They actually turn against the children because children start thinking that they are considered as outsiders, not a kind of desired student. And they don't want to go to school, they do not even turn up, and so they get excluded.

How can people get more information on SUTR?

If they can't come to the next meeting, they can go online and just tap in "Stand up to Racism". It is the easiest thing to do for finding out more information and the easiest way to join the organisation. □

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This Month in History

March 2, 1956 Morocco gains its independence from France.

March 5, 1956 US Supreme Court upholds a ban on racial segregation in state schools, colleges and universities.

March 6, 1957 Ghana gains its independence from Britain.

March 7, 1876 Alexander Graham Bell receives a patent for his revolutionary new invention: the telephone.

March 8, 1917 The Russian Revolution Starts.

March 9, 1831 The French Foreign Legion is established by King Louis Philippe to support his war in Algeria.

March 9, 1841 The US Supreme Court rules in the *United States v. The Amistad* case: that captive Africans who had seized control of the ship carrying them had been taken into slavery illegally.

March 10, 1959 Dalai Lama forced to flee to India who granted him political asylum.

March 12, 1930 Mahatma Gandhi and his followers begin March Against Tax On Salt.

March 12, 1945 Anne Frank dies at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp from Typhus.

March 13, 1996 Dunblane Massacre in kindergarten in Scotland.

March 14, 1940 Hitler and Mussolini meet and agree to fight together in war against France and Britain.

March 15, 1938 Jews Not Allowed To Vote In Germany.

March 16, 1998 Rwanda began mass trials for the country's 1994 genocide of the hundreds of thousands of ethnic Tutsis & moderate Hutu sympathizers.

March 18, 1967 The tanker "Torrey Canyon" runs aground on rocks between Land's End and the Scilly Isles.

March 19, 2008 Fidel Castro steps down in Cuba.

March 21, 1960 Sharpeville Massacre in South Africa.

March 23, 1956 Pakistan becomes an independent republic.

March 26, 1979 Camp David Peace Treaty Signed Between Egypt's Anwar Sadat and Israel's Menachem Begin.

March 26, 2000 Vladimir Putin was elected president of Russia.

March 29, 2010 Suicide bombs on the Moscow Metro.

March 31, 1990 100,000 people take to the streets in Poll Tax Demonstrations in England.

Compiled by: Roberta Fischetti

Obituary

Essa Moosa: the "struggle lawyer" for all



Essa Moosa, judge & human rights defender, delivering one of his passionate speeches at a conference at the European Parliament in Brussels in December 2014. Photos & © by Ümit Öztürk

Essa Moosa, who passed away at the age of 81 on 26th February 2017 after a short battle with cancer, had worn many hats during his self-built path of progressive life with an indomitable spirit: a human rights lawyer, a high court judge, a community publisher, a voice for the world's oppressed communities and a global justice campaigner.

Essa Moosa was born in on 8th February 1936 in District Six in Cape Town, South Africa. Upon becoming a law graduate of Cape Town University in 1960, and having witnessed and personally felt the oppression under Apartheid, he chose to become a human rights lawyer.

He rapidly earned the trust of the activists who were held in detention indefinitely without a prompt trial. He was dubbed as "the struggle lawyer". Saving his phone number somewhere safe - in case of emergencies such as arbitrary arrests - was as important as saving the hospital numbers for the activist community.

Moosa was banned from practicing and removed from District Six in 1969, when the district was forcibly declared "whites only" and the black community neighbourhoods were flattened by the brutal forces of the Apartheid regime.

As well as tireless work for defending the rights and freedoms of individuals, Essa Moosa also actively and voluntarily supported community initiatives such as the community radio station Bush Radio, and the anti-apartheid community newspaper Grassroots, where he was both the lawyer and also a board member of the paper.

Tremendous amount of legal casework and community support

did not prevent him from supporting his colleagues. He was a founding member of the anti-Apartheid support and solidarity network, National Association of Democratic Lawyers (NADEL). It was made clear at the outset that NADEL aimed to unite lawyers for their opposition to apartheid, not depending on their racial, religious or cultural background.

After working in Ministry of Justice for a short period in 1991, Moosa was appointed a judge in the Cape High Court. Later on, in 1998, South African President Nelson Mandela appointed him a judge in the Supreme Court where Moosa stayed until his retirement in 2011.

Essa Moosa did not limit his tireless and passionate work for human rights within the borders of South Africa. For instance, he extended his full support to oppressed nations such as the Kurdish people.

Following a call by another iconic South African human rights defender, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Moosa added his name into the list of many former world statesmen and Nobel laureates for the foundation of The International Peace and Reconciliation Initiative (IPRI) in 2012.

It was not surprising to see Essa Moosa at the European Parliament, at university lecture theatres, public meetings and online platforms around the world, delivering passionate speeches in support of the rights of the persecuted individuals and communities.

Many people who knew Essa Moosa described him not only as a lawyer, but also "a friend, a comrade, a beacon of inspiration". I would like to echo this as that was exactly my proud experience of knowing him. □

Ümit Öztürk

What's on, where, and when... Compiled by: Matteo Haenen

BRIGHTON AND HOVE

In Search of Colour in the 1840s: Mrs Merrifield's continental journey

Dr Alexandra Loske, art historian and curator from Sussex University, delivers a talk on Mary Philadelphia Merrifield (1804-1889), a self-taught woman who spent most of her life in Brighton writing about colour, dress history and natural history. Entry £3, payable on the door.
29 March; 17:30 – 18.30, the Keep, Woollards Way, Brighton, BN1 9BP <http://bit.ly/2nEdAKJ>

The Level Spring Market

2nd of April will see the launch of a new monthly Sunday market in Brighton & Hove's busiest central park, showcasing local makers, arts and crafts, vintage wares, sweets, confectionery and hot food vendors. The Mayor of Brighton & Hove will also join the event. Free entry.
2 April; 9am-2pm, The Level, Union Rd, Brighton, BN2 9SY <https://marketstallcompany.wordpress.com/services-events/events>

Babies in Museum

Babies and toddlers (0 -18 months) will have to chance to explore Brighton Museum, playing and learning together in a fun and stimulating experience, allowing them to nurture their interests and potentials. £5 for child.
4 April; 11am – 11.45am and 12.45pm-1.30pm, Brighton Museum & Art Gallery, Royal Pavilion Gardens, Brighton, BN1 1EE <http://bit.ly/2nEp40T>

Sheila Ghelani: Sulphur

Interdisciplinary artist Sheila Ghelani's choreographic ensemble performance, written and directed by herself, exploring the history and mythology of sulphur, the role this element has had in industry, climate change and its existence within our bodies. Ticket prices vary, £8-£12.
4 April; 19.30, Attenborough Centre For The Creative Arts, Gardner Centre Road, University Of Sussex, Falmer, East Sussex, BN1 9RA <http://bit.ly/2opSZtN>

Easter Makers Boutique Market

On the 15th of April Brighthelm Centre will host an Easter Market featuring over 50 of the very best local traders, makers, artists, street food, local musicians for an unique boutique shopping experience. The event will rise funds for Chestnut Tree House. Free entry.
15 April; Brighthelm Church & Community Centre, North Road, Brighton, BN1 1YD <http://bit.ly/2nndxBC>

ACROSS THE UK

York Literature Festival

The York Literature Festival takes place every year in March to promote arts in the city, with a particular focus on literature, spoken word and poetry. This year it features the largest programme ever, with more than 60 events in two weeks.
16 - 30 March, York, United Kingdom <http://www.yorkliteraturefestival.co.uk>

ACROSS THE REGION

Climateurope Festival 2017

Climateurope is an Europe-wide network that brings together researchers, suppliers and users of climate information. The festival offers a rich programme of lectures, discussions, networking and performances to explore the state-of-the-art of climate information and value in decision-making at both the European and national levels.
5-7 April, Valencia, Spain <http://bit.ly/2nEl8gN>

Dubrovnik Festwine 2017

The 4th edition of Dubrovnik Festwine. Founded by Dubrovnik Neretva County and Count Development Agency DUNEA with support of the Dubrovnik Partner agency, the festival will offer the opportunity to taste fine wines and to be a part of numerous wine workshops facilitated by wine experts and sommeliers.
17 – 23 April, Dubrovnik, Croatia <http://www.dubrovnikfestwine.com>

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