

# the friend ship cic



## Set sail to discover the treasure of human kindness & creativity

The Friend Ship is a non-profit making community interest company using the arts to address important social issues:

- organising skill sharing arts workshops, exhibitions and events to empower displaced people (refugees and asylum seekers) to reclaim their voice, have fun, make new friends and feel a part of their new home, supporting Norwich City of Sanctuary
- encouraging integration between communities to dispel prejudice, celebrate cultural diversity and common humanity (new research shows a single founding population appeared in Africa 200,000 years ago who then migrated to form new communities across the globe - we are all descended from migrants of this original tribe)
- running workshops for schools to raise awareness with young people of the power of art to inspire change and promote global human connection
- treating others the way we would like to be treated, with dignity, respect and the opportunity to live a peaceful, safe life



### Workshops with Ashleigh Primary

Children worked as artists and writers creating: books of poems, stories and drawings inspired by those shared with them by asylum seekers in Athens; and a 6x5ft fabric wall hanging of their **Forest of Sanctuary**, a safe, happy and positive place for everyone who lives there. Birds, bugs, flowers, mushrooms, pixies, fairies, flying pigs, unicorns and two baby owls, all live happily co-operating and sharing together.

### About Us

For information about the Captains of The Friend Ship who started this project at the end of 2016 following volunteer work in Athens and Calais, please see

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### Please Help

The Friend Ship is run by volunteers and relies on the kindness of others to give their time and donations to support our work. If you would like to get involved please email us at [friendshipartsprojects@gmail.com](mailto:friendshipartsprojects@gmail.com)

If you could make a small donation to help pay for materials and artists workshop time please donate via Paypal to [friendshipartsprojects@gmail.com](mailto:friendshipartsprojects@gmail.com)

Thank You

## Postcards for Peace 2018

We made over 600 postcards with children, artists, displaced people living in the UK, Athens and Austria, elderly care home residents, IMAGINE postcards from the Info bus Calais, Woodcraft Folk and the community.

Themes included 'Welcome', 'Choose Love', 'The Future we All Deserve' and Match Attax style cards of footballers who were once refugees, linking with Amnesty International's #footballwelcomes.

On workshops children discussed issues of persecution, sanctuary and whether it's possible to measure the 'worth' of one person over another, as well as exploring Millenium Library Archive to see the contribution displaced people have made to Norwich.

Workshops with New Routes, Norwich International Youth Project, Schools and Makers Month with local artists included painting, photography, printing, drawing, embroidery, textiles, glass work, mosaics, weaving and ceramics. Larger, or 3D, works of art were photographed to make the postcards to send to refugee children and their families. These were hand delivered as a message of welcome and friendship to refugee children in the UK via The Children's Society and The Refugee Council. They were also shared electronically with children living in camps in Gaza via the charity Hope and Play.

During Refugee Week work was exhibited at Anteros Art Gallery and, in collaboration with Norwich Schools of Sanctuary and Norwich International Youth Project, we organised an evening of music, drama, singing and art at The Octagon Chapel.



**We are very grateful for the support from our volunteers, Norwich Millenium Library, Norwich Schools of Sanctuary, The Missing Kind, The Forum Trust, Norfolk Arts Project, Anteros Arts Foundation, The Octagon Chapel and individual donors**

## HumaniTea party 2019

We have set sail on a new journey with our *HumaniTea party* project to create an art installation of a table set for invited refugee guests (local and global) to challenge negative stereotypes. Each table setting will represent the guest and celebrate their contribution to our world.

Working with Norfolk artists Kate Vogler, Sheila Gates, Teri Lockton, June Croll and Connor Enright, participants at Norwich International Youth Project will create ceramic plates, glass bowls, mosaic lanterns, woven placemats and wire name place holders for the table settings.

### HumaniTea party will be:

- on exhibition in Refugee Week at OPEN Café
- running school workshops at Millenium Library
- running workshops at Makers Festival



### Norwich Schools of Sanctuary evening at the Octagon Chapel

Workshops with Notre Dame and Hellesdon High School created flags to hang above the audience



### Book a Workshop

Please email us at

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To see more information about our workshops see

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