

Diversity Festival 2012

Programme of Events

6th – 17th February 2012

“Active Diversity”

Across Various Campuses and Locations

The Diversity Festival is open to the public, students and staff.
The event will give you a unique opportunity to learn and
experience different cultures and perspectives.

All Diversity Festival events are open to all members of the public, staff and students (unless otherwise stated). To book a place on any of the 2012 events, please contact Sophie Robinson on 01244 511399 or email equality@chester.ac.uk

Almost all events at the festival are free but please note a small number of events charge entry. Please review the programme of events for further details.

Monday 6th February 2012



Time	Location	Event Type	Details
11.00am	Riverside CRV139	The Launch Event!	Sophia Warner is an international athlete who just happens to have Cerebral Palsy, a life-long condition that affects motor control. We are delighted that Sophia will launch this year's Diversity Festival.
11.00am – 1.00pm	Best CBB012	The Destitution Roadshow, Asylum Link	This lecture will discuss the Asylum and Immigration process, the reasons why an individual will leave his/her Country and family to come a foreign land seeking Humanitarian Protection. It will also discuss what benefits they are entitled to while claiming asylum, and also what happens if their claim has been refused, the appeal process, removal back to their Country. Whilst this presentation is emotional, we hope that all attendees will become involved in the discussion and feel free to ask questions.
12 Noon	Riverside CRV139	Launch Networking Lunch	Welcome to all students and staff!
1.00pm	Best CBB012	Film and Question Time	An opportunity to view Colour Blind, the anti-racism film directed by comedian Lenny Henry and inspired by murdered teenager Anthony Walker. After the film the audience will be able to ask questions of the Anthony Walker Foundation about the film and the work of the Foundation.

Tuesday 7th February 2012

Time	Location	Event Type	Details
9.00am – 10.30am	Riverside CRV119	Keynote Event – Schools Stand Up 2 Racism	Mandy Roberts, Project Officer at Cheshire, Halton & Warrington Race & Equality Centre (CHAWREC) will speak about the progress and findings so far of the current research project undertaken into racism in Cheshire Schools.
9.30am – 4.00pm	Riverside (Various)	Conference – Inspirational Women	Back by popular demand following the success of last year's conference, this exciting event will celebrate inspirational women and provide advice for motivated women who want to be successful and

			<p>further develop their careers.</p> <p>The event will include keynote lecturers and workshops on finding and making the most of opportunities, getting the best from your team, gaining credibility, and more!</p> <p>Designed for female staff, students and visitors, this is an event not to be missed! See the website and facebook page for more information.</p>
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Riverside CRV016	Workshop	<p>In this interactive session, Dr. Chandrika Devarakonda, Senior Lecturer in Education will invite students and staff to showcase and discuss items and objects representing their culture. these items could be unique to their culture, or families, ethnicity, religion, or even country. This session will highlight how the concept of culture is interpreted by individuals.</p>
1.00pm – 3.00pm	Kingsway CKW007	Films, Food and Fun – Singing Music from Around the World	<p>Join the University of Chester’s Performing Arts Choir to sing music from around the world.</p>
7.00pm	Castle Park Arts Centre, Frodsham	Lecture – The Art of the Olympics	<p>A lecture, taking place as part of a wider Olympic Art exhibition, on the diversity of art associated with the Olympic Games. Phone 01928 735832 to book a place!</p>

Wednesday 8th February 2012

Time	Location	Event Type	Details
9.30am – 11.30am	Binks CBK013/1 &/2	Workshop – The University Mission Statement: Ink on Paper or Our Ethos and Culture?	<p>The Mission Statement is grounded in the University’s Foundation and is promoted and supported by University Council through the Mission Committee. This seminar/workshop is to examine, through those who attend, the extent to which the Mission Statement is currently integrated into the daily work and life of the University. This is for all students and staff, spanning the full range of knowledge of and opinions of the Mission Statement.</p>
10.00am –	Hollybank CHB002	Keynote Event – Can Muslims and Christians live together?	<p>Anjum Anwar, MBE, Dialogue Development Officer at Blackburn</p>

11.00am			<p>Cathedral will speak about her unique role and the importance of building good interfaith relations.</p> <p>After all, is interfaith just really all about sharing samosas and cucumber sandwiches behind closed doors?</p> <p>This session asks difficult questions and moves from monologue to dialogue, allowing delegates to ask difficult questions without feeling apprehensive. This session also raises the question of, have we as a society become too 'politically correct' to ask the right questions?</p>
12 noon – 2.00pm	Binks CBK010 (Chester Campus) and Martin WMA216 (Warrington)	Networking – Disabled Staff Group Drop In Lunch	An opportunity for anyone who has a disability or with an interest in disability matters to meet the University's Disabled Staff Group, ask questions or seek support.
12 noon – 2.00pm	Chritchley CCR002/1 &/2	Meet some religions!	An opportunity to meet representatives from a variety of religions who will be pleased to answer your questions and explain more about cultures and practices within their religion. Followed by a networking lunch and open discussion.
2.00pm – 3.30pm	Beswick CBE017	Keynote Event – 1.4 Billion Reasons. University Tour.	1.4 billion people around the world now live in extreme poverty, surviving on less than £1 per day. Malaria No More UK and The Global Poverty Project are coming to the University of Chester as part of a nationwide tour to promote a vision for a world without extreme poverty. This is an exciting event not to be missed! See the website and facebook page for more information. RSVP here: http://globalpovertyproject.com/events/attend/37100541
2.00pm – 3.30pm	Molloy CML112/3	Tsunami: Road to Recovery	This seminar will look at the personal, social and economic impact of the earthquake and tsunami that took place in Japan on the 11th March 2011 and will examine Japan's journey along the

			road to recovery' Delivered by Emma Johnson, Corporate Business and Enterprise, BELL Faculty.
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Thursday 9th February 2012

Time	Location	Event Type	Details
All Day Event	Binks Foyer (All Day) and Chritchley CCR015 (From 2pm)	People and Planet Student Group – Women and the Workpalce	<p>A full day event looking at women and work globally. This will be a student led event asking for students to stop and participate in a number of awareness raising initiatives.</p> <p>There will be a workshop in the afternoon at 2pm in Chritchley CCR015 facilitated by Dr Dave Perfect of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, on the most recent research on Gender pay gaps.</p> <p>The 2pm workshop is aimed at those interested in knowing more about gender differences in the labour market and about equal pay between women and men.</p>
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Small Hall	Films, Food and Fun - Chinese Fan Dancing Workshop	The Art of Chinese Fan Dance conveys the hue, extravagance and splendour of the Chinese culture and is mesmerized by spectators all over the world. The Chinese Fan Dance highlights delicate movements with constantly changing rhythm, which is dynamic and graceful. Come and learn how to do it!
2.00pm – 5.00pm	Cloisters 101	Workshop – Disability Confident Training	A DVD based training session designed to provide everyone with a great knowledge of disability matters, ensuring you can be Disability Confident with colleagues, students or visitors.

Friday 10th February 2012

Time	Location	Event Type	Details
10.00am – 12.30pm	Warrington – WMA216	Workshop – Forced and Arranged Marriages	When we hear the term “arranged marriage”, most of us probably visualise a forced marriage, in which the couple did not meet beforehand and had no say in the final decision. Is this correct? What is a forced marriage and how does this differ from an arranged marriage? Why do some cultures have arranged marriages? This workshop, delivered by Nadia Ali, Safeguarding Trainer, will explore this topic in an interactive and engaging workshop.
3.00pm	Binks 011	Keynote Event – Surprising the Enemy with Professor Patricia Duncker	How can we think differently about gender, sexuality, and the moments when our behaviour is elaborately policed? Do we actually want to think differently, or is it too uncomfortable? Every writer conducts an underground war against cliché. The most insidious clichés are those that are so engrained in our thinking that we barely acknowledge them to be the products of received opinion. In this talk Professor Duncker reveals some of her deliberate strategies for displacing the expected and surprising both the enemy, cliché - and sometimes the reader.

Week Two: Monday 13th February 2012

Time	Location	Event Type	Details
All Day	Binks	Conference – Gender and Sexuality.	An exciting event of keynote speakers including Prof Stephen Whittle OBE, professor of law at Manchester Metropolitan University and the country’s most prominent campaigner for transsexual rights and Kieran Bohan of the Michael Causer Foundation exploring gender and sexuality in varied and surprising ways. See the website and Facebook page for more information.

Tuesday 14th February

Time	Location	Event Type	Details
9.30am – 1.30pm	Binks (Various Locations)	Conference – The Value of Cultural Awareness	<p>Cultural awareness can cover differences arising from differing nationalities, religions, beliefs and language, even the differences of languages used in the UK, such as British Sign Language.</p> <p>With a number of workshops delivered by University of Chester staff as well as contacts from the local community, this event is a must for anyone who deals with colleagues, customers or other stakeholders from other cultures.</p>
12 Noon – 1.00pm	Binks CBK106/1	LGBT Staff Networking Lunch!	Come along to this informal lunchtime meeting to find out more about the Stonewall work and the re-establishment of LGBT staff network.
12 Noon – 1.00pm	Cloisters Food Laboratory	Films, Food and Fun – Healthy Cookery Demonstration	Watch an expert demonstration from Bhupinder Virdee Lace on healthy ways to cook Indian food and sample the delights for only £3.
12.30 – 2.00pm	Hollybank HB008	Workshop – Planning Your Funeral	<p>Most people don't make a will, never mind getting around to writing down their funeral wishes, so it's often left to chance and we find ourselves having to choose while we're distressed and making decisions we don't understand.</p> <p>Every culture has its mourning rituals, which help its members acknowledge the profound meaning of the loss of a loved one. Everyone deserves the means to be able to say goodbye in their own way, according to their own culture, beliefs, and values.</p> <p>Whether you are young or old, whatever your religion or culture, if you want to plan your own funeral (or that of a friend) then come along to this session.</p>
1.00pm	Beswick CBE017	Talk and Workshop –	International award-winning filmmaker

		The Centrefold Project: Fertility, Gender Politics and Identity.	Ellie Land uses digital methods and traditional animation techniques to make films that explore issues such as femininity, gender politics, education and identity. Ellie has recently been commissioned by the Wellcome Trust to make an animated documentary about Labiaplasty. The film titled 'Centrefold' will be released in 2012.
1.00pm – 5.00pm	CRV250	Workshop – Supporting Disabled Training	As a manager, you may be responsible for staff who are, or who become, disabled. How can you ensure you support them adequately? What sort of reasonable adjustments might you need to make? How can you create an environment where staff feel able to disclose concerns around barriers they face? Come along to this interactive session to find out.
3.00pm	Beswick CBE017	Film, Food and Fun – FILM: Show Me Love (1998)	Directed by acclaimed indie director Lukas Moodysson, Show Me Love tells the story of two teenage girls in small-town Sweden. Elin is beautiful, popular, and bored with life. Agnes is friendless, sad, and secretly in love with Elin. (Swedish with English Subtitles).

Wednesday 15th February

Time	Location	Event Type	Details
All Day	Westminster Building	Conference - BME Student Experience Symposium	This symposium will seek to explore the experiences of Black, Minority, Ethnic (BME) Students within Higher Education. Researchers from the University of Chester's Law School have recently completed a funded research project into the experiences of BME students within the host institution. The recognised need for research in this area is particularly compelling in relation to the experience of ethnic minority undergraduates on a campus (the

			research site) with a low proportion of BME staff and students. The aim of the day is to bring together academics, educational professionals and students to discuss some of the key themes which have emerged from the research. See the website and facebook page for more information
1.00pm	Beswick CBE017	Films, Food and Fun. FILM: Waltz With Bashir (2008)	This extraordinary animated documentary by Israeli film-maker Ari Folman guides us through his interviews fellow veterans of the 1982 invasion of Lebanon to reconstruct his own memories of his term of service in that conflict.
1.00pm – 3.00pm	The Careers and Employability Centre – Opposite Binks Building	Diversity Essentials – Workshop	An Introduction to Equality and Diversity concepts and the basics of the Equality Act 2010. Places are limited, contact Estee Tsang e.tsang@chester.ac.uk
3.00pm	Beswick CBE017	Films, Food and Fun. Boy Don't Cry (1998)	The story of the life of Brandon Teena, a transgendered teen who preferred life in a male identity until it was discovered he was born biologically female.

Thursday 16th February

Time	Location	Event Type	Details
10am – 3pm	Binks (Various Locations)	Conference - All About disability: Olympic Dreams and Positive Representation	This event will highlight some truly inspirational Paralympic athletes. The event commences with a Keynote address from Jane Jutsum, Director of Strategic Partnerships followed by Stuart Boreham who holds the distinction of being the first person in history to row an ocean single-handed, unsupported and unassisted, with a physical disability. The event also include a question and answer session with a number of inspiring athletes who will represent Team GB in the London 2012 Paralympic games. See the website and facebook page for more information
12 Noon – 1pm	Cloisters Food Laboratory	Films, Food and Fun. Moroccan Cookery	Watch an exciting Moroccan menu demonstration from Becky Maitland-

		Demonstration	Titterton and sample the delights for only £3.
12.30 – 1.30pm	Sports Hall – Warrington Campus	Films, Food and Fun. Chinese Fan Dancing Workshop	The Art of Chinese Fan Dance conveys the hue, extravagance and splendour of the Chinese culture and is mesmerized by spectators all over the world. The Chinese Fan Dance highlights delicate movements with constantly changing rhythm, which is dynamic and graceful. Come and learn how to do it!
1pm – 3pm	CBE017	Films, Food and Fun. Persepolis (2007)	An animated Poignant coming-of-age story of a precocious and outspoken young Iranian girl that begins during the Islamic Revolution.
3pm	CBE017	Films, Food and Fun. Milk (2008)	The story of Harvey Milk, and his struggles as an American gay activist who fought for gay rights and became California's first openly gay elected official.

Friday 17th February

Time	Location	Event Type	Details
6pm – 8pm	Binks	Films, Food and Fun. Bring and Share	The finale to the Diversity Festival! This event will incorporate delicious food and entertainment. Bring food to share with others and dress to impress. All welcome!

Throughout the festival

Throughout the Festival	Castle Park Arts Centre, Frodsham	Films, Food and Fun. Olympic Poster Exhibition	Exhibition of Olympic posters depicting a complete history of the Games and the changing graphic styles and social context of the host cities and cultures they represent. http://www.castleparkarts.co.uk/?q=visiting
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To find out more information please email equality@chester.ac.uk.