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Euro-Mernet event observes European Action Week against Racism "Don't be Divided, #STAY UNITED"



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During the last years, due to political radicalisation often fuelled by threats of terrorism, we have witnessed to an increase of the hate and racism. The situation is alarming, not only when looking at violent actions in the streets, but also considering the amount of hate speech on social networks. The idea of the difference between "us and the others" seems to become stronger in the world, so the integration of migrants and refugees in society is increasingly more difficult.

But since 1992, UNITED for Intercultural Action, the largest European network of civil society organisations, has been trying to challenge the intolerance and "the fear of the others" by promoting the European Action Week Against Racism, taking place each year around the 21th of March, the International Day for the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination.

This date was recognized by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1966 to commemorate the victims of a massacre happened during a peaceful protest against the apartheid laws in Sharpeville, South Africa, in 1960.

This year the European network UNITED for Intercultural Action

aimed to show that the diversity is not a barrier but a way to enrich each other's life, creating new communities with various cultural backgrounds and promoting equal societies.

That's why the main motto of the campaign is "Don't be divided – STAY UNITED" with a dedicated website www.weekagainstracism.eu

UNITED invites youth, media, general public and political leaders to take part in various activities like a flash mob, a "human library", "theatre of the oppressed", and also other activities such as discussion groups, concerts and film screenings.

Action Week 2017 (18 - 26 March) has seen the adhesion to the campaign of some city mayors and local government from across Europe

Also the "Activity Map" on the website helped travelling people to find out about all the activities across the continent. For instance you could get free hugs in Timișoara (Romania), or join a Forum theatre Against Racism in Cagliari (Italy).

We are proud to say Euro-Mernet was also featured on this map! Firstly, on 21th of March we hosted the screening of the Italian documentary "Fire at Sea", as part of our monthly Euro-Mernet Film Club (see page 3 for the full film review).

During the Euro-Mernet action evening against racism, we gave our guests free factsheets, posters and other campaign materials provided by UNITED and by the Council of Europe's No Hate Speech Movement (NHSM), the online youth campaign to tackle hate speech and promote human rights online.

After the film screening, Euro-Mernet Project Manager Debora Barletta facilitated an informative session about the European Action Week and how the good practices and techniques collected and elaborated by UNITED network and NHSM campaign can be used in support of migrants and refugees communities.

As a long term partner of UNITED, we also promoted the campaign on various occasions during our weekly radio shows, with a dedicated session on 23d of March.

Of course, we are committed to challenge racial discrimination not only during such designated dates and anniversaries, but also throughout the whole year within our regular weekly and monthly activities. And we would much like to invite Euro-Mernet friends and supporters to join us in standing up to racism and intolerance together. ☐

Roberta Fischetti

Editor's letter



Dear friends,

Here's another issue of the newsletter, another few degrees of warmth in the seasonal temperatures, hence another few reasons for fetching sunglasses and preparing for the indulging days of ice cream!

We are pleased to see that in this issue, we made a fair balance of our local, national and international work—yet again.

It was a great opportunity for our organisation to contribute to the greater awareness on 8th March, International Women's Day. You can see Debora's article on page 4 which points out that International Women's Day is not just a single day to be kind towards women and flatter them with impressive gifts. It's rather about gender equality and justice within the society.

We were proud in actively taking part in the "Local News Matters" campaign, led by the National Union of Journalists (NUJ). Imagine a world that the local news does not exist and we watch all the news from nationally or globally opinionated media. Imagine a world where the local population do not know or hear anything about their fellow residents in the neighbourhood, about the local rights and issues, the civil society, local democracy and social justice issues. It would be a nightmare!

You will also see in page 5 our contribution to the "Leave No One Behind" campaign, in an effort to make sure that the Sustainable Development Goals, signed by the world leaders in 2015 will not be another empty promise in ending poverty, injustice and the climate chaos. Citizen participation is vital.

You will see brief reports from our *Film Club* screening on page 3 as we had not one but two screenings last month, and on page 6 a short version of our radio interview with *Anthea Ballam* from *Inter Faith Contact Group*.

As a first in this year's editions, we also printed a book review by Matteo on page 7.

Love, peace and solidarity. ☐

Ümit Öztürk

Euro-Mernet projects & partnerships news...



STAND UP TO RACISM LOCAL LAUNCH AND PUBLIC MEETING

Among the other activities, Euro-Mernet team also attended the first public meeting and the local branch launch event of Stand Up To Racism (SUTR), which was held at the BMECP Centre on the 8th of March.

We had the opportunity to listen to distinguished public speakers on the question of racism in the UK and to join them in the struggle to raise awareness on this matter.

Stand Up To Racism is a diverse friendly group of anti-racists who have come together to tackle racism in the Brighton and Hove area. As a local group they are affiliated to the national network of Stand Up To Racism Campaign.

www.standuptoracism.org.uk ☐

Luminita Baciu



Euro-Mernet team with friends from the Sussex Syrian Community at SUTR meeting on 8th March

RADIO TRAINING WITH BHCR

The Euro-Mernet team new members have recently started following the radio training with Susi Oddball, the educational director and the founder of Brighton & Hove Community Radio. The first course consisted of a theoretical introduction to what a community radio represents and it has mainly been dedicated to learn how to do practically *vox pop* for a radio broadcast. *Vox pop* characterizes a radio technique which is expressed by asking people's opinion on a particular subject. Doing this exercise in the studio and on the streets has been an exciting experience and, after having also created our first radio advert for our next cultural event, we are now looking forward to finding out more about doing radio. Khat, Mia and Tim, the short term Euro-Mernet volunteers from Denmark, also took part in the training. Khat carried out some research tasks and Mia learned *vox pop* techniques whilst Tim recorded and edited a video clip. ☐

Luminita Baciu



BME-POLICE ENGAGEMENT GROUP

On the 23rd of March Euro-Mernet team attended another regular meeting of the Police Engagement Group addressing Black, Minorities and Ethnic groups, of which we are among the founding members.

At the meeting, as announced in the previous issue, our Coordinator Umit has officially launched the social media accounts of the group, which include Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, which have been designed to share the progresses and the achievements of the group but also to invite people from the different communities to join the discussion, giving them a platform where is possible to communicate with the different actors involved.

The BME-PEG social media links are as follows:

Twitter: twitter.com/bhbmepeg

Facebook: <http://bit.ly/2pXiDGp>

Instagram: [@bhbmepeg](https://www.instagram.com/bhbmepeg)

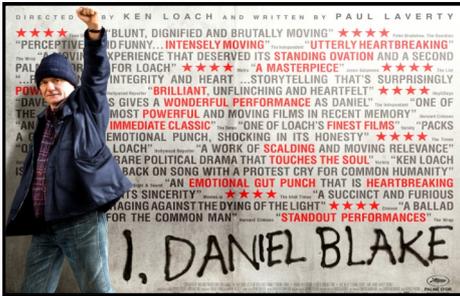
YouTube: [youtube.com/bhbmepeg](https://www.youtube.com/bhbmepeg)

As usual, the meeting also dedicated time to the news updates on the local situations, with particular focus on reviewing the hate crime and hate speech incidents across the country in the aftermath of the Westminster attack on 22nd of March. ☐

Debora Barletta



Words, Sights and Sounds of... Enlightenment, Entertainment, Amazement.
Explore the global cultural diversity through the monthly club sessions at our "People's University". Completely FREE, forever FREE.



EURO-MERNET FILM CLUB

I, DANIEL BLAKE

The Euro-Mernet Film Club hosted on the 7th of March 2017, at our usual venue, The Blue Man, the screening of the latest film directed by the renowned British director Ken Loach: *I, Daniel Blake*.

The drama depicts in a powerful and realistic way how the bureaucratic hurdles in the complex welfare system is mortifying vulnerable people's lives. Daniel Blake's story shows the absurdity of employment and support allowance in the United Kingdom which expects subservience but shows more interest in statistics than in really supporting human being in need.

Daniel Blake, starred by Dave Johns, was a carpenter until he has been diagnosed unable to go back to work after having suffered a heart attack. The film emphasizes the catch-22 of his struggle since on the one hand, he cannot work because of his health issues and on the other hand, he cannot stay on benefits either unless he proves that he is looking for a job.

On the top of all these complications, the British welfare system is unfit and unhelpful for people who are not computer literate and sadly Daniel Blake is one of such unfortunate people.

Ken Loach's film also highlights a very moving friendship between Daniel Blake and a young mother of two children who is experiencing a similar scenario of life.

This film is a genuine criticism of the current society and it was hard to hold back our tears while we were watching it. □

Luminita Baciu

FIRE AT SEA

On the 21th of March, the Blue Man hosted a special session of Euro-Mernet Film Club to mark the European Week Against Racism, an event that featured the screening of "Fire at Sea" by Italian director Gianfranco Rosi (for a detailed coverage on the European Week, see the front page).

Mainstream media offer some level of coverage of the struggle of hundreds of thousand of human beings to survive the journey from Africa to the coasts of Lampedusa. However, every time a major shipwreck near the Italian coasts claims hundreds of innocent lives, such tragic episodes are often described in the media as the contingent effect of an emergency situation.

The other aspects are rarely highlighted - for instance, the fact that such tragedies are accumulated natural consequences of a massive historical process that decision-makers have ignored or failed to properly address for decades.

On the other hand, attempts to raise awareness on this catastrophic injustice through alternative forms of narration often recur to a crude and shocking imagery, which tends to be rejected by the average audience, as it's in the human nature to be reluctant to abandon points of view which we are used to and comfortable with.

Gianfranco Rosi deals with these problems in a genius way. His multi-awarded film is a documentary in every sense of the word, a faithful portrait of the daily life in Lampedusa, revealing all its mysterious beauties and all its secret horrors.

Everything in "Fire at Sea", the locations, the characters, the stories, images and sounds, everything is ruthlessly real. But through a masterful use of audiovisual and story telling techniques, Rosi gently tends to our lazy eyes, giving them enough time to adapt to a new prospective, until we are finally able to grasp the wonderful and terrible untold truth underneath every and each human story that crosses this corner of the Mediterranean Sea. □

Matteo Haenen

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.



International Women's Day:

A call to be bold and to act for change towards equality



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

The 8th of March marks the International Women's Day (IWD), one of those particular commemorations that always creates a discourse either in supportive or in derogative terms, traceable back to the inception of this day in 1909.

This happens because discrimination addressing women has been at the centre of any society and it's something so rooted in history that trying to defeat it seems something practically unattainable due to challenges.

Nonetheless, it is possible to acknowledge the incredible successes and power of many women who managed to make the world a little fairer and more equal, achieving goals that were considered impossible by many: the right to vote, to get an education and so on - all of which still inspire for many other fights despite often being restricted.

All these successes could be achieved only with courage, patience, perseverance and time, so what difference a day can make? Why there is the need to have a day dedicated to the celebration of women? Maybe it's because human-

ity needs a reminder, a moment in which the diverse voices that compose the universe of women have the chance to give a common message with the hope that it can resonate all over the world and push forward all the ongoing fights while we are here talking.

For 2017 this message is #BeBoldForChange, a call for action, an invitation to be bold and to reclaim women's right to change a reality that disadvantages them. Also a message to say that women have the power to do it, even if many of them are still not aware of it.

For this reason one of the most important things to do is to spread awareness and knowledge to defeat any misconception and to prepare the ground for a lasting and effective change. Luckily nowadays this is possible due to a wealth of impressive literature in many forms.

Good sources include the websites of UN (unwomen.org) and IWD (internationalwomensday.com), with good insight and many suggested actions to take, online and offline, such as following the official hashtags or organising events.

Some of the notable actions were suggested by the No Hate Speech Movement Campaign (NHSM) of the Council of Europe on the dedicated Action Day on 8 March (www.nohatespeechmovement.org)

Here at Euro-Mernet we joined the Action Day and the worldwide celebration by having a discussion after the screening of *I, Daniel Blake* (see review on page 3), in which the peculiarity of the challenges faced by women was powerfully highlighted as a counterpart to the main plot. This made it possible to discuss the cases of intersectionality and multi-discrimination, which are often neglected when discussing women's rights by ignoring the diverse realities & ways of experiencing the world by different women.

After all, this is the clear message: a lot more has to be done and we all got all we need to do it, if determined to listen and to cooperate.

We hope that you had a great International Women's Day and we leave you with the words of a great woman, Virginia Woolf: "*As a woman I have no country. As a woman my country is the whole world.*"

Love, peace and solidarity. ☐

NUJ campaign goes vocal on local: "Local News Matters"



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

The National Union of Journalists, the leading professional union of its kind in the UK, has run a public campaign in March 2017 to highlight, celebrate and defend the local news reporting. The campaign started on Friday 24th March and run until Saturday 1st April 2017.

The participation and support from the members of the media were very diverse, including local newspapers, radio and TV stations, online start-ups, photographers and PR professionals.

As the Euro-Mernet team has been promoting the community media and successfully running awareness and training programmes in order to strengthen the voice of diverse communities across city of Brighton & Hove for many years, we have therefore actively and enthusiastically supported the Local News Matters the campaign week.

Euro-Mernet has encouraged the local communities to spread the word about the importance of the local news organisations and urged for the offline and online support for the NUJ campaign. Members of our weekly show, Radio Euro-Mernet,

have dedicated a special section of the radio show to the campaign and they posed for the selfies and group photos in support of the campaign.

We also attended the launch of the NUJ report on local news at a panel discussion at the Houses of Parliament on 28th March 2017. We contributed to the discussions at the report launch meeting by highlighting the following main points:

- ▶ Importance of the community media as complementary dynamics of professional news gathering industry;
- ▶ Effectiveness of regular communication and interaction between the local press and the press & PR workers of the community and voluntary organisations for accuracy of local news;
- ▶ The need for further media training and support for the community groups.

Information, regular updates and additional resources to use as part of the #LNM campaign are on the dedicated webpage:

<https://www.nuj.org.uk/campaigns/local-news-matters-week>

CIVICUS appeal: #LeaveNoOneBehind



The World Alliance for Citizen Participation (CIVICUS) has organised a meeting in London on 28th March 2017 to discuss the status of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), a historic promise with 17 goals, signed by the world leaders in 2015.

Euro-Mernet team attended the meeting as a member organisation of CIVICUS. The meeting aimed at bringing together the participants from the member organisations of the "Leave No One Behind" partnership, an alliance formed in July 2016 by three international non-profit organisations (CIVICUS, Development Initiatives, and Project Everyone) with the support of the United Kingdom's Department for International Development.

The partnership campaigns to ensure that the SDG will not be another empty promise on ending poverty, reducing inequality and to tackling the climate change in the next 15 years.

Speakers at the London meeting stated that although they have "witnessed huge progress in the fight against poverty and injustice, too many people – the most impoverished, those that are excluded, disadvantaged and at risk of violence and discrimination – still face terrible inequalities when it comes to accessing resources and rights. The world must focus on reaching these groups and ensuring they can make their voices heard if we are to achieve a better world for all."

Euro-Mernet team emphasised the importance of the inclusion of local groups as only the national, regional and international organisations were highlighted at the workshops on partnership action.

The partnership has three principles at its core through which they seek to prioritise the poorest & most marginalised people: Examine, Engage, Empower:

For more info and the action plan: <http://bit.ly/2oLpa6B>

Brighton and Hove Interfaith Contact Group



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 Anthea Ballam, Secretary of the Brighton & Hove Interfaith Contact Group (IFCG).

How did the Interfaith Contact Group start?

It started about twenty years ago. We had members from the Christian, Jewish, Islamic and Zoroastrian community. There's a lovely mix of different people of all faiths, but the most important thing about it, is that it represents people of faith and non-believers. We have a treasurer who's actually a non-believer.

The Interfaith choir is of all colours and denominations. It was formed about three or four years ago by the reverend Razia Aziz, who is an Interfaith minister like myself and who's Islamic by origin, and Judith Silver, a choir master and a Jewish. The two worked together, they have written music, they have found music of different ethnicities and the choir just comes from all over the places.

How did you personally end up being part of the Interfaith Contact Group?

I started my training as an Interfaith minister 12 years ago and was ordained 10 years ago. I just felt a real affinity for different religions. The training for an Interfaith minister is very hands-on: you go and pray in every kind of possible religious place that you can imagine, it's very experiential. And then, when I was ordained, although before that I have been a journalist and I had run a company, I said "I am going to be an Interfaith minister, I am gonna try and earn my living", which is very difficult, but it's possible. I had such



a commitment to the idea of the Interfaith movement, because when you are with people of different faiths, it doesn't matter what your politics are, or what your feelings are about things, you can't actually hold any idea about politics or what you believe, you can just say "I am the same as you, I believe in what you believe and I honour your belief".

What kind of wind of change you think the group was able to bring to the city since its inception?

Now, as there are other Interfaith groups and also more interested people than we used to have when it started, there is a sort of sense of awareness, actual events take on a life of their own. At the most full-blown conferences (about death, meditation, angels) we try to create debating opportunities where people really learn about each other and get so excited about the common things they share. There are more people aware of the importance of the Interfaith movement.

Do you have any challenges that you haven't taken yet to a wide outreach? Are there gaps?

If you see our service, you can see what the gap is. There are lots of

people in the Interfaith Group, middle-aged people and children, but young people we just don't have. Actually, this movement really requires openness to overcome all perceptions and ideas about different groups to connect with people of different faiths, and I think it's really difficult for some young people to do that, also because they think that an organisation run by old people is kind of a drag. Maybe it's a kind of mindset that needs to be worked out.

How do you see the role of women in the movement?

The most significant thing in the Interfaith movement generally, across the globe, is the presence of women as faith-leaders, as ministers. Something is happening after two or three thousand years of excluding women as spiritual leaders, something very strange and magical which allows women to actually do ceremonies.

It is an extraordinary privilege to be able to do that. Women ministers have a lot to offer and maybe the fact that we have been excluded for so many years, empowers us to do it really well, to connect with the issues of life. The very fact that we have power to create life and hold life and nurture, does empower us to be very useful at the spiritual level. I think that's the most exciting thing that women have to offer. □



www.interfaithcontactgroup.com

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www.mixcloud.com/radioeuromernet

This Month in History

April 1, 1984. The singer Marvin Gaye is shot and killed by his own father.

April 2, 1982. Argentina invades the Falklands Islands, a British colony since 1892 and a British possession since 1833.

April 2, 2005. Pope John Paul II, Karol Jozef Wojtyła dies.

April 4, 1928. Poet and novelist Maya Angelou born in St. Louis, Missouri

April 4, 1968. Martin Luther King Jr. is shot dead by a sniper. As word of the assassination spread, riots broke out in cities all across the USA.

April 7, 1994. Civil war erupts in Rwanda after Rwandan armed forces kill 10 Belgian peacekeeping officers in a successful effort to discourage international intervention in the genocide that had begun only hours earlier.

April 11, 1814. Napoleon Bonaparte, emperor of France, abdicates the throne and is banished to the Mediterranean island of Elba.

April 14, 1865. John Wilkes Booth, an actor & Confederate sympathizer, fatally shoots President Abraham Lincoln.

April 14, 1912. The RMS Titanic fails to divert its course from an iceberg, ruptures its hull, and begins to sink.

April 15, 1920. The Sacco-Vanzetti case draws national attention.

April 15, 1998. Pol Pot, the architect of Cambodia's killing fields, dies of apparently natural causes.

April 17, 2014. Nobel Prize-winning author Gabriel Garcia Marquez, dies at his Mexico City home at age 87.

April 19, 1943. Warsaw Ghetto Uprising begins.

April 20, 1902. Marie and Pierre Curie successfully isolate radioactive radium salts in their laboratory in Paris.

April 21, 753 B.C. According to tradition Romulus and his twin brother, Remus, found Rome on this day.

April 23, 1564. William Shakespeare is born in Stratford-on-Avon.

April 27, 1994. South Africa holds first multiracial elections.

April 28, 1945. "Il Duce," Benito Mussolini, and his mistress, Clara Petacci, are shot by Italian partisans who had captured the couple as they attempted to flee to Switzerland.

April 30, 1945. Holed up in a bunker under his headquarters in Berlin, Adolf Hitler commits suicide by swallowing a cyanide capsule and shooting himself in the head.

Compiled by: Anna Maria De Biase

Publication Review

Migration and Jihadism in the Sahel: Trade Routes to a New World



In contrast to what nationalist rhetoric asserts, European governments will not be able to ensure the safety of their citizens and to defeat the Jihadist threat by enforcing a political program based solely on sealing Europe's borders to the stream of migrant coming from the central Mediterranean route, on one side, and localized counter-terrorism interventions in the North-African regions, on the other.

These are the findings of *Migration and Jihadism in the Sahel: Trade Routes to a New World*, a report following a research conducted by G4S Risk Consulting threat analyst Dominic MacIver and published by Hate Speech International in March 2017.

The report tackles the assumption of far-right propaganda that Jihadist organisations in Sahel take advantage of the clandestine flow of migrants from Libyan coasts to Southern Europe to dispatch terrorist in the continent, while at the same time directly benefiting from the income of the migrant smuggling business.

For a start, the author points out that while in some instances foreign fighters have been known to return to Europe through the Balkan

route, most of the terrorist attacks that hit Europe in 2015 & 2016 have been perpetrated by people living in or visiting the continent legally.

Besides, transferring fighters through the Central Mediterranean Route would present very high risks, as demonstrated by the fact that in 2016 alone more than 4500 migrants have died in the attempt to reach the Italian coast.

On another note, while terrorist organisations are known to fund their operations through a variety of criminal activities, it is not possible to draw definitive conclusion regarding their connection to or involvement in the smuggling of migrants in North-Africa. This is due in no small part to the serious threats that journalists and NGO workers are often exposed to when investigating the income generating sources of the Jihadist groups.

However, according to MacIver, it is possible to outline a connection between Jihadism and smuggling, as both benefit from the lack of security, the state control and political stability in the region. In this context of poverty and lack of opportunity, younger generation are more likely to put their life in the hands of smugglers and be subject to jihadist radicalisation.

This is a phenomenon that is unlikely to improve without a significant effort by the international community, and European governments within it, in solving the problem at its root by eliminating the global disparity in wealth and opportunity between the North and South of the world. □

Matteo Haenen

For more info & a copy of the report: <https://www.hate-speech.org>

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

BRIGHTON AND HOVE

Brighton Fringe Festival - Unity: Multicultural Event

In the joyful atmosphere of Brighton Fringe Festival, Sussex Police and Albanian communities join their effort to offer the people of Brighton an open-air celebration of the beauty of multiculturalism. A rich program of performers from all cultural backgrounds and with various artistic talents: music, dance, comedy and more. And you can enjoy it entirely for free!

7 May, from 12:00

Jubilee Square, Brighton, BN1 1GE UK

info: <https://www.brightonfringe.org/box-office/shows/view/unity-multicultural-event>

For all the information on Brighton Fringe Festival and the complete catalogue, featuring over 970 events at 155 venues from the 3d of May to the 4th of June, please refer to the official website, <https://www.brightonfringe.org>

ACROSS THE UK

The Bath Festival

Bringing together the successful experiences of Bath International Music Festival and Bath Literature Festival, The new Bath Festival presents a multi-arts programme featuring more than 130 events, celebrating the world heritage of the city of Bath in various forms including literature, words and music.

19 - 28 May;

Various venues; Bath, UK

info and tickets:

<http://bathfestivals.org.uk/the-bath-festival/whats-on>

Cambridge Beer Festival

The 44th edition of the longest running CAMRA beer festival features a wide range of local and national beers of all style, as well as other types of beverage from all around

the world. All accompanied by the finest locally produced food, including the famous CAMRA Cheese Counter!

22-27 May 2017;

Jesus Green, Cambridge, UK

info: www.cambridgebeerfestival.com/visitor-information/opening-times-and-prices/

Newton Stewart Walking Festival

For the 15th consecutive year, the wonderful nature of Galloway Hills host the Newton Stewart Walking Festival. Visitor will to enjoy the beauty of the Sothern Uplands by choosing among more than 40 itineraries of diverse degree of difficulty.

5-11 May; Newton Stewart, UK

info: <http://www.walkfestnewtonstewart.com>

ACROSS THE REGION

Technopolis Jazz Festival

Technopolis City of Athens and Onassis Cultural Center join their efforts to bring you to celebrate the beauty and variety Jazz music in the streets of Athens, with a rich programme aimed to appeal younger and older audiences alike. Many of the events are free!

23-28 May; various venues, Athens, Greece

info: <https://www.technopolisjazzfestival.com/index.php/en>

Nuits Sonores

Originally created in 2002 as a platform to share thoughts, artistic projects and cultural initiatives, this thriving festival is now at its 15th reiteration, celebrating independent electronic and digital culture, openness and cultural crossover. The festival aims at being as accessible as possible, removing all kind of generational, social, territorial barriers.

24 -28 May; Lyon, France

<http://www.nuits-sonores.com/en/les-programmes>

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