



Rethink Rebuild Society

A voice of the British Syrian community

Press Release

18 September 2018

Celebrating Syria 2018: A Festival of Arts and Culture Coming to Manchester 6-14 October 2018

‘Celebrating Syria 2018: A Festival of Arts and Culture’ is a Syrian arts and culture festival organised by Rethink Rebuild Society that will run across Manchester between 6-14 October 2018. This Festival is the second annual such festival to run in Manchester. Last year’s festival was the first of its kind in Europe.

The Festival [programme](#) includes a variety of activities that will be suitable for all members of the family, including music concerts, film screenings, workshops, talks, and discussions, together with an exhibition which will run from Saturday 6 to Wednesday 31 October and a selection of books that will be on sale throughout the Festival.

Festival activities will be hosted in venues across the city, including at Rethink Rebuild Society, Longsight Library, University of Manchester, Goodstock, HOME, RNCM, Emmanuel Church, and Whitworth Art Gallery.

Dr. Mustafa Alachkar, Manchester-based Syrian doctor and one of the Festival coordinators, explains why he felt the need to get involved in this initiative: *‘For many, the little they know of Syria and its people comes from media coverage of the conflict. In putting this festival together, we’re hoping to showcase that Syria is so much more than that, and that it is rich with art and culture. We are presenting some of this art and culture for everyone to experience and enjoy.’*

Some events in the Festival are presented in collaboration with Journeys Festival International Manchester 2018, which celebrates the creative talent of exceptional refugee and asylum seeker artists and shares the refugee experience through great art.

Further information on ‘Celebrating Syria 2018: A Festival of Arts and Culture’ can be found online at

<https://celebratingsyria.org/>

and the Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/syriafestival/>

ENDS

For further information and press enquiries, please contact 07769704656 or email: yasmine@rrsoc.org

Rethink Rebuild Society has established itself as a non-profit organisation that acts as an umbrella for the Syrian community in Manchester, and endeavours to promote peace and protection of civilians to its audience in the UK and the wider public.