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Migrant Photography Project “Belonging” Exhibits at Falls Road

On view March 6-31

Opening night: 6 March 6:30-8:00pm

Admission Free

Falls Road Library, 49 Falls Road, Belfast BT12 4PD



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This March, the Belonging Project is beginning a nationwide traveling exhibition in partnership with Libraries NI. *Belonging*, a collaboration between Belfast-born photographer Laurence Gibson and the Belfast Migrant Centre, combines portraits and interviews of individual migrants in Northern Ireland to compelling effect.

Community members and press are invited to the 6th March opening event, beginning at 6:30pm at the Falls Road Library. Admission is free and open to the public.

Drinks and hors-d'oeuvres will be served, and opening remarks will begin at 7:00pm. Attendees can expect to hear from photographer Laurence Gibson, Belfast Migrant Centre manager Jolena Flett, and a participant of the Belonging Project.

About the Belonging Project

Belonging is a remarkable multimedia project that showcases the individual stories of migrants in Northern Ireland through personal items and stories. Participants are photographed with a “memento”, an item meaningful to them, and record an interview sharing their migration story.

Both the portraits and recordings are integrated into the exhibition, allowing attendees to get a fuller picture of the diversity of migration experiences, and to confront their preconceptions of migrants.

The exhibition will be integrated into a series of workshops on immigration, cultural diversity and equality, facilitated by the Belfast Migrant Centre, during the last week of March. Upcoming destinations for the exhibition include Ardoyne Library (on view throughout April) and Shankill (on view throughout May).

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