

Migrant Photography Project “Belonging” Exhibits in Ardoyne Library

The Belonging Project, a series of portraits and stories about migrants in Northern Ireland, is exhibiting at Ardoyne Library during the month of April. The project is a collaboration between photographer Laurence Gibson and the Belfast Migrant Centre.



Shoes, Pakistan/N. Ireland. © Laurence Gibson 2014

The multimedia exhibition features twenty new portraits of individual migrants, each holding a ‘memento’ that reminds them of their home country. Each portrait is accompanied by a recorded interview conducted with the participant about their journey to Northern Ireland and the significance of the chosen object. Viewers can listen to the recordings using an MP3 player or read the transcriptions provided, making for a unique and engaging viewing experience.

A series of free workshops on diversity, identity, and inclusion is planned for the Ardoyne location, facilitated by the Belfast Migrant Centre staff. The Belonging exhibit is incorporated into each session, helping to illustrate the diversity of migrant experiences. A workshop open to the public will take place on 14th April from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Ardoyne Library is the second location chosen for the traveling exhibition hosted by Libraries NI, after a successful initial launch at Falls Road Library. An exhibition in Shankill Library is slated for May, and in June Belonging will move to Derry Central Library.

Photo shoots for the project are ongoing and take place around the country. The project was recently awarded the Intercultural Arts Grant by Arts Council NI, and the Good Relations Grant by the Belfast City Council.

Ardoyne Library is located at 446-450 Crumlin Rd, Belfast BT14 7GH. Staff can be reached at 028 9050 9202.

See more at www.thebelongingproject.org

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