



16th - 31st October

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Your city
Your festival
Your possibilities

A CHANGING CHELMSFORD INITIATIVE



WHAT IS A FESTIVAL OF IDEAS?

It is a festival aimed at stimulating peoples minds and passions with an inspiring programme of events. Our futures are fraught with challenges but full of possibilities.

The festival of ideas includes :

Discussion & Debates : our city's heritage, arts & culture, local urbanism challenges & opportunities

Talks & Walks : giving Chelmsford's past a future

Arts & Crafts : from traditional to modern, including the application of technology

Music & Musicians : celebrating the talent in our communities and bringing people together.

We believe in the power of education and ideas to transform lives & the value of engaging diverse audiences for a collaborative & dynamic city. We believe in working together for a better future. Together we can generate the ideas to address the challenges & realise the possibilities.

SATURDAY 14TH
OCTOBER

From India to Chelmsford: A talk by SCAD (Social Change and Development)

A talk followed by Q&A presenting the work of SCAD, a charity based in Tamil Nadu (India) and supporting half a million people with health, education, environment and more.

A unique opportunity to know more about this area of India and SCAD

CHELMSFORD LIBRARY FIRST FLOOR. 10:30-12:30

FOR INFORMATION: HOSTS@IDEASHUBCHELMSFORD.ORG OR 07880990443

SATURDAY 14TH
OCTOBER

Charity Concert by the wind band 'Caprice'

In Aid of Essex Mind and Spirit and the Acorn Village Trust

Essex Mind and Spirit is a community organisation that supports people by raising awareness of spiritual care in mental health recovery.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL, 7.30 PM

PRICE - £10

TO BOOK: ALLEGRO MUSIC HIGH STREET CHELMSFORD OR 01245465718

MONDAY 16TH
OCTOBER

Your City-Chelmsford and Culture: What comes Next?

Open debate with the speakers and the public on the following:

- Chelmsford's future through the draft local plan with Martina Juvara of Urban Silence Ltd
- How we protect and develop the City's Heritage with Nick Wickenden and Cllr Julia Jeapes
- A bid for U.K City of Culture status 2025, with Liam Rich, Producer of the Hull UK City of Culture Programme 2017

This event is also the official launch event for the Ideas Festival, and is sponsored by the Royal Society of Arts

COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,

14:00-17:15 FOLLOWED BY OFFICIAL LAUNCH

TO BOOK: WWW.ARTOFTHEPOSSIBLEFESTIVAL.COM OR 07880990443

TUESDAY 17TH
OCTOBER

"The Great War in the Air" a talk by Ken Wisdom

Early actions, personalities, and the progression of the First World War.

GALLEYWOOD HERITAGE CENTRE, 1.00PM TO 3.45PM (TALK STARTS AT 1.30)

PRICE - £3 AT THE DOOR

FOR INFORMATION: WWW.GALLEYWOODHERITAGECENTRE.ORG.UK OR 01245 357700

TUESDAY 17TH
OCTOBER

Living Libraries

Come and borrow a 'human book' for 10 minutes to get an eye-opening insight into their life. The living Library originated in Denmark in 2000 as an opportunity for individuals to connect with people they may not normally have the opportunity to speak to.

Event organised by Chelmsford Central Library as part of the Art of the Possible Festival.

CHELMSFORD LIBRARY, 1PM TO 2PM. THIS EVENT IS ORGANISED BY CHELMSFORD LIBRARY.

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WEDNESDAY 18TH
OCTOBER

The Future of Our City

Join leading local & national urbanism experts to consider the future of urban living in Chelmsford. Delivered through a mix of presentations, debates, and discussions – supported by the Academy of Urbanism. Speakers include: Paul Augarde (Poplar Harca and Accent); Nicholas Falk; and Simon Williams (Future Cities Catapult)

12:00-15:30 – MAYOR FOR THE DAY – THE FUTURE PRESENTED BY YOUNG PEOPLE

15:30-17:30 – VISIONING THE CITY – WITH NATIONAL THINKERS, DEVELOPERS, AND INNOVATORS

17:30-18:30 – BUFFET – NETWORKING

18:30-20:00 – ACADEMY OF URBANISM TALKS – OPEN DEBATE WITH THE SPEAKERS AND THE PUBLIC

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THURSDAY 19TH
OCTOBER

Chelmsford Lives: Remembering Chelmsford from the 1940s to the 1970s

Do you remember the end of the rationing? Do you recall your first day at school in Chelmsford? Did you use the corn exchange? Were you or your children born in St John's hospital? Do you remember Bonds? In this afternoon discussion, the Chelmsford Lives team will play a selection of extracts from their interviews with local people backed by a variety of photos, and you are welcome to add your recollections. (The event will not be recorded)

LIBRARY FIRST FLOOR, 14:00-16:00 | FREE

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THURSDAY 19TH
OCTOBER

TEDx Chelmsford

Independently run TEDx events, like TEDx Chelmsford, help to share ideas in communities around the world. Join TEDx Chelmsford for a full day of ideas worth spreading - with the overall theme of "beneath the surface". This event is organised by Art of the Possible Festival. Reduced rate by quoting #AotP2017 to the theatre box office. Tickets available with promo code: ECCTEDX2017

CHELMSFORD CIVIC THEATRE, 9AM TO 5PM

TO BOOK: WWW.ARTOFTHEPOSSIBLEFESTIVAL.COM

TUESDAY 24TH
OCTOBER

The Future of Transport in Chelmsford

In times of great technological change, this debate will focus on what can a city like Chelmsford do to promote better mobility, reduce congestion, and improve well-being for its citizens. Followed by networking and refreshments.

COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,

15:30-17:30

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TUESDAY 24TH
OCTOBER

Chilling Tales of Chelmsford

A tour of the City describing the more unpleasant side of its history. Featuring murders, ghosts, hangings, witchcraft, strange happenings and much more.

CHILLING TALES 'CHELMSFORD HISTORY WALK' 19:30-21:00

PRICE - £5 PER PERSON (UNDER 16, HALF PRICE)

TO BOOK: 07779 931401 OR 01245 609778/EMAIL: CITYHISTORYWALKS@GMAIL.COM

WEDNESDAY 25TH
OCTOBER

Spooky Stop-Frame Animation Workshop

Have a go at creating your own 'Spooktacular' short stop-frame-animation using 'Hue' cameras and spooky Halloween treats! By Signals Media Arts Centre

LIBRARY FIRST FLOOR 10:00-12:00 8+ £20 PER FAMILY (ADULT + 2 CHILDREN)
TO BOOK: WWW.SIGNALS.ORG.UK OR CALL 01206 560255

FRIDAY 27TH
OCTOBER

All day Sound Recording Workshop: 'Sounds in the City: recording an urban environment'

In the morning session, you will learn how to record the sounds of urban environments, through a guided walk around Chelmsford. In the afternoon, an editing session at the Essex Record Office will introduce you to the basics of sound editing software. Both parts will include training by an audio engineer. The event will go ahead come rain or shine, so participants should wear comfortable footwear and suitable clothing

ESSEX RECORD OFFICE, 10:00-16:30 £20 FOR THE FULL DAY (LUNCH NOT PROVIDED)
TO BOOK: WWW.ESSEXRECORDOFFICE.CO.UK/EVENTS OR CALL ERO

FRIDAY 27TH
OCTOBER

Modern Technology Workshops

Join us for a fun day of tech and modern crafts! Free workshops and sessions including: VR tasters, digital photo editing and printing, 3D printing demonstration, and App making. An event sponsored by **Make:Shift:Do**, as part of a nationwide programme of craft and innovation workshops taking place at the end of October

LIBRARY FIRST FLOOR, 11:00-15:00 FREE
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SATURDAY 28TH
OCTOBER

Viell Exhibition Day & Evening Talk by artist Nayan Kulkarni

11am – 5pm: **Exhibition** showcasing a temporary video and sound installation created to preview a permanent artwork commissioned from Nayan Kulkarni by Genesis Housing Association, due to be installed in Central Chelmsford in autumn 2018.

(NO NEED TO BOOK)

5.30 – 6.30pm: **Evening Talk** by Nayan Kulkarni about his research and thinking behind the innovative and ambitious light art installations created over the last fifteen years including recent projects in Hull, City of Culture.
(BOOKING REQUIRED)

GROUND FLOOR – THE LAW BUILDING–BURGESS SPRINGS (OFF VICTORIA ROAD SOUTH),
5.30PM TO 6.30PM TO BOOK: WWW.ARTOFTHEPOSSIBLEFESTIVAL.COM

SATURDAY 28TH
OCTOBER

School for Spooks

A funny storytelling, performing, and writing workshop for 8 to 12 year olds
What do spooks say? What do you say to spooks? Why do spooks spook? Listen, Perform and Write – spooky stories, songs and poems. **Led by Martin Reed.**

CHELMSFORD LIBRARY.

TO BOOK: WWW.ARTOFTHEPOSSIBLEFESTIVAL.COM OR 07880990443– BOOK EARLY, LIMITED SPACE

Chelmsford Variety Concert

Live music showcasing talented local groups. Organised with the support of Christchurch.

SATURDAY 28TH
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CHRIST CHURCH URC, LONDON ROAD, 19:30-21:30 £3 AT THE DOOR

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Live Portrait Painting Competition

Open to professional local artists- First prize: £150

Taking place in High Chelmer. Each portrait artist will have 3 hours to paint 1 seated model, followed by a Winner's Award. The paintings will be on view to the passing public while painting. Please come to watch and support the artists.

£20 ENTRANCE FEE PER ARTIST (MAX 10 ARTISTS)

TO ENTER: [BETHAN@IDEASHUBCHELMSFORD.ORG](mailto:bethan@ideashubchelmsford.org)

(NOTE: EACH ARTIST CAN PROVIDE A BIOG & CONTACT DETAILS TO BE ON DISPLAY)

SUNDAY 29TH
OCTOBER

'History of the High Street 1860-1960': Guided walk

A walk with a local historian to uncover the history of the town centre before the large shopping centres arrived.

CHELMSFORD HISTORY WALKS, 10:00-11:00

£5 PER PERSON (UNDER 16, HALF PRICE)

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SUNDAY 29TH
OCTOBER

RSA Ideas

A workshop session for sharing ideas and projects that are at an early stage. RSA Fellows will have an opportunity to pitch their ideas and draw on the experience of other participants. Format: 5 Ideas pitched for 3 minutes each

FOLLOWED BY Q&A. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING. A CANTEEN, 19:00 – 21:00

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ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Art of the Possible Festival: 14th - 31st October

please check: www.artofthepossiblefestival.com for more amazing events
happening in chelmsford and across essex

Essex Poetry Festival 2017: 21 September to 19 October 2017

Do you enjoy listening to poetry? Drop in to one of the many essex poetry festival events happening in essex libraries this autumn. These events are a great opportunity to meet essex poets including Adrian Green, Rosie Sandler, Derek Adams and Maggie Freeman. You'll experience live poetry readings and get a chance to discuss the poetry, gaining a real insight into the creative process. Perhaps you'll be inspired to write your own poetry!
No need to book, just turn up to these free events.



