

STAND-UP COMEDY POETRY & MUSIC EVENING



Sunday, 13 May 2012, 5.00 - 9.00pm
Brady Arts Centre, Hanbury Street, London E1 5HU

5.00pm: Refreshment / networking

5.30pm: The launch of the *Powers of Festivals Exhibition*

By Muhammad Ahmedullah



The *Powers of Festivals Exhibition* is about how festivals are utilised by minorities and indigenous / native peoples around the world to survive, develop confidence and build their capacities. This exhibition covers festivals in four parts of the world - Kuta Carnival in Bali, Oruro Carnival in Bolivia, Biju / Shangrai festival in Bangladesh's Chittagong Hill Tracts and Nottinghill Carnival in London.

Arts and cultures are the foundations of festivals. Public celebratory events provide an opportunity for communities to use their own cultural traditions and artistic creativity to showcase their collective achievements, develop internal unity/pride and achieve a more confident engagement with outsiders.

5.45pm: Presentations

📖 **Moving forward in grassroots change making**
By *Rahima Begum* (RestlessBeings). Rahima will talk about communal efforts and technology to make humanitarian change with reference to RestlessBeings approach to human rights work and their Bangladesh project.

📖 **Human rights awareness through documentary films** By *Hannan Majid and Richard York* (The Rainbow Collective). Documentaries made include the Machinists, Mass-e-bhat and Amazulu - children of heaven, which won the best film prize at Nanpes British film festival.

📖 **The police force needs more Bengalis**
By *Sakira Suzia* (Police Constable, PC Suzia). Sakira is a riot officer and an Olympic Torch Security Officer. Her job is to respond to emergency 999 calls.

6.15pm: Poetry reading by Rez Kabir (actor and story teller) and others



Rez Kabir will read the poem **Bidrohi** (the rebel) by Bangladesh national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, which was written in

1921. This is his own abridged interpretation of the English translation by Kabir Chowdhury, and he hopes to capture something of its essence. Recently, his reading was well received at Channel S Awards 2012 and Islamic Relief concert at O2, presented by Soulfire Theatre.

6.45pm: Stand-up comedy

Comedy hour hosted by Asif Baul of Ye OldE17 Comedy. Featuring Peyvand Khorsandi and Daphan Baram with highlights from their Middle East politics themed fringe show **Frenemies**. More acts tbc.



MC Asif Baul



Daphan Baram

Peyvand Khorsandi

8.00pm: Live Bengali music

By Tofial Uddin - A.K.A. Mister T - The Voice, Rozina Khan Helen and Jahangir Rana

9.00pm: Close

Free entry! All welcome! Advance booking only!

The event is being supported by Tower Hamlets Council.

To book a place please call 07574224891 or email bricklanecircle@yahoo.co.uk

