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## ASMARINA VOICES

### Where

First Floor, 6 St Peters Building,  
St Peter's Square, LS9 8AH

### When

Fridays during term times,  
1pm - 2:30pm

### Cost

Free!

Asmarina Voices invites female refugees and asylum seekers to come along to weekly, free, fun and friendly singing sessions. Women are welcome to come along and sing, relax, and socialise in an informal setting.

Contact: [ruth.hannant@leedsplayhouse.org.uk](mailto:ruth.hannant@leedsplayhouse.org.uk)

## PLAYING ME

### Where

First Floor, 6 St Peters Building,  
St Peter's Square, LS9 8AH

### When

Fridays during term times,  
1pm - 2:30pm

### Cost

Free!

Playing Me is a session for pre-school children of members of the Asmarina Voices singing group. With our belief in the power of creative play, we help children build on their natural curiosity and develop confidence through structured play sessions during singing group time.



## HEARTS YOUTH GROUP

### Where

Playhouse 2, St. Peters Building,  
6 St Peter's St, Leeds LS9 8AH

### When

Wednesdays from 4.30-6.30pm

### Cost

Free!

Our Hearts youth group is a partnership project with the Children's Society, designed for young people aged 14 – 21 who are refugees or asylum seekers. We offer a weekly drop-in session with various activities including creative arts sessions, social time, life skills and advocacy support from a Children's Society key worker.

PLAYHOUSE YOUTH PARTNER



Contact: [shreena.gobey@leedsplayhouse.org.uk](mailto:shreena.gobey@leedsplayhouse.org.uk) or call 0113 213 7236

## GIRLS YOUTH GROUP

### Where

Playhouse 2, St. Peters Building,  
6 St Peter's St, Leeds LS9 8AH

### When

Every other Tuesday from 4.30-  
6.30pm- get in touch for dates

### Cost

Free!

Our girls group is a creative and social group for young female refugees or asylum seekers aged 13-21. This group is run in partnership with The Children's Society and Leeds City Council. We create a safe space for young women to explore and develop creative skills, have fun and build confidence. Each term we plan different workshops and projects in consultation with young people so please get in touch for current dates and timetable of activity.

GIRLS YOUTH GROUP SUPPORTED BY



## CONVERSATION CAFE

### Where

Leeds Playhouse, Quarry Hill,  
Leeds, LS2 7UP

### When

Thursdays during term times,  
10:30am – 12:30pm

### Cost

Free!

In collaboration with our Older People's Programme and Refugee Council, we run a Conversation Café where Heydays participants meet with refugees and asylum seekers and have a chat over a cup of free tea and coffee.

Anyone is welcome and creative ways are used to spark conversation to help people practice their English language skills in an informal, relaxed, and comfortable setting.

Contact: [sam.mckay@leedsplayhouse.org.uk](mailto:sam.mckay@leedsplayhouse.org.uk) or call 0113 213 7292

## TICKET SCHEME

The Theatre of Sanctuary Ticket Scheme offers free theatre tickets to asylum seekers and refugees via organisations working with them. We can also arrange tickets directly with individuals.

To join, complete a simple application form for your group/organisation or for yourself. This allows us to find out a little more about you and establish the best way to communicate information.

Contact: [ruth.hannant@leedsplayhouse.org.uk](mailto:ruth.hannant@leedsplayhouse.org.uk)

# GET IN TOUCH

## TAKE PART IN A CREATIVE PROJECT

If you'd like to attend our projects or workshops, contact the Creative Engagement Team by emailing [engagement@leedsplayhouse.org.uk](mailto:engagement@leedsplayhouse.org.uk) or calling **0113 213 7289**

## SUPPORT US

If you'd like to support our Theatre of Sanctuary work, contact Ruth Hannant, Head of Creative Engagement, by emailing [ruth.hannant@leedsplayhouse.org.uk](mailto:ruth.hannant@leedsplayhouse.org.uk)

## LEND A HAND

If you'd like to volunteer supporting our Theatre of Sanctuary projects contact the Creative Engagement Team by emailing [engagement@leedsplayhouse.org.uk](mailto:engagement@leedsplayhouse.org.uk) or calling **0113 213 7289**