

FRENCH RIVIERA is pleased to announce BRIDGING LANDSCAPES an exhibition by curator AISHA ZIA. For her group show at the gallery, Zia presents new mixed media work by British Artists from the South Asian diaspora.

"Bridging Landscapes is about our shifting cultural identities, shaped by our geographic locations looking at the borders we carry within us. Who we are and how we fit in, what we remember to be true to ourselves and how we are shaped by our past, helps us accept connectedness to the present and re-imagine a positive future. I am here now. And that is all. - This is a selection of work that shows us how we can heal and make sense of the world we live in now, and finally, to acknowledge our place in it, so we can move forward together, without division".

Accompanying the exhibition will be a series of workshops at Rich Mix, aimed at 16-24 year olds, details below.

Book tickets: <https://richmix.org.uk/events/bridging-landscapes/>

### MUSLIM GIRLS FENCE

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST - 11AM - 4PM

Muslim Girls Fence is a project collaboration between Maslaha and British Fencing. Muslim Girls Fence aims to facilitate spaces at a grassroots level for Muslim girls and women to challenge assumptions and narratives relating to their gender, racial, religious and other identities through both physical and creative methods.

The sessions will take place on 5th August 11am-4pm. Sessions are free but booking is essential. More details will be sent nearer the time but please dress comfortably.

### PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP WITH SARAH ALI

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST - 11AM - 12.30PM

Sarah Ali is a photographer based in Birmingham. She first picked up a camera aged 14 to document her life as a British-Pakistani, and since then she hasn't gone a day without taking a couple of photos. She uses her heritage and cultural identity to fuel her art, having been inspired heavily by photographers based in Pakistan. Being an avid user of social media and having kick-started her career from it, she contributed to a BBC documentary titled 'is social media killing our creativity?'. 'Once we were too' will be the first major project that she has photographed.

Sarah will also be exhibiting her work in Bridging Landscapes at French Riviera.

### DJ WORKSHOP WITH SHIMMY AHMED

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST - 2PM - 3:30PM

Shimmy presents an inclusive DJ workshop, that will go through all the basics, from mixing to selecting and how to transition from a club DJ to a radio DJ. Shimmy hosts a weekly radio breakfast show, broadcast every Wednesday on Netil Radio and is also one of the founders of the Bollywood LGBTQ+ club night Hungama.

### POETRY WORKSHOP WITH BAYAN GOUDARZPOUR

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST - 4PM - 5:30PM

This workshop will help develop your poetry writing skills under the guidance of an experienced poet. Bayan is a poet, writer and twitter enthusiast. She started her journey as a poet in 2006 as a Roundhouse Poet and went on to join the Barbican Young Poets in 2009 until 2013. She is an alumnus of Unislam Post-emerging Poets and is currently the Poetry Editor at Khidr Zine and she has completed an MA in Poetry at Newcastle University. She spends the rest of her time trying her best to tend to her community and writing her unaccredited opinions into long essay forms.

All ticket holders of this event gain free entry to A Night of Poetry - which takes place straight after this workshop.

### A NIGHT OF POETRY

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST - 6PM - 10.30PM

Off the Chest is bringing all the poetry vibes to Rich Mix for Bridging Landscapes. For your chance to take to the stage, book your ticket and sign up for the poetry open mic on the day of the event.

Featuring lisa luxx, Bayan Goudarzpour and one more special poet to be announced.

lisa luxx is an poet, activist and writer of British and Syrian heritage. Her poems have been published in The Telegraph, The London Magazine and by publishers including Hatchette and Saqi Books. Her work is broadcast on Channel 4, BBC Radio 4 and TEDx. In 2021 she toured UK theatres with the show for her verse play Eating the Copper Apple, produced by a team of all Arab women artists. Her debut book Fetch Your Mother's Heart is out now through Out-Spoken Press. Her short stories are published by Comma Press.

Bridging Landscapes

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