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Surrey Arts and Big Leaf Foundation presents:

**BUILDING CONNECTED COMMUNITIES
THROUGH CREATIVITY
AND COLLABORATION**

A networking event with presentations, music, discussions and lunch.



THURSDAY October 21st
9.30am - 1pm

at **River House Barn,**
Walton-on-Thames,
Surrey

The UK's commitment to a warm welcome for those recently evacuated from Afghanistan has again highlighted the importance for communities to pledge support to people who have been forcibly displaced from their homes.



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are delighted to invite you to a Networking Event exploring the pledge to support those who have been forcibly displaced from their homes through the following key questions:

○ **WHAT** are the needs of people with lived experience of displacement and their host communities, and how can creativity be used as a tool to address these needs?

○ **HOW** can different organisations and practitioners work together to build stronger partnerships and thereby provide an effective and lasting welcome to people who are seeking refuge?

This unique event will bring together the agencies, organisations and practitioners that support vulnerable refugee groups in an open and empathetic space to share practice, reflect and connect. Musicians, social workers, police officers, refugee community organisations, health workers, artists, children's services, people with lived experience of resettlement and people who just want to know more - we invite you all to join us.

SIGN ME UP!

Click [here](#) to find out more and book your free place and we look forward to seeing you there!

WHAT IS 'I SPEAK MUSIC'?

I Speak Music is a programme delivered in partnership by Surrey Arts and Big Leaf Foundation. The initiative uses music to promote understanding, empathy and cultural exchange between diverse communities.



I Speak Music focuses not only on working with people who have been forcibly displaced but also on supporting host communities so that everyone can have access to a safe and equal platform for cultural curiosity, friendship building and creative collaboration. One of the key points to the success of I Speak Music has been through the connection with different agencies and practitioners, with music as the uniting force.

You are receiving this because we have previously been in touch with you about I Speak Music.

This event is funded by The National Foundation for Youth Music, Runnymede Borough Council and Woking Borough Council.

