

Story of Bangladesh and Bangladeshi People, at home and in the Diaspora

A conference in East London - 23 & 24 April 2011, Brady Arts Centre, Hanbury Street, London E1

Brick Lane Circle is organising a major two day weekend conference during 23/24 April 2011 to celebrate the 40th Birthday of Bangladesh. Our aim is to bring people who have undertaken researches on Bangladesh and Bangladeshi people together with the wider community to facilitate exchange of knowledge and help promote networking. If you would like to participate in this unique conference and be part of a critical and dynamic audience please email bricklanecircle@yahoo.co.uk to book your place. **ADVANCE BOOKING ONLY! FREE ENTRY!**

Saturday 23 April 2011, 11am - 6pm

The Diaspora experience

10.30am - Door opens and refreshment

11.00am - Aspects of Bangladeshi Experience around the world and in the United Kingdom by Dr Nazia Khanum OBE, Director of Equality in Diversity. She has written many research papers including on the Bangladeshi Diaspora.

12.10pm - Oral History of first generation Bangladeshis living in Camden by Faridha Karim, who she is currently working for Bengali Workers' Association in Euston as an Oral Historian. She studied at universities of Greenwich and East London. Faridha has been involved in Community and youth work since 2004.

1.20pm- Lunch break

2.00pm - Imaging British Bangladeshis through fiction and sports participation: a comparative study of Bangladeshi Diaspora in Brick Lane and Oldham by Dr Tasleem Shakur FRSA, Senior Lecturer in Human Geography. Editor of Global Built Environment Review (GBER) www.edgehill.ac.uk/gber and South Asian Cultural Studies (SACS) www.edgehill.ac.uk/sacs, Edge Hill University, Lancashire, UK.

3.10pm - Home away from Home: British Bangladeshi Professionals and their Social Networks by Dr. Seuty Sabur, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Social Science, BRAC University, Bangladesh.

4.20pm- Refreshment break

4.30pm - History of Modern Architecture in Bangladesh by Nazmus Saquib Chowdhury, who studied at Brac University and London Metropolitan University. Currently, he works as Director of PARA, an organisation that aims to enhance spaces community in Bangladesh.

5.40pm - Panel discussion: What role for the Diaspora in the development of Bangladesh? Dr Nazia Khanum, Faridha Karim, Dr Tasleem Shakur, Dr. Seuty Sabur and Nazmus Saquib Chowdhury.

Sunday 24 April 2011, 11am - 6pm

The past, present and future challenges

10.30am - Door opens and refreshment

11.00am - Four Pioneers of Islam in Bengal (Muhammad Bakhtiyar Khaliji, Jalal al-Din Tabrizi, Shah Jalal and Khan Jahan Ali): Introduction to their Lives and Works by Mojlum Khan, author of several publications including the acclaimed book, *The Muslim 100: The Lives, Thoughts and Achievements of the Most Influential Muslims in History* and *The Muslim Heritage of Bengal*.

12.10pm Peasant, Pir and Politician: The making of Maulana Bhashani 1930-47 by Layli Uddin, 2nd year M.Phil student in Modern South Asian Studies at Balliol College, Oxford University.

1.20pm- Lunch break

2.00pm – Rokeya's Dream - A dream still relevant today (short performance and presentation) by Showmi Das and Claudia Jazz Haley, who run the non-profit making initiative, The Rokeya Project. Showmi is a professional dancer who specialises in North Indian Classical Dance, KATHAK. Claudia has a background in community theatre and her work has always had a social and environmental focus.

3.10pm - Climate change and Bangladesh by Dr Saleemul Huq, Head of Climate Change Group, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED). Author of many publications.

4.20pm- Refreshment break

4.30pm - Bangladesh: Partitions, Nationalism and the Crisis in our India Policy by Professor Mushtaq Khan, Professor of economics at School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS). Previously he taught at the universities of both Oxford and Cambridge. Information about his research interests/publications: www.mercury.soas.ac.uk/users/mk17/

5.40pm - Panel discussion: What are the main future challenges for Bangladesh? Mojlum Khan, Layli Uddin, Dr Saleemul Huq, Professor Mushtaq Khan and Showmi Das and Claudia Jazz Haley.

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6.30-9.00pm, 27 April 2011, Brady Arts Centre, Hanbury Street, E1

Amazing Bangladeshis update presentations:

Baasher Ghor/Bamboo House: Material of Resistance - contesting the cultural and aesthetic ownership of bamboo by Saif Osmani

Bangladeshi Food Party in Bali by M Ahmedullah

Entertainment by Mixt Nutz Stand-up comedy by:

Sajeela Kershi (MC), Imran Yusuf, Darius Davies, Javier Jarquin and Jay Sadogar

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