

Exeter Respect Festival2025 ALL DIFFERENT, ALL EQUAL



SAT 07 & SUN 08 JUNE 2025 BELMONT RD. EXETER EX4 6SS

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DA FUCHAMAN AND HIS BLAZE BAND
SAT 07 JUNE

SOUL OF THE CITY GOSPEL CHOIR

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Devon County Council's (DCC) ongoing support for the Exeter Respect festival highlights our commitment to fostering acceptance and inclusion. This year, when we are seeing increasing political polarisation across the world, Exeter Respect, which brings together so many people and groups from different communities across the county, feels more relevant than ever.

We are looking forward to the great mix of music and dance, colours, flavours and conversations that make up Exeter Respect, one of the largest, and longest running, celebrations of diversity in the South West.

We've got a large space at the festival this year and staff from a wide range of teams and departments will be here over the weekend, including staff from Migration and Resettlement, Public Health, EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) and Learn Devon. Please come and visit us to find out more about the different strands of Devon County Council's work, or just to have a chat.

Migration and Resettlement team, Devon County Council





WELCOME TO EXETER RESPECT FESTIVAL 2025

Celebrating Peace and Harmony Between Communities

In Memory of Dr Anil Lee

Exeter Respect Festival 2025 will mark the 28th anniversary of the first Respect Festival in Exeter, aimed at bringing communities together to celebrate their differences and commonalities. This year our theme for 2025 is 'Peace and Harmony Between Communities'. This year's festival is in memory of Dr Anil Lee who was a precious member of Exeter Respect Festival's Board of Directors. Her legacy will live on and her hard work for all communities will be noted and resonate in our lives. Anil has touched the lives of many in Exeter and in Devon and was an amazingly great believer in harmony between communities.

It is so important to express our commitment to diversity; bringing all communities together to celebrate their friendship, peace and harmony, to allow us to live in a society free from prejudice, discrimination and racism.

The 2025 festival will be bigger and better than ever, running from Saturday 7th June to Sunday 8th June in Belmont Park, Exeter. On Saturday 7th June at 11:00 Street Heat Samba start the celebrations with a bang with their joyful rhythms, doors open to the public at 11am to join the colourful procession. Acts perform from midday to 7pm, and from 11am to 6:15pm on Sunday.

On the Mandela Stage we look forward to showcasing UK based international reggae recording artist Da Fuchaman from St Jamaica and his band Fire Blaze who will perform on Saturday. Sunday's headliner is Exeter's inspirational Soul of the City Gospel Choir, backed by their live gospel house band.

There will also be the Community Stage, full of exciting performances from talent hidden in our community, showcasing their cultural diversity. We are delighted that once again Exeter College will host the Stephen Lawrence Diversity Stage for young people and artists from the community. If you wish to show your own talent join in with our Anil Lee Open Mic.

Our outdoor stages will provide a kaleidoscope of performances from distinguished stars to local talent.

There will be many outdoor processions and activities, plus familiar opportunities for visitors to sample the wealth of stalls providing everything from global food to fine clothing and handmade crafts, plus information about local communities and organisations, all delivered with a very genuine smile.

All Different, All Equal

Dr Suaad Genem Managing Director/Chair

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DA FUCHAMAN & HIS FIRE BLAZE BAND

Saturday's headliner is Da Fuchaman and his Fire Blaze Band. An internationally renowned Jamaican reggae singer, songwriter and member of the Rastafari movement, his music is deeply rooted in spirituality and he prides himself on spreading love and positive vibrations to the masses everywhere that he goes.

THE EXETER MUSICAL THEATRE CHOIR

A community of singers with a focus on community, harmony, vocal technique and showtunes! They have supported Gareth Malone on his UK Tours and look forward to joining BGT winner Tom Ball on his 2025 tour!

LEONIAN DREAM

Indie rock from East Devon Leonian Dream, singer songwriter Leonie Prater and Black Country born guitarist Thomas Rogers bring unique flair and background to the collective.

NATIONAL PASTIME

Formed 13 years ago, Chris (drums), Andy B (bass), Andy P (vocals), and Phil (guitar) perform original 80's-style indie music.



SOUL OF THE CITY GOSPEL CHOIR

Soul of the City Gospel Choir, an inspirational gospel choir from Exeter headline Sunday, supported by their live gospel house band. They support communities and create connections, uplifting the lives of singers and audiences around the UK, spreading joy through the incredible sound of contemporary gospel music.

RAMEAGLE

Devon-based neo-psychedelic rock band Rameagle blends ethereal flute, swirling synths, languid vocals, hypnotic guitars, breakbeat drums and driving fuzz bass.

EXETER JAZZ ORCHESTRA

The Exeter Jazz Orchestra will perform classic jazz from Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Buddy Rich, and Gordon Goodwin with passion and precision, transporting you to the golden age of jazz.

SOUTH KERALA INDIAN DANCE

Exeter's Kerala Community Association performs traditional Indian dance from the region of South Kerala, bringing vibrant colourful dance to Exeter.

MANDELA STAGE

KIRTAN YOGA BY MEGHA AND GROUP

Expect live devotional mantra music by a variety of musicians and instruments, immersive guided meditations, call and response form of chanting and a friendly atmosphere.

ROCK CHOIR

The UK's original award-winning contemporary choir - if you love to sing, you'll love Rock Choir!

THE LUNAR KEYS

From Guildford and Exeter (UK) the Lunar Keys are on a mission to make and perform awesome music and raise money for good causes.

WOULD ROBOTS

Would Robots blend melancholic melodies with infectious grooves, creating a sound that is both deep and uplifting. Their live set explores love, longing, and the thrill of risk.

SPIN 2

Fronted by Ali Jones (fiddle) and Chris Rudd (bouzouki/guitar/voice) with John Gallagher (bass) and Seth Winfield (drums), performs folk, bossa, eastern, and jazz-infused songs and instrumentals. Expect instrumental virtuosity and soulful melodies from this talented band.

ROSALIE DANCE WITH ME

Come and join Rosalie for a dynamic dance filled with a fusion of Latin style, combining all elements of joy.

STEPHEN LAWRENCE DIVERSITY STAGE

COMBUSTION THE BAND

A young rock covers band presently gigging around Exeter, Exmouth and the surrounding area.

SAFF JUNO

Saff's music has themes of empowerment, especially for women. For fans of Wolf Alice, Florence and the Machine and The Last Dinner Party.

MELODIE JONES

From the mouth of the River Exe, singersongwriter Melodie Jones performs intimate and soulful piano songs inspired by the river's tides.

THE CORDUROY CURIOSITIES

The Corduroy Curiosities, an Exeter-based acoustic duo, perform alt-country/Americana music featuring Ish (vocals/harmonies) and Phil (guitar/vocals/harmonies). Their performances range from upbeat to emotionally resonant with close harmonies.

FOSSILHEADS:

CLIMATE CRISIS CABARET!

Folky, theatrical, comical, and operatical duo on a musical mission to inspire environmental action through unique songs blending whimsy and existential themes.

MERAKI

Say hello to Meraki, an indie rock band from Exeter for fans of Arctic Monkeys & Wunderhorse.

HOZTILITY

Based in Exeter, Hoztility is a three person Indie Rock band inspired by bands like Kings of Leon, The Killers, Sam Fender. Using their amazing music skills to make their single Unfaithful.



CAT ROSE

Cat Rose is an emerging folk singersongwriter based in Plymouth, UK. Cat creates well crafted storytelling songs that connect with people from all walks of life.

TRICKY SITUATION

Tricky Situation are an Exeter based, 4 piece band guaranteed to deliver a dose of smooth blues. Expect soulful vocals, blistering guitar solos and a rocking rhythm section.

3 DAYS OF WONDER

3 Days of Wonder are a young Devon based band with a refreshing sound of 80s & 90s rock vibes, performing and writing anthemic songs.

DREA AND THE PANDA

Drea and The Pandas are a musical journey that blends soul, rock, funk, and world rhythms, driven by a multicultural spirit.

ROCK CHOIR

Rock Choir is the UK's leading contemporary choir with over 400 locations and over 33,000 members nationwide. Through song, poetry and guitar, students will collectively showcase their lived experiences with mental health

FIRESTONE

A fusion of Appalachian, Irish, Canadian, African stepping, mixed with line dance and square dance and jive. We dance to a mixture of traditional and modern music.

IZZY GALE

Singer-songwriter Izzy Gale blends heartfelt piano with beautiful vocals and intimate lyrics, demonstrating a strong understanding of songwriting and vocal ability. Her immersive performances leave audiences desiring more. She has four singles available on streaming platforms with more releases planned.

GRLBND

Exeter's all-female indie-pop band GRLBND empowers through emotion. Their debut single "Amoristic Killer" blends dreamy guitar and bold hooks to capture love at first sight. With raw lyrics and unapologetic energy, GRLBND is a rising voice for female empowerment and modern pop rebellion.

COMMUNITY STAGE

SOUNDWAVES

Soundwaves, a charity supporting neurologically diverse people to explore and create music in a fun and social environment, celebrates its 20th anniversary with a performance of member-created music at this year's Respect Festival.

HIKMAT CHINESE DANCE GROUP

A Chinese Community Dance Group bringing the tradition of China to Exeter, dynamic and vibrantly colourful with a unique touch of Chinese cultural flavour.

DEVON UKRAINIAN ASSOCIATION

From the thriving Ukrainian community in Devon, performers dance to amplify their voices through art.

ILARIA BELLY DANCE

Based in Exeter and Taunton they will bring a mixture of classical and folkloric styles on the Respect Festival's stage. They can't wait to see you all and dance together!

NEWTOWN ROOTS BAND

A community band that makes a big joyous sound playing a variety of folk tunes from around the world with exciting arrangements, energy and fun. All acoustic instruments/all abilities/all ages play in this friendly group.

COMMUNITY ZUMBA

A lively and welcoming Zumba Group will dance to provide you with an energetic session.

KARINA GRACIA DANCE

Karina & students will perform flamenco dance, accompanied by live guitar from David Nash. Children from Karina's dance clubs at two Devon primary schools will also be performing.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY DANCE ASSOCIATION

Exeter's vibrant and diverse Filipino community will showcase its rich cultural heritage. The event will feature the traditional Tinikling dance, talented singers, children's dance performances, and the Sacred Heart Church Children's Choir.

EXETER COMMUNITY FOLK ORCHESTRA

Exeter Community Folk Orchestra will be playing toe tapping and beautiful melodies from the UK and beyond. They like to get together to make music, make friends and have some fun!

TRIKKEBALLAKKE

Southern Italian folk music and dance band, bringing sounds from the regions of Italy where rhythm and rituals are still part of everyday life.

MULTICULTURAL CHOIR

This multicultural choir is composed of members from countries including Afghanistan, China, India, Hong Kong Turkey, Syria, and Ukraine.





SACRED SOUNDS OF THE DIDGERIDOO

Adrian will share the didgeridoo's magic and sacredness at the Respect Festival. He has played in sacred locations globally, including Nelson Mandela's prison cell on Robbin Island, Cape Town, South Africa.

DANCE DYNAMIX

Fun, high-energy, and inclusive for all ages, sizes, abilities and genders, featuring 80s/90s classics to current hits, promoting happy dancing and mental well-being.

WREN MUSIC

Wren Music helps people from all backgrounds and all levels of experience to make music together, all across Devon. This year Devon Youth Folk Ensemble playing great folk tunes, all the members are aged 13-18 and Exeter Folk Choir sings traditional songs from the UK and beyond.

BULGARIAN SOCIETY DEVON - PENDARI

Pendari is a new Bulgarian Society dance club in Devon focused on the traditional Horo dance, known for its irregular rhythms, fosters unity and has been a cherished form of Bulgarian recreation and celebration for generations.

SABU PAPPU

From Kerala, South of India, Sabu brings his traditional songs from his region to enjoy in Exeter.

THE BOLLYGALS

The Devon/Somerset-based Bollygals dance troupe has shared the vibrancy, fun, and emotion of Bollywood music through performances and workshops across the South West for over ten years.

K-POP DANCE BY EXESTAR

Ingrid, Sonia, Suhana, Jeeva & Tamila will perform to Magnetic-illit. They moved to the UK with their parents a few years ago and attend local schools/university. They recently performed for Exeter's Hong Kong Community at multiple events at Exeter Phoenix, receiving recognition from the Lord Mayor.

SING AND SIGN JUKEBOX CHOIR

Sing and Sign Jukebox Choir is an all-age inclusive singing and Makaton signing choir. They make a beautiful sound, and have a lively set of well-loved iconic pop songs, all set to Makaton signs. They love to get the audience up on their feet signing, singing and dancing along.

KURDISH GOVEND DANCE

Kurdish traditional dance played in a group who perform at weddings, festivals and even as an act of resistance against their oppressors.

DAVID HEATHFIELD

World Storyteller David Heathfield retells Palestinian folk tales including The Fox's Tail which he was told by Farah, a Young International Storyteller from Gaza. Enjoy a set of touching, funny and poignant folk tales from the project Tell a Child in Gaza's Tale run by David and Haneen Khaled Jadallah.

GLOBAL HARMONY

Global Harmony, a mixed community choir based at Exeter Phoenix, will sing songs of celebration and protest from around the world in glorious harmony. From Africa, the Middle East or pop favourites the choir bring an eclectic and diverse repertoire to the stage.

MAND	ALA STAGE
11:40	OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL
12:00	THE EXETER MUSICAL
	THEATER CHOIR
13:10	LEONIAN DREAM
14:15	NATIONAL PASTIME
15:20	DA FUCHAMAN
	& HIS BLAZE BAND
16:40	RAMEAGLE
17.30	EXETER JAZZ ORCHESTRA

18:30 SOUTH KERALA INDIAN DANCE STEPHEN LAWRENCE DIVERSITY STAGE

12:00 TBC

12:45 COMBUSTION THE BAND

13:30 **SAFF JUNO**

14:20 **MELODIE JONES**

15:10 THE CORDUROY CURIOSITIES

15:35 FOSSILHEADS: CLIMATE **CRISIS CABARET**

16:50 **TBC**

17.40 **MERALKI**

18:20 **HOZTILITY**

COMMUNITY STAGE

12:00 SOUNDWAVES 12:35 HIKMAT CHINESE DANCE GROUP

13.10 **DEVON UKRAINIAN ASSOCIATION**

13:35 ILARIA BELLY DANCE

14:15 **NEWTOWN ROOTS BAND**

14:55 COMMUNITY ZUMBA

15:35 FILIPINO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

16:15 KARINA GRACIA DANCE

17:00 **EXETER COMMUNITY FOLK ORCHESTRA**

17:50 TRIKKELLAKKE

18:30 MULTICULTURAL CHOIR

WHAT'S ON SATURDAY



MANDALA STAGE

 11:00
 KIRTAN YOGA

 12:15
 ROCK CHOIR

 13:25
 WOULD ROBOTS

14:35 THE LUNAR KEYS

 $15{:}30 \quad \textbf{SOUL OF THE CITY GOSPEL CHOIR}$

16:20 **SPIN 2**

17:20 ROSALIE DANCE WITH ME

STEPHEN LAWRENCE DIVERSITY STAGE

11:00 **TBC**

11:55 **CAT ROSE**

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16:00 KURDISH GOVEND DANCE

16:40 **DAVID HEATHFIELD**

17:20 GLOBAL HARMONY CHOIR

WHAT'S ON SUNDAY













St. Sidwell's Community Centre

We are an independent community centre in the heart of Exeter giving a warm welcome regardless of background, ability or circumstance. We offer a wide programme of activities, events and services for the local community. We run a community café, a bakery and a community fridge; we grow vegetables and look after one of the few large green spaces in the city centre; we offer affordable meeting rooms and venue hire; provide free ESOL classes and offer volunteering and work experience opportunities across all areas of our work.



Mark
Cafe Volunteer
"Being part of
Sid's makes me feel
extremely happy and
proud, it feels like
a second family."

Volunteering Opportunities:

- · Farmers Market
- · Community Fridge Collections
- Café
- Bakery
- Bread Deliveries
- · Work & Wellbeing Drop-in (1:1 Support)
- Gardening
- ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages)



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THE WINDRUSH ZONE

Toy Library presents activities for the whole family, including spinning plates and poi activities, soft toy tombola, and preloved toys and books stalls.

Newtown Primary School have made friendship bracelets as a random act of kindness to share with other children and adults in our community. Their vision of achieving excellence together, through community, belonging and aspiration celebrates our diverse community at Newtown

Scrapstore and **Blue Slide** offer fun to children and families with lots of activities to enjoy.

Exeter City Football Trust and **Exeter City in the Community** present information about football in the community and fun activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Exeter Community Initiative will showcase their work alongside people, families and communities to build connections, develop capacity, improve wellbeing and support each other.

Wellbeing Project will display information and explain their engagement in our community on how to aim for better health.

Exeter Community Alliance includes the Climate Hub and Extinction Rebellion Human Project will display information about the environment, printing T-shirts and painting - all on the theme of Environmental Justice.

The Global Centre will be working with schools and displaying their archives of research they have collected by working with different communities.

Fairtrade showcase their products, supporting the movement and offering an authentic taste of diverse fair trade items.

Afghan Community Exeter will display a range of traditional activities.

RAMM employees dressed up as swans will float in between areas, and will display information at Exeter Phoenix's stall.

Book-Cycle is a UK volunteer-run charity providing free books and educational resources to empower children globally. Their space offers relaxation, book browsing, and diverse storytelling.

ANIL LEE CULTURAL AREA

The **Anli Lee Open Mic** presents talented community artists and musicians in addition to dance and reading poetry, spoken word and acoustic music. There will be slots available, just come and book your slot to perform.

The **Devon County Council Communities**Team present information about refugees resettlement; the support that they provide to different communities in Devon and recruiting volunteers to help teach English to refugees.

The **Devon Ukraine Association**, regardless of the war, will be displaying information and activities for everyone to enjoy.

Visit lots of stalls from around the world displaying their culture and sharing their taste of food, including Refugee Support Devon; Ethiopian Link; Philippines Community and the Egyptian Association who will display their ancient heritage in style alongside their cuisine. The colourful Bulgarian Community will share their culture and on their stall including workshops, and there will be a

South India presence from the state of Kerala. The Nigerian Community in Exeter display information about their activities in Exeter and share the taste of Nigeria. Multilingua Devon will display and explain how Devon has been shaped culturally, did you know there are more than 150 languages being used in Devon? Garland Support will present their work and run workshops. Palestinian and Syrian stalls will display information sharing the taste of the Holy Land. The Kurdish Community stall will be rich with Tehri culture exhibiting artefacts from their homeland.

MANDELA STAGE MAIN AREA

Trading stalls share their unique products from **Powerful Drums** to a variety of clothing and handmade jewellery produced on display at very affordable prices.

Hikmat Devon, consisting of multicultural groups from around Devon display their heritage.

BRC PPIE Exeter University: National Institute of Health, Care Research (NIHR) Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) and Clinical Research Facility (CRF), University of Exeter will talk with members of the public about research at the university & hospital and how they can become involved.

South West Unison and Devon County Council Branch, one of our sponsors who have been involved with Exeter Respect since our inception 27 years ago, it all started with this branch! They will highlight and display information about diversity and the rights of workers.



Expect campaigners from many different charities, organisations displaying information about their activities and services including

GreenPeace, Devon Air Ambulance and Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

There are lots of delicious foods to sample and taste, and **Bar Nova** will be serving coffee, tea and non-alcoholic cocktails.

COMMUNITY AREA

The **Community Stage** hosts a variety of performances from different cultural backgrounds.

The Exeter Quakers will display information about their work in the community. Devon Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Service will explain the vital support they provide to communities, particularly women. Exeter Samaritans provides information about ioining their community support service. Force Cancer Charity, West Bank, Shared Lives and **Devon Recovery** have adjacent placements to promote their services to the public. Normal Magic has activities for the whole family to enjoy. Devon Intergroup (DCIG), Together Devon, Exeter Adults Children A&D and Step One are key support organizations who will be displaying alongside other services and political parties.



We are the only Community Interpreting Service in Devon providing services to professionals and private individuals.

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Multilingua has been taking part in and sponsoring Exeter Respect Festival for many years. We are very happy to join Exeter Respect in bringing many communities together.

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Unfair visa rules are trapping thousands of migrant health and care workers in unsafe jobs. Under Tier 2 rules, workers are tied to a single employer, leaving them vulnerable to exploitation and afraid to speak out.

But change is on the horizon.

A powerful proposal is now in Parliament calling for a Certificate of Common Sponsorship. This vital reform would give workers the freedom to change jobs without losing their visa.

Migrant workers deserve rights, respect and real choice.

Write to your MP today asking them to back the change.



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