

## Community Arts North West Presents



## Exodus Shorts Programme 2008

Saturday 21 June 08

Films at Imperial War Museum North, The Quays, Trafford Wharf, Trafford Park, Manchester, M17 1TZ

Exodus Shorts is a unique film festival that showcases the talents of refugee filmmakers as well as short films that give a fresh and diverse perspective on the lives of migrant communities.

Full festival details: [www.can.uk.com/exodus](http://www.can.uk.com/exodus); Tel: 0161 234 2975

**Arthur Balfour and Me (11 mins; Charlotte Cornic, Fatima Helow, Jackie Thornton, Documentary, 2007)**

What links Arthur J Balfour, the British Politician born in 1848 in East Lothian and Fatima, a young Palestinian woman, now seeking asylum in Glasgow? From the beautiful farming landscape of East Lothian to the narrow alley ways of a refugee camp in Lebanon, Arthur Balfour and Me is a visual and emotional journey through history and present time, a hidden story about how one politician's actions continues to affect the life of a young women from the Middle East.

**Seeking (9 mins; Christopher Bradley, Documentary, 2004)**

*Seeking* was made by young asylum seekers in Milton Keynes. The issues they explored in 2004 are still current. It is a hard hitting film that looks at the effects of the system for applying for refugee status in the UK and negative reporting of asylum seekers in the media.

**Finding My Legs (18 mins 8 secs; Alan Amin, Documentary, 2008)**

A documentary about a double amputee who lost his legs in the bombing of Halabja. He is now a marathon athlete and this film follows him during his daily life as an inspirational athlete.

**Torn (10 mins; Tim Langford/ Hotdog and Mustard Films, Documentary)**

*Torn* focuses on three asylum seekers stories: why they came to the UK what happened to them and how they see the future. This is contextualised with statistics that reveal the bigger picture. It seeks - in their own words - to offer insights into their lives and the challenges they face.

**Hard Luck (23 min 50 secs, Ako Sirini, Docudrama)**

This is the story of Aram and Delshad, two friends who haven't seen each other for years. Their destiny always seemed to be the same, but things went so differently. This is a story about contrasts, chances, unfairness, luck, bad luck, accidents and fate.

