



## Welcome February!

Dear Friends,

The shortest –and most loving thanks to St. Valentine– month of the year is here.

But, just because it doesn't last that long, doesn't mean it has to be short of events and projects that bring the European communities of Greater Manchester together. Let's have a look at all the exciting plans that will keep us warm in these cold days.

Don't forget, if there is anything that you would like to share with us, our email is always on at [hello@europaia.org.uk](mailto:hello@europaia.org.uk) or you can give us a call at 03333058570 or 07754398007 during our working days.

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### *Europaia Women's Awards ceremony*



On Monday the 29th of Jan the long-awaited inaugural [Europaia Women's Awards](#) took place at Alfred's Shed. Our guests had the chance to listen to inspirational speeches from the [Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor Eddy Newman](#), [MEP Julie Ward](#) and [Councillor Rishi Shori](#). Additionally, there was an opportunity to network with other members of the Greater Manchester business and arts scene with the support of [Wojciech Kolodziejczak](#). However, most importantly the awards allowed our attendees to celebrate the successes of 24 great organizations and individuals.

*List of Winners:*

Performing and Fine Arts Institution of the Year

[Beat Bazaar Projects](#) / [Góbéfest](#)

New Entrepreneur/ Start-up of the Year

[Irina Gorianova](#)

Employer of the Year

[IMD Solicitors LLP](#)

Community Service Personality of the Year

[Marta Grzelak](#)

Community Service Institution of the Year

[Czech and Slovak School Manchester](#)

Academic of the Year

[Susanne Martikke](#)

Community Service Leader of the Year

[Cristina Tegolo](#)

Business Services Professional of the Year

[Maria Udalova-Surkova](#)

Jury Award

[Ramona Constantin](#)

Congratulations to all. Keep fighting for equality and fair opportunities and proving how important it is to be united and have our voices heard during these times.

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***Spanish Day***



On Saturday the 10 of February, we are hosting a [Spanish themed event](#) at [Instituto Cervantes](#). The event will take place during the [Greater Manchester Hate Crime Awareness Week](#). Apart from celebrating Spanish food and culture, we are looking into raising awareness of and encouraging discussion about Hate Crime and Europia's status as a Third Party Reporting Centre. With flamenco dancing and homecooked Spanish food, we hope to welcome the Spanish community to Europia and promote the inclusion and mingling of different European cultures.

**When:** Saturday, 10 February, 12:00–15:00

**Where:** Instituto Cervantes Manchester, 326–330 Deansgate, Campfield Avenue Arcade, M3 4FN, Manchester

**FREE** entrance

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## ***Encounter with Islam***

Are you curious about religions in Manchester? Would you like to find out more about Islam in particular? Are you tired of relying on media reports and secondary sources only? Step out of your algorithm bubble, take part in Europia's "Encounter with Islam", and make up your own mind!

### **Day programme:**

13:00–15:30: Lunch and introductory workshop with the Europia team and [Rabbi Warren Elf](#) at St. Wilfrid's Chapel (Europia).

16:00–17:30 Guided tour of [Khizra Masjid](#) in Cheetham Hill and conversation with members of the Mosque community.

### **How to participate?**

Register for the event "[Encounter with Islam](#)" (Sunday, 11th February 2018, 13:00–17:30) by contacting us via [Facebook](#) or the details provided below. Participation is FREE and there is an option to receive a travel bursary using public transport to get to the event. The number of places is limited, so make sure to register early.

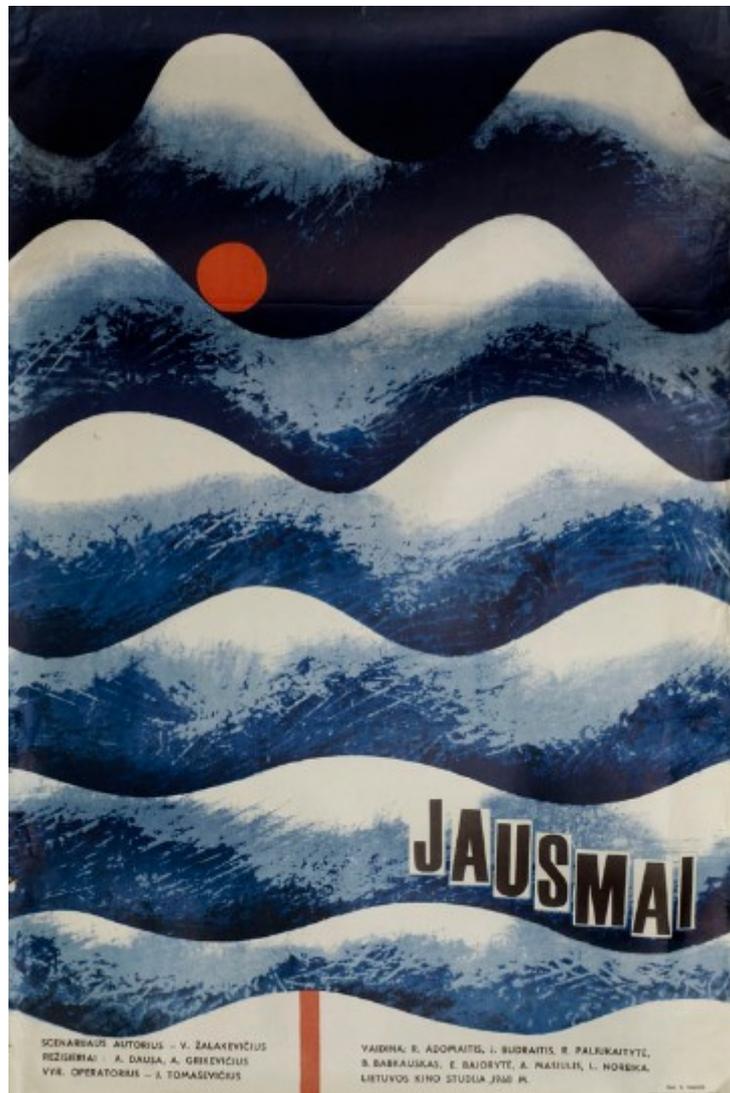
### **Contact**

Email: [Hannah.w@europia.org.uk](mailto:Hannah.w@europia.org.uk)

Or call/text: 07548997948

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## ***February Europia Art & Culture Film Screening***



We are already in the 4th month of the [Europa Arts & Culture](#) Lithuanian film screenings in collaboration with [Free for Arts Festival](#) and [Art Vanguard](#). We are so looking forward to grabbing our popcorn and enjoy another cinephile evening at [Plant Noma!](#)

FEBRUARY FILM: "[Jausmai \(Feelings\)](#)" – (1969)

Directors: Algirdas Dausa, Almantas Grikevicius

Language: Lithuanian, with English subtitles

When: Tuesday, 13 February, 18:30–21:30

Where: Plant Noma, Redfern, Dantzic Street, M60 0AE

Cost: The screenings are FREE, however, this is part of the event series towards Free For Arts Festival in March, so you are welcome to pay what you feel IF you feel. :)

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***FREE English Course for Salford residents***

# ESOL for Jobseekers

## FREE English course

Eligibility: For Salford residents aged 19 and over.

**20 hour FREE intensive course to prepare Jobseekers**

- Understanding job adverts
- Looking at the UK workplace
- Preparing a CV
- Exploring English structure
- Getting ready for interviews
- Improving speaking & listening skills

WHERE: **Big Local and Mustard Tree** community centres.  
Hulton District Centre, Little Hulton. M28 0AU

**Starting 24th January 2018**  
**Wednesday and Friday mornings: 10:00 to 12:30**

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## *Europia Support*

- Our [FREE welfare advice session](#) with [Norman Beverley](#) will take place on Saturday the 3rd of February. We also offer FREE legal support sessions with our qualified solicitor [Marta Grzelak](#). Get in touch at 07597574863 or [support@europia.org.uk](mailto:support@europia.org.uk) to make an appointment.
- If you need support and guidance with your Permanent Residency Application we are [here](#) to help you. Give us a call at 07597574863 or send a message at [support@europia.org.uk](mailto:support@europia.org.uk).

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# VOLUNTEER



Do you want to gain professional experience, learn new skills, meet people from different countries & backgrounds and give back to your community? Join our volunteer team and help us deliver exciting events that bring Greater Manchester's European communities closer.

We are looking for:

- Admin Assistant
- Events Assistant
- Cultural Consultant

Get in touch: 03333058570 or [hello@europia.org.uk](mailto:hello@europia.org.uk)

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That's all for now, until next year. :) Thank you to everyone for their hard work, commitment and support this month.

Found something interesting and useful?  
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