

D-Tension Exhibition

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Camcorder Guerrillas and Robin Taudevin.

Photographs/Installation and video on events surrounding the detention of Asylum seekers at Dungavel Detention Centre.

Street level Gallery, 48 King Street (1st floor) from 11th to 27th of October 2006.

D-TENSION is a compelling mix of photography, Installation and video, which lifts the lid on Dungavel, detention and deportation.

What's it like to be a refugee locked up in Dungavel, Scotland's only detention centre? How does it feel when the snatch squad come to your door and what is it left behind? How much do you pay to keep men, women and children behind barbed wire - and who makes the profit? Which Scottish politician was born in Dungavel?

Camcorder Guerrillas is a Glasgow-based collective of independent, radical filmmakers supported in its aims by a network of members and affiliates. As part of a global movement they produce and showcase progressive, non-mainstream films based on the issues and campaigns affecting our communities.

Robin Taudevin was an independent photo-journalist who drowned in East Timor in May 2006 aged 29. His photographic work is intricately connected to his commitment to social justice and is evident through work created in Timor-Leste, Scotland, Australia and Indonesia. From September 2005 Robin dedicated much of his time to independently photographing asylum seekers in Glasgow. This is a selection of some of that work.

Associated events

Sun, 8th Oct 6pm onwards @ Lauries Bar, King Street

Evening of music comedy and poetry offered by local artists and performance. Donations welcome at the door: MC, actress and comedian Viv Gee (has compered T in the Park, Maydaze, Glasgow's Hogmanay amongst others), Music by Cora Bissett (probably more familiar for appearing in cult Scottish TV series 'High Times' and Rebus), Graham Campbell and his Wee G3s (reggae by well-known local campaigners and activists within Glasgow Black and Asian community), Clova (folk band described as 'the protest music for the 21st century'), DJ Miss electric Gypsyland (Delivers tunes from Rajasthan to Rio from Istanbul to El Iskandariya)

Sun 15th Oct, Film Screening. Document 4 Film Festival @ CCA, 12-1pm

'Visit Dungavel: Monster of the Glen' is a shocking, funny, informative and moving series of short films about detention - and, since this is a Camcorder Guerrilla film - what to do about it. STUC General Secretary Bill Speirs sings Rabbin Burns on the soundtrack. Featuring guest appearances by screen-star Gary Lewis (Yes, Ae Fond Kiss, Billy Elliot, My Name is Joe), and Cora Bissett (High Times, Rebus), and guest directing by Bafta-winning actor/director Alison Peebles (Afterlife, Sex Traffic, Taggart).

Asylum and refugee campaign groups in Scotland and across the UK participated in the production of the film.

Sat 21st Oct 3pm at Street Level Gallery, King Street, Glasgow

Music event

Words by Guerrilla member Fatima Helou (Palestinian refugee born and grew up in refugee camp)

Performance and songs

Donna Rutherford (Scottish performer and artist) will perform contemporary Scottish Folk songs expressing the tenacity of human nature

Birgul (Kurdish Singer) will perform songs from East Turkey with an astounding voice

Notes

Further information, interviews, a selection of j-peg stills (available now) from the Camcorder Guerrilla collective.

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October 21st 3pm at Street Level Gallery

Performance songs and poetry,

Featuring Camcorder Guerilla member Fatima Helow, performances from Glasgow based artist Donna Rutherford and Kurdish Singer Birgul

Camcorder Guerilla's film 'Dungavel, Monster of the Glen', will be screened at this years Document 4 film festival on Sunday 15th of October 12 noon at the CCA.

Photographic exhibition at Mono - Robin Taudevin

Fighting for Refuge: Glasgow to East Timor - Worlds Apart?

An exhibition of photojournalism by Robin Taudevin

1 - 31 October

Every day 12:00 - 22:00

Free Entry

Mono

16 Kings Court

For further info on these events see;

<http://www.camcorderguerillas.net>

<http://www.streetlevelphotoworks.org/>

www.docfilmfest.org.uk

<http://www.robintaudevin.com/>

<http://www.robintaudevin.blogspot.com/>