

Exhibition Showcasing London's Diverse Communities @ The Parlour

The Parlour in North London is launching its exciting new photographic exhibition in March. The exhibition titled '**11 stops to Baghdad**' explores the variety of national communities living within London. The New Exposure team of photojournalists which includes Tom Saunderson, Tim Smyth and Charlie Thomas, travelled throughout London visiting similar communities that corresponds to each country found along the Berlin to Baghdad Railway line, photographing people from the different nationalities.

The exhibition is a platform for New Exposure's main project entitled '**Berlin to Baghdad: Children of Conflict**', which begins March 2008. The aim of the project is to offer enthusiastic young people, a chance to experience photojournalism and how it can benefit their community. As well as teaching the basics of photojournalism, students will be encouraged to discuss local and personal issues and consider how photography can be used to express them.

The team will travel along the historic route of the early 20th century Berlin to Baghdad railway working with young people in Germany, Kosovo and Syria. In each country they will work with a culturally diverse group of young people such as communities with a history of violent conflicts. In each country the project will involve collaborating with locally based professional photographers who will provide continual support for the students.

The Parlour is an initiative from Mapalim, extending their existing programme in arts development and community activities. London-based artist, Sinta Tantra, who has received numerous awards for her work, is leading the project as Mapalim's Cultural Coordinator.

"The Parlour is a really interesting and flexible space that can be used for exhibition, , performance, seminars or even just as a place to meet and share ideas. Art practitioners and people from the local community alike are all welcome to make use of this space for a range of cultural based activities."

Mapalim invites creative practitioners and members of the community to the opening of New Exposures exhibition at The Parlour Saturday, 5 - 8pm. The exhibition will be open to the public on Saturday's between 10am - 12pm from 8th – 29th March 2008 at 181-187 Queens Crescent, London NW5 4DS.

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