



Bradford
South
Asian
Festival

Saturday, 29th July

Desi breakfast with a twist at BD: Festival (The Place); 9:00 - 10:30 AM -

Join the BSAF and BD Outdoor Arts teams for a traditional South Asian breakfast and a gapp shapp (chit-chat)!

Monday, 7th August:

Let's get filmi; 6:30 PM -

Join us at the National Science and Media Museum for a special screening of action-packed British Asian comedy, 'Polite Society'. It will be followed by a panel discussion on the joy, colour, spectacle and escapism of film in desi culture and the evolution of the British Asian film genre.

Thursday, 10th August:

Antakshari, Karaoke and Tea; 11:00 AM, Women Zone (ladies only) -

As a preview to the big BSAF weekender, warm up your vocal chords with a relaxed musical gathering. A chance to sing, eat and chat about the little things that bring us BIG joy!

Friday, 18th August:

The D Word; 10:00 - 11:30 AM, online -

A virtual round table on diversity for public sector workers. A chance to discuss how we can infuse our approach and practice in workplace diversity with authenticity and joy.

Gigglewalees; 7:30 PM, Bolton House -

Join BBC Asian Network's Noreen Khan and a plethora of desi Bradford comics - and a headline performance from Shazia Mirza! An evening of giggles with added girl power!

This is an inclusive event; everyone is welcome.

Saturday, 19th August:

Theatre Writing Workshop; 11:00 AM, Kala Sangam -

Have you ever thought about writing a play but didn't know where to start? Here's your chance to work with established West Yorkshire playwright Shazia Ashraf to learn how to bring your ideas to life.

BSAF Arts & Crafts; 12:00 - 4:00 PM, Kala Sangam -

Join artist Zareena Bano for a fun arts and crafts session celebrating the most colourful and joyful elements of South Asian culture from across a vibrant region which includes Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Salaam'O'Salaam, Hip Hop & Breakin' Lab; 3:00 PM, Kala Sangam -

Join Bobak Champion to learn about Hip Hop history and build your confidence whilst rehearsing in a safe and friendly environment.

This is an event for men and boys 12+

Antakshari - The ultimate desi sing-song; 4:00 PM, Kala Sangam -

It's the original riff-off competition with a South Asian twist. Join us for an afternoon of musical fun as teams of singers battle it out to be crowned Bradford's Antakshari champions. You don't have to be pitch-perfect, but you do need to know your desi tunes. Shuru karein Antakshari!

Before the event, there will be a chance to warm up your vocal chords with tips from a professional singer.

Bollywood Dance Session; 6:00 PM, Kala Sangam -

Dance teacher Salma Zaman from Salma's Bollywood Dance Academy will take you through some simple and fun Bollywood dancing steps to get you ready for the evening of disco deewangi to come!

Disco Deewaney; 7:00 PM till late, Kala Sangam -

Retro Bollywood disco (ladies only). Calling all female fans of Bollywood kitsch and retro. This is an all out-celebration of the golden age of desi disco, a chance for all you ladies to let your hair down and kick off those heels in a safe space. We invite you to rock up and dress up for this unashamed carnival of desi kitsch. D se hota hai? DANCE!

Sunday, 20th August

BSAF's BIG MELA Bash at Thornbury Centre;

Art and Crafts; 10:00 AM, ground floor -

Join local Bradford artist Zareena Bano for a morning of arts and crafts. Explore the joy of the South Asian identity through making, creating and sharing.

BSAF's little foodies; 11:00 AM, cafe space -

A tasty activity for our little BSAFers. TV cook Rahila Hussain will take you through the basics of some fun and simple desi recipes! Our little foodies will get to make (and eat) their own dishes and explore the joy of South Asian cooking. Who knows, maybe we'll discover the next Nadia Hussain or Atul Kochhar right here in Bradford!

Mehfil - Poetry Open Mic; 4:00 PM, cafe space -

An afternoon celebrating the joy of wordplay and poetry through a South Asian lens. Join some well-known local wordsmiths and storytellers for special performances, and then it's over to you to share your own shayri, musings and reflections on the joys of South Asian culture!

BIG MELA bash; 2:00 PM, in the John Day Hall -

BSAF's 2023 weekender winds down with the ultimate BIG MELA bash! Join us for an array of fun activities and stalls, including:

- Song Geet Asian Choir (as seen at the King's coronation concert)
- Dance performances
- "Desi dress up" portrait station
- Food and drink
- Mehndi
- Children's storytime



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The Thornbury Centre

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Bolton House

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Kala Sangam

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