

Together with the NGO Progreso y Desarrollo Humano (“Progress and Human Development”) and backed by the administration's departments of culture and social welfare, the Formentera Council will host a bill of events and activities in solidarity with Syrian refugees. Formentera amb Síria (“Formentera with Syria”) is a programme of documentary and film screenings, theatrical performances, classroom discussions and exhibitions which, starting February 5 and spanning two weeks, focus on the situation of refugees.

In the spotlight

Saturday February 18 at 2.00pm the keynote event —a community paella— will be held in a festival tent pitched at the Sa Senieta parking lot. The municipal music school's troupe of clarinetists will perform at 5.00pm, followed by a dance production headed up by the local dance school's Nieves Portas. After that, Lunares, Voice & Senses and La 22 will hold down entertainment duties until 11.00pm, when a “discomobile” will carry the crowd through to the 1.00am end time.

Film screenings

The cinema offer gets under way Sunday February 5 with a screening of the short *53 Moons* and a talk with the film's director. The same day, at 6.00pm in la Mola's Casa del Poble, a presentation of the Mòbil Kitchen project will take place with a round-table discussion.

Exhibition

On Monday February 6 at 7.00pm, Aleix Oriol Vergés will unveil a collection of his own photos on the Syrian exodus and then stick around for a related discussion. Under the heading “struggle for survival”, the display is financed by Fons pitiús de cooperació and can be visited February 6-17 in the gallery of the old town hall (Ajuntament Vell).

Recycling workshops

Wednesday February 8 at 5.30pm in Casa del Poble, Thursday at the same time in the Sant Ferran library and Friday at 6.30pm in the Sant Francesc library recycling workshops will be held.

Soap workshop
After an initial opening Saturday February 10 from 11.00am in Centre Tur Gabrielet, the Formentera amb Síria market will remain open February 13-17. Also Feburary 10, at 5.00pm, Ana Negre will lead a workshop on creating Aleppo soap.

Standing together in cinema and theatre
Friday February 17 at 9.00pm in the cinema (Sala de Cultura), a screening of Jordi Évole's documentary *Astral* will take place. Sunday February 19 at 5.30pm, a children's theatre production by Iguana Produccions, *Hanna dels tres països*, will be staged in the same venue for children ages six to twelve. Later that same evening, at 8.00pm, *Astral* will be shown once again. In a fundraising effort that will benefit the non-profit group ProActiva Open Arms, tickets for the events will be sold for three euros.

Across Formentera schools, educational talks are being coordinated with representatives of Progreso y Desarrollo Humano and the photographer from Fons pitiús de cooperació in an effort to bring awareness to the issues.

Formentera amb Síria was organised between the Council and Progreso y Desarrollo Humano, a group created in 2012 to further social and cooperative work in the global south. All money raised will go to ADSN, a non-profit working with Syrian refugees in Greece. Fons pitiús de cooperació, Carlin, Baleària, Dignitis, Acción Directa Sierra Norte, Formatierra Service and comunica360 all took part as well.