## Press release: # Here I Am

We are celebrating the people living in Calderdale. Will you join us?

Artworks is inviting 1000's of people living in Calderdale to make a creative expression of their lives to celebrate Calderdale becoming a <u>Valley of Sanctuary</u>.

People of Calderdale, here we are.

Wherever you're from, whatever communities you're part of, we are all united in being in the same place at this unique moment in time.

Who are you? What do you imagine? For yourself, this place, and the future?

Any form or creative expression is welcome, from drawing to writing, song to dance. Artworks are looking forward to receiving a wide variety of responses that will provide a heartwarming insight into the lives of people living in Calderdale and what it means to be here in this place at this time. Suggestions and inspiration and more information can be found on their website <a href="https://www.theartworks.org.uk/here-i-am">https://www.theartworks.org.uk/here-i-am</a>

Submissions received will be brought together and turned into a series of beautiful creative responses shared during Refugee Week 15-20 June.

These include:

An audio visual collage by <u>Artworks</u>
A live theatre performance from <u>Stand Up Be Counted</u>
A live artwork at The Piece Hall

People living in Calderale can take part by making something about them and sending it to Artworks before the 5th June by text or email to join thousands of other contributions from across our valley. Whatsapp / text: 07914863892 or email: info@theartworks.org.uk with your name, age & postcode

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