

Dear Colchester Community

We are thrilled to announce that our upcoming carnival, organised by the Colchester Diverse Communities Network (CDCN), will feature many exciting activities and events for everyone to enjoy. In addition, to live music and dance performances, the carnival will also feature a variety of stalls selling a range of cultural items and delicious food, ready by noon.

Lower Castle Park will be transformed into a bustling marketplace where you can browse and purchase unique and beautiful items from vendors representing different cultures worldwide. There will be something for everyone, from clothing and jewellery to art and crafts.

When you're hungry, head over to the food stalls to sample various delicious dishes from different countries and cultures. You'll find everything from traditional curries and stir-fries to mouth-watering desserts, snacks, Fish and Chips, Burgers, and Ice Cream. But the fun doesn't stop there! We will also be holding a procession including welcoming Colchester City's first Carnival Queen and Princesses through Head Street and High Street in front of the City Centre. It starts from Sir Isaac's Walk, and the carnival finishes at Lower Castle Park.

The procession will be a colourful and lively display of cultural diversity accompanied by music and dance performances, including Chinese Lion Dance. The entertainment will continue in the afternoon at Lower Castle Park grounds, where you can enjoy more live music, dance performances, and other fun activities.

It is a FREE carnival and concert; the procession will begin at 12:45 pm from Sir Isaac's Walk, and we aim to finish by 6 pm. This carnival celebrates the diversity that makes our community so unique. We hope that you will come out and join us in this festive and joyful event. We look forward to seeing you there!

