IHRC GALLERY PRESENTS SARA RUSSELL SOLO EXHIBTION 19TH JUNE 2014 - 30TH SEPTEMBER 2014 PRIVATE VIEW **19TH JUNE 6:45PM** RSVP EVENTS@IHRC.org ROAD ADRESS 202 PRESTON NORTH WEMBLEY WEMBLEY, HA9 8PA NEAREST STATION PRESTON ROAD Islamic ADMISSION FREE Human Rights Commission

## **Another Day**

## 19 June 2014 – 30 September - 2014

Another Day is photographer Sara Russell's first exhibition. It features her documentation of Palestine – the capturing of fleeting human emotion in an occupied nation. Each photograph manages to combine the facets of struggle of a people living their lives under siege.

Sara embarked on her trip to Jenin in the North of Palestine as part of a group which included London Tower Hamlets' deputy mayor Cllr Ohid Ahmed as well as several other independent councillors. The trip involved visiting numerous organisations and villages across the region and chatting with recently released prisoners. Kerie Anne of UNISON described how the group were "humbled by the resilience and commitment of Jenin's residents to building their communities and resisting the occupation." Sara's photography is reflective of this notion. She documents the norm and the everyday of a complex nation.

The exhibition is laid out as a narrative – unfolding just as Sara's own experience did. With these images, the familiar becomes the unfamiliar. The dynamic layout of the IHRC bookshop and gallery allows for this. The exhibition begins in the IHRC bookshop which is on the first floor of the building. Nothing is hidden and passersby are able to immediately interact with the photographs. The gallery is then on the second floor of the building – a space which also hosts various events. These events range from film screenings to panel discussions and thus an array of different audiences have constant access to the images. A dialogue is then open to question 'What is Palestine today?'

Nasreen Shaikh Jamal Al Lail, curator of the exhibition said: "Another Day questions the idea of the everyday and examines the lives of the locals under occupation. It allows viewers to encounter images they wouldn't usually have a chance to see in conventional media."

Notes to editors:

- Another day is curated by Nasreen Shaikh Jamal Al Lail
- The exhibition is FREE
- The exhibition launches on 19 June 2014 at 6.45pm



- The IHRC bookshop and gallery is open Monday – Saturday from 9am – 5pm

## About IHRC:

The Islamic Human Rights Commission was set up in 1997 and works with different organizations from Muslim and non-Muslim backgrounds, to campaign for justice for all peoples regardless of their racial, confessional or political background.

In the past the Islamic Human Rights Commission's gallery has hosted the likes of Intifada Street's Mohammad Hamza, Nasreen Jamal al-Lail and Naazish Chouglay of Labbaik Arts among others. Head of Research, Arzu Merali, states that part of IHRC's philosophy has been has been "breaking down divisions between culture, law and politics, we are out there working for justice. I think some cultural aspects of our existence are not emphasised enough, there are many reasons for that, but where you can seek solace and gain inspiration, it's all part of healing and important to focus on."

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