

# Keighley Local Studies Library

## Child Refugees Welcomed by Keighley 80 Years Ago in September 1937

A talk by  
**Simon Martinez & John Birkbeck**  
Saturday 28th October at 2.00pm

At the height of the Spanish Civil War Keighley welcomed 100 of the child refugees who were evacuated to Britain. The contribution of ordinary people in these events is truly remarkable.

Simon Martinez is the son of a refugee child. John Birkbeck's grandfather was a significant figure in the lives of the Basque children who came to Keighley in 1937.

This talk accompanied by an exhibition will explore an often forgotten piece of history.

Free event. All welcome.

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