



**A powerful new pop-up exhibition will lay bare the experience of UK national Anoosheh Ashoori who was arbitrarily jailed for 4½ years in Iran until his release - alongside Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe - in March 2022**

***1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> November – Reading Biscuit Factory  
upstairs workroom space***

“**Surviving Evin**” recreates the emotional and physical reality of his detention and will feature personal items Ashoori was able to smuggle out of Tehran’s notorious Evin prison after his release.

**This powerful exhibition** is designed to take visitors through the years Ashoori spent in detention, from his arrest by Iranian intelligence officers and his first interrogations, time spent in solitary confinement, daily life with other inmates, the impact of his family’s campaigning back home, and life after release.

**Anoosheh Ashoori said:**

“This exhibition aims to provide a deep insight into the challenges and triumphs I encountered during the 1,677 days of captivity, as well as life after my release. I think the exhibition is a testament to the ability of the human spirit to endure, to find hope amid despair, to face adversity and to emerge stronger. I hope it reminds everyone who visits of the importance of empathy, understanding and solidarity in our shared humanity.”

This exhibition is part of the Reading International Festival and presented by the Reading Amnesty International Group.

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