Hackney Museum

Our programme of interactive taught sessions for KS1, KS2, SEN and EAL explores local history, identity and belonging, to support:

- Local History
- National and International Primary Curriculum Themes
- Migration Stories
- Black History Month
- Community and Citizenship

Visit www.hackney.gov.uk/museum for full details.
Explore local history, identity and belonging at Hackney Museum

We offer a range of FREE taught sessions that explore Hackney’s history and celebrate the diversity of the borough. The programme can be adapted to meet the needs of your class. Sessions are designed in consultation with local teachers to support your delivery of the curriculum and to enrich and enliven learning in the following areas:

- Local History Study
- Time Detectives
- Children’s Rights, Human Rights
- Migration, Community and Diversity
- Citizenship

Our Learning Team also works closely with ESOL and Adult Learning tutors to develop projects, new schemes of work and teaching resources.

Visit www.hackney.gov.uk/museum-teaching-resources to see our learning packs and films that explore local history, community and diversity and are suitable for learners of all ages in formal and informal settings.

To book a session or to make an enquiry call 020 8356 2529 or email museumbookings@hackney.gov.uk

KS1, KS2, SEN and EAL - Suitcase Stories: The People’s History of Hackney

Suitcase session exploring local history, diversity & community

Discover how the local area has changed through the stories and suitcases of people who have travelled to Hackney from all over the world and throughout history.

In this taught session pupils become history detectives, searching through suitcases to find clues about their owners. Through object handling, role play and using photographs, toys, clothes, passports, diaries and letters they will discover who owned the suitcase, where in the world they moved from, and what Hackney was like when they moved here.

Themed suitcases include: Anglo-Saxons, Georgians, Victorians, World War Two, Windrush, West African, refugee stories and Jewish migration.

“This session provides the perfect entry point for children to either consolidate or be inspired by their own local heritage.”

KS2 Teacher, Grazebrook Primary School

KS1 - Let’s Celebrate

Interactive session using objects and costumes to explore celebration in Hackney

Travel around the world to discover more about festivals celebrated in Hackney today. Learn about the vibrancy of Holi, the Indian festival of colour; the traditional lanterns of Têt Trung Thu in Vietnam; the origins of Caribbean carnival and how Turkish people spend Şeker Bayrami with friends and family.

KS2 - St. Augustine’s Tower

Local history session taking place in Hackney’s oldest building

Bring your class to 700 year-old St. Augustine’s Tower to find out why and how Hackney changed in pre-Victorian times from a cluster of small villages to a popular London suburb. Looking at maps and pictures, and using costume and role play, pupils experience hands-on history. Session includes an exploration of the tower, and a climb of 135 steps to the roof for the best views of Hackney and beyond. Summer term only. Donations to Hackney Historic Building Trust welcome.
KS2 - Strike a Light

Interactive local history session exploring working conditions in Victorian Hackney and the Matchgirls’ Strike of 1888

Find out about the working conditions of the poor in Victorian Hackney, from home-working matchbox makers to the Matchgirls’ Strike of 1888. Compare the different lifestyles of Hackney residents through objects, photos, census records and be inspired by campaigner Annie Besant to create your own factory workers’ campaign slogan.

KS2 - Objects of Resistance

Interactive journeys session using stories, music, handling objects and artefacts to explore the abolition movement in Hackney

How did children in Hackney support the anti-slavery movement? Discover enslavement and abolition through the eyes of people who lived through it and campaigned for its abolition: Olaudah Equiano, an enslaved child and campaigner; Thomas Clarkson, a politician who travelled the UK on horseback to lecture on the horrors of enslavement, and the Hackney children who gave up eating sugar in protest.

KS2 - Suitcase Stories

Handling suitcases that tell the stories of real people who moved to Hackney from all over the world, throughout history, for many different reasons

To discover these stories, children become history detectives, handling artefacts and discussing what each reveals about the person. As well as our People’s History of Hackney session, which offers an overview of Hackney’s history through these stories, we also offer workshops using these suitcases that explore a variety of themes, including the following:

- **Hackney War Stories**
  The stories of local people who were affected by World War II, including a young evacuee and a Jewish refugee who travelled on the Kindertransport.

- **Windrush & Beyond**
  Post-World War II migration from Caribbean countries to Hackney

- **Jewish Treasures**
  The varied stories of Jewish migration to Hackney for the last 150 years

- **Sankofa Stories**
  Some of the reasons that people have migrated from countries in Africa to Hackney, from seeking refuge to finding work

“The workshop we attended at Hackney Museum meets my needs as a teacher. One of the best curriculum fits of any museum visit I’ve ever been on in 12 years of teaching. Well done all concerned!”

KS1 Teacher, Gayhurst Primary School
Legacies of Enslavement

Online resources for KS3 and KS4 exploring the historical links between Hackney and transatlantic slavery

Discover films, presentations, lesson plans and teachers’ notes designed to help you explore the stories of Hackney people from the Caribbean and the UK, who fought to end African enslavement. Created in partnership with UCL Legacies of British Slavery ownership project and Share Academy.

www.hackney.gov.uk/museum-teaching-resources

Exploring the Archives

Hackney Archives cares for the archives and collections of the London Borough of Hackney and welcomes pre-arranged visits by school groups to its site in Dalston CLR James Library

Find out how places in Hackney have changed over time, and set wider national historical themes in a local context. Explore parish records, maps, photographs, local newspapers, business records and personal documents such as letters and diaries to discover the rich history of the area around your school. Visits can include a general introduction to the Archives and what we do here, as well as a tour of our basement storage areas.

To book a session or to make an enquiry call 020 8356 8925 or email archives@hackney.gov.uk

Hackney Archives

Support for Local Teachers

CPD for Teachers

There are many ways for teachers and tutors to get involved with the museum. Our Teachers’ Forums help us shape new exhibitions and we run CPD sessions linked to the museum and temporary exhibitions to share ideas and best practice, and to inspire and support teachers in Hackney.

Free Learning Resources

The museum team works with local people, teachers, artists, poets and children to develop learning resources and films that explore local history, migration, community and diversity in Hackney. Discover them on our Vimeo page: www.vimeo.com/hackneymuseum

By Bus:
30, 48, 55, 106, 236, 253, 254, 276, 394, W15 stop outside Hackney Museum on Mare Street

By Coach:
Coaches can drop guests off on Reading Lane, but there is no coach parking.

By Overground: Hackney Central

Staying in Touch

If you are interested in our taught sessions, CPD programme, running a project or collaborating with Hackney Museum, or if you would like to join our teachers’ mailing list to hear about upcoming events please email museumbookings@hackney.gov.uk

FINDING US

Hackney Museum is located on the ground floor of the building which is also home to Hackney Central Library and The Learning Trust

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Hackney Technology & Learning Centre,
1 Reading Lane, London E8 1GQ
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Sessions are free of charge for all London Borough of Hackney schools.

“I think the world should know about Hackney Museum!”

Deputy Head, Harrington Hill Primary School