



Celebrating the East London Suffragettes

Now recruiting to project roles!



East London Federation of Suffragettes march past Bow bus garage. Photograph by Norah Smyth

We are delighted to announce that this summer we will be celebrating the amazing achievements of Bow and Poplar's very own East London Federation of Suffragettes.

Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, this partnership project led by Four Corners, with Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives, East End Women's Museum and Alternative Arts, will result in two major exhibitions over the course of the year.

**The Women's Hall** exhibition, running here at Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives from May to October 2018, will evoke the suffragettes' headquarters at 400 Fold Ford Road in Bow, where Sylvia Pankhurst and her team organised their campaigns for the equal vote alongside pioneering social welfare interventions, designed by the East London suffragettes to ease the wartime suffering of the hugely deprived local community.

We're now looking to recruit to two roles to help us deliver an immersive exhibition which will completely transform our exhibition hall and turn it into a participatory, community-led space, to be turned over for all manner of heritage-inspired happenings in the spirit of the mission and values of the original East London Suffragettes.

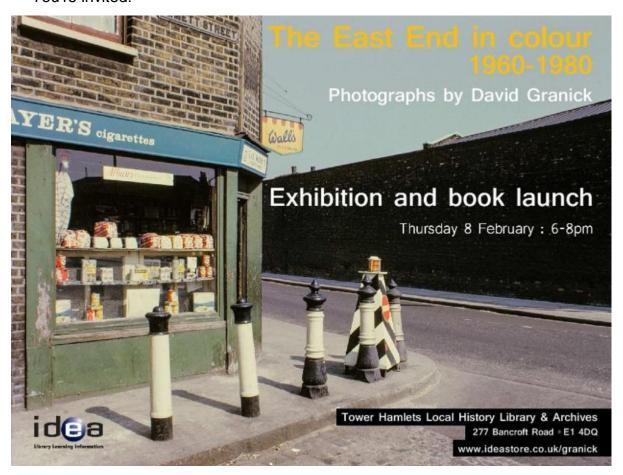
The roles are contracted by Four Corners but will report to our Heritage Manager, Tamsin Bookey:

- Volunteer Manager (March-October)
- Exhibition Designer (asap June)

Please click on the links above for more details and how to apply. To find out more about the project, <u>read the press release</u> and come to our preview event during Women's History Month to hear what we're planning and how to get involved: **Thursday 15 March, 6.00-7.30pm** 

# Launching our new exhibition and book

You're invited!



# Saturday 3 February – Saturday 5 May Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives

We are delighted to announce a new exhibition of previously unseen photographs by David Granick which depict Stepney, Mile End, Whitechapel, Spitalfields, Limehouse and the

Thames riverside in the warm hues of Kodachrome film. In the decades following the end of the Second World War, the East End was a place usually captured in black and white, so these photographs present a rare chance to see views of these neighbourhoods in the 1960s and 1970s - some still familiar, many since vanished - in colour for the first time.

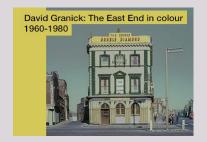
David Granick was born in 1912 and lived his whole life in Stepney. A Jew, a keen photographer and a long-serving member of the <u>East London History Society</u>, he gave lectures on various local history themes illustrated with colour slides taken by himself or his fellow members of the Stepney Camera Club. Bequeathed to Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives after his death in 1980, where they have been preserved ever since, these photographs show the East End on the cusp of social change.

These amazing photographs are now to be exhibited for the first time at Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives, from Saturday 3 February to Saturday 5 May. To coincide, selections from the David Granick collection are also to be published in a beautiful hardback book, **The East End In Colour, 1960-1980**, by <u>Hoxton Mini Press</u>. This book can be purchased directly from us at the discounted price of £15 during the exhibition.

The book and exhibition have been curated by local photographer <a href="Chris Dorley-Brown">Chris Dorley-Brown</a>. A few years ago, volunteers began gradually to scan the slide collections we hold, and a few were posted on our social media. Chris, a collaborator of ours on a number of recent projects, immediately recognised the special quality of those taken by David Granick and volunteered to digitise them all himself in a higher quality, removing any dust and scratches.

For this exhibition, our staff have worked with Chris to present the images as Granick originally showed them during his lifetime – using a carousel slide projector. Visitors are invited to take a seat in a darkened area in the centre of our exhibition space and watch eighty of Granick's slides appear on screen in rotation. In addition to this, copies more than 200 images will be hung on the walls of the exhibition hall with a blank space beneath ready for you to add your memories of the people or buildings pictured.

The exhibition is free of charge. The first few events we have scheduled to tie in with this exhibition are listed below. Please keep an eye on our social media, website and future issues of this newsletter for more events to be added in March and April! Visit <a href="https://www.ideastore.co.uk/granick">www.ideastore.co.uk/granick</a> for further info.



#### **Events**

## Exhibition launch Thursday 8 February, 6.15-7.45pm

Photographer and exhibition curator Chris Dorley-Brown will discuss the work of David Granick which he has digitised and researched.

ALSO, weeks before its main release on 22 February, visit the exhibition to purchase the book from us directly for the discounted price of £15!

Film screening: 'Portrait of East London' Thursday 1 March, 6.15-7.45pm

A selection of documentary films, arranged and hosted by <u>Bea Moyes</u>, showing East End lives during the period illustrated in the exhibition. Check our website for details of the

films we will be screening a bit nearer the time.

More events to be programmed - watch this space! All our events are free and no booking is required.

### **Opening Hours**

Monday: 9am-5pm (exhibition only)

Tuesday: 10am-5pm Wednesday: 9am-5pm Thursday: 9am-8pm

Friday: 9am-5pm (exhibition only)

Saturday\*: 9am-5pm (\*first and third Saturdays of the month only)

Sunday: closed

### Saturday opening

We are open 9am-5pm on the first and third Saturdays of every month, for research in the reading room and exhibition viewing. That's the following Saturdays coming up:

Saturday 20 January Saturday 3 February Saturday 17 February Saturday 3 March Saturday 17 March

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