



East End History Club - Feeding the Hamlets



The experimental kitchen at McDougall's flour factory, Millwall, c1964. Ref: LC10435

Saturday 4 February | 11am-4pm | [Book your free place!](#)

By popular demand, East End History Club is back! As the closing event for our **Feeding the Hamlets** exhibition, spend a Saturday with us immersing yourself in the history of food production in the East End.

This is the last chance to see the exhibition before it closes. The day will feature....

- tours of the exhibition at 11am & 2pm
- a wide range of additional collections about food history available for informal browsing - including newspapers, photos and pamphlets
- possibly a film screening
- free tea, coffee and biscuits

Please [book in advance](#) so we have an idea of numbers, but feel free to drop in at any point during the event.

This event is part of the [Feeding the Hamlets exhibition](#) programme.

Two events for Holocaust Memorial Day

Where is Anne Frank

Film screening | Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives

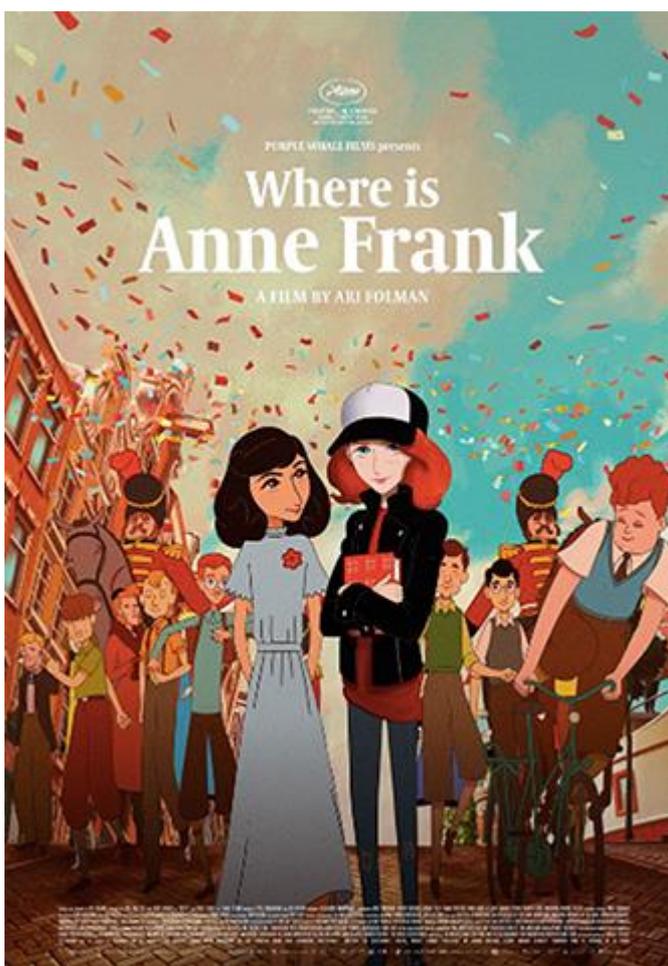
Thursday 26 January | 6:00-8:30pm | [Book your free place!](#)

To mark this year's [Holocaust Memorial Day](#), Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives in partnership with [UK Jewish Film](#) is screening WHERE IS ANNE FRANK.

This is the new animated, magic realism film by director Ari Folman. It tells the story of Kitty, the imaginary girl who Anne Frank wrote to in her WWII diary. It brings her to life for the first time, allowing her to tell her own story. Kitty goes in search of her best friend Anne Frank.

In doing so, she witnesses the Frank family's last months in the Holocaust, and Europe after the Second World War. Set partly in contemporary Amsterdam, her search attracts worldwide attention. It inspires a wave of modern social justice for refugees.

After the film screening, UK Jewish Film's Education Manager, Rachel Burns will lead a discussion and Q&A with filmmaker **Jes Benstock**. [Book your place here!](#)



In remembrance of a hidden family

Talk | Idea Store Canary Wharf

Thursday 26 January | 6:30pm | [Book your free place!](#)

Clare Smith grew up knowing that her Jewish family originally came from Holland and that, at one time, elderly relations lived in Tower Hamlets but that was the extent of her knowledge of her family story. As far as she was aware, her family had no direct connection to the traumas of the Holocaust.

They had lived in the UK for generations and were such English, anglicised Jews! Celebrating English cultural events, they had Christmas trees, dinners, presents, Easter eggs, Hot Cross buns and, also, marked Passover, Yom Kippur, and Jewish New Year.

However, this changed when, whilst researching her family tree she uncovered a previously unknown, 'hidden' family story; a story that involved British citizens involved in the Shoah.

Themes of identity, belonging, the Holocaust, war, separation, loss, and memory will be explored in this talk and presentation.

NB: This event has been organised by our colleagues in the library service at [Idea Store Canary Wharf](#) and takes place there. It is also being streamed on Zoom. Click [here](#) for the details.

Announcing our next exhibition



Still image from living in fear of quicksand, (c) Maria Amidu, 2022.

Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives in partnership with the [Nunnery Gallery](#) is delighted to announce our next exhibition.

living in fear of quicksand by [Maria Amidu](#) will take place across both venues, showcasing new work and existing archive material. Opening on 2 March, *living in fear of quicksand* will be Maria's first UK solo exhibition and explores the fragmentary nature of memory in relation to a fragile experience of home.

At Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives the focus is placed on the architectural and social history of the Lincoln Estate in Bow Common, and the artist's brief place within it. Designed in the 1950s, the Estate includes Sleaford House – a 19-storey block of 90 maisonettes where the artist lived in the 1970s.

From among the extensive collections held here at Tower Hamlets Archives, Maria has unearthed council correspondence, plans, drawings and newspaper cuttings about the Estate – material that has played an integral role in the development of the resulting artworks. A selection of these historic records will be displayed alongside items from Maria's personal archive and accompanied by a timeline documenting the development of the Lincoln Estate.

The exhibition will continue a short distance away at the Nunnery Gallery in Bow with five new artworks including a print work, a text-based installation, a film piece, a sound work, and a bespoke paint colour.

A programme of public talks and events will be announced in February.

living in fear of quicksand is supported by Arts Council England, Dulux and supporters who wish to remain anonymous.

Save the date! The launch event will be held here on Saturday 4 March, 2-4pm.

New! Tuesday coffee mornings

From now until the end of March we are pleased to be hosting a weekly coffee morning for older Tower Hamlets residents who are of African-Caribbean heritage. The sessions are organised and led by NAC Resource Centre on behalf of Tower Hamlets Council.

Each Tuesday from 11am-1pm visit our Education Room for opportunities to socialise and engage in creative activities, including:

- reminiscence and sharing memories
- gentle movement and music appreciation
- health information, such as advice on diabetes, CHD, stroke, cancer
- opportunity to engage with local history projects

Please liaise with the organiser, David, if you are attending for the first time, as there may be a venue change on a handful of occasions. For further information please contact David on 07863 101 045 or email david_nacrc@yahoo.co.uk.

Contact us

We are waiting to hear from you!

- Email us: localhistory@towerhamlets.gov.uk
- Visit our website: <http://www.ideastore.co.uk/local-history>
- Phone (answered during opening hours only): 020 7364 1290

Reading Room - Regular opening hours

- Tuesday 10.30am-4pm
- Wednesday 10.30am-4pm
- Thursday 10.30am-7pm

First and third Saturdays of every month:

- Saturday 10am-5pm

That's the following Saturdays coming up:

- Saturday 21 January
- Saturday 4 February
- Saturday 18 February

Additionally the **Feeding the Hamlets Exhibition** is open for its last few weeks! Exhibition opening times are: 10am-5pm Monday-Friday, plus the Saturdays and Thursday evenings noted above. On Monday and Friday lunchtimes, the exhibition will be closed for lunch between 1 and 2pm.
