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Remembering 1807

Catherine Hall will be giving a talk at the Museum of London Docklands at 6pm on Wednesday 20th September at the launch of the [‘Remembering 1807’](#) digital archive.

In 2007 there was a proliferation of events and initiatives around the UK to mark the bicentenary of the abolition of the slave trade. ‘Remembering 1807’ maps the projects, materials and resources from over 300 of these initiatives, from large national projects and regional initiatives to local history projects and community led events. The resource has been produced by the [Anti-slavery Usable Past](#) project at [WISE](#) in Hull and the University of Nottingham.

Radical Footsteps walking tour

The community group [New Unity](#) is hosting a walking tour of Newington Green, East London, from 2pm on Saturday 16th September. The Radical Footsteps walk celebrates a centuries-old tradition of non-conformism and fighting for rights in Hackney, bringing to life some of the famous figures from Hackney’s history and discussing how their calls for rights are as relevant as ever. See [here](#) to book a place.

Paths to Freedom

New Unity is also hosting an [all-day workshop](#) at Newington Green Unitarian Church on Saturday 30th September focusing on slavery within a historical and global context.

‘Paths to Freedom’ offers the opportunity to delve into Hackney’s rich historical past to uncover its global connections and links to slavery and its significance within the anti-slavery movement.

The morning panel includes papers on Hackney and slavery followed by an afternoon discussion, ‘Combating contemporary slavery’.



Samuel Boddington (1766-1843), religious dissenter, political reformer and slave-owning West India merchant, embodies many of the complexities and contradictions of Hackney’s involvement in the slavery business



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Bloomsbury exhibition

Our exhibition, '[The slave-owners of Bloomsbury](#)' will be on display at Conway Hall in Red Lion Square, London, from 11am to 5pm on Sunday 22nd October as part of a [wide-ranging programme](#) at the 2017 Bloomsbury Festival.

We have separate exhibitions focussing on the slavery connections of Scotland, Devon, the Midlands, Manchester, Croydon and Wandsworth which are [available to download](#) on our website and can be printed for use in an educational setting.

Historians Against Slavery conference

The biennial [Historians Against Slavery](#) conference will take place at the International Slavery Museum, Liverpool, on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October. This is the first time the event has been held outside of the United States. The event is free but [registration](#) is essential.

The conference will bring together leading scholars, museum professionals and anti-slavery activists from around the world, reflecting on cutting-edge scholarship and debating practical examples of how history can inform contemporary efforts to end the enslavement of 46 million people worldwide.



International Slavery Museum, on Albert Dock, Liverpool, host of the 2017 Historians Against Slavery conference

Exploring Surrey's Past

A [new page](#) on Surrey slave-owners in the LBS database is available on the [Exploring Surrey's Past](#) website. The page was written by Di Stiff from the Surrey History Centre and the website as a whole contains a wealth of material on the social history of Surrey. We are very happy to see LBS material used to explore local links to the wider history of slavery and would encourage people who would like to investigate similar connections to [contact us](#).