

Exhibition Advisory Group Member

Hackney Heritage & the East End Women's Museum

About the project

Hackney Heritage (Hackney Museum and Archives) and the East End Women's Museum are joining forces to tell the story of women who have led political and social change in Hackney, from suffragettes to squatters, Mary Wollstonecraft to the Hackney Flashers.

We need your help to create a brand new exhibition which will go on display at Hackney Museum in 2018, marking 100 years since British women first won the right to vote.

Through diaries, letters, newspapers, posters, photographs, local and national records, we are tracing the stories of women and girls who lived or worked in Hackney and helped to bring about political or social change. They might have been activists, politicians, artists, or community organisers, either working inside the system or outside it.

About the exhibition Advisory Group

The exhibition Advisory Group is a group of volunteers who will shape and support the development of the exhibition, making sure it will be interesting and relevant to many different groups of people across Hackney.

The Advisory Group will meet regularly to share and discuss ideas, suggest useful contacts or opportunities, and offer support and advice to the exhibition coordinators and volunteer researchers.

The Advisory Group will meet for approximately 1.5 hours every month on either a Wednesday or Thursday evening, 6-7.30pm, at Hackney Museum (1 Reading Ln, London E8 1GQ) for the duration of the project September 2016 – June 2017.

Advisory Group members should be prepared to commit additional time to support the development of ideas and delivery of actions arising from the group meetings if needed, up to six hours a month.

Timeline

- 29 July 2016: Deadline for applications
- 5 August 2016: Advisory Group members confirmed
- September 2016: First Meeting
- October 2016 - February 2017: Advising on key topics and messages for research
- March - April 2017: Feedback on exhibition content
- May – June 2017: Feedback on exhibition & marketing design
- February 2018: Exhibition opens

About the Advisory Group Member role

Essential skills or knowledge for this role:

- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to work well as part of a team contributing to a larger project
- Experience of reaching one or more of the following audiences:
 - Local schools and teachers
 - Local girls' and women's groups
 - Local history enthusiasts
 - Families or Young People
 - Minority Communities
 - LGBTQ+ Communities
 - Social history and radical history enthusiasts

Desirable skills or knowledge for this role:

- An interest in women's history or Hackney history
- Live, work, or have some other connection to Hackney

Skills or knowledge which can be developed through this role:

- Interpreting historical materials and creating exhibitions
- Communications skills
- Working with others to contribute to a larger, joint project
- Inspiring others with stories from history

Expenses

Please note, Advisory Group members are not eligible to claim expenses. Refreshments at monthly meetings will be provided.

How to apply

If you would like to find out more about the project and meet representatives from the East End Women's Museum and Hackney Museum, please come to our community forum which will be held at Hackney Museum Thursday 21 July 6 – 7.30pm.

To apply as an Advisory Group Member, please email Eastendwomensmuseum@gmail.com with the subject line 'Hackney 2018 – Advisory'. Please detail how you fit the above essential and desirable skills and knowledge, as well as confirming your availability between September 2016 – June 2017.

Please note the Advisory Group is limited to 10 members. Final decision will be made based on the above criteria.