

MANCHESTER HISTORIES FESTIVAL

Long Weekender
07TH – 11TH JUNE 2018



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Welcome to Manchester Histories Festival 2018

Returning for its 5th edition from the 7-11 June, the 2018 Manchester Histories Festival offers a packed long-weekender of events. 2018 is a historically monumental year for Greater Manchester, as the place that gave birth to the suffragette movement and the Trades Union Congress, and these are placed at the forefront of this year's festival as we explore the themes of protest, democracy and freedom of speech.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our fifth Festival, with a theme of protest, democracy and freedom of speech.

Themes that we start to explore here and now in the lead up to plans for Peterloo 2019, which will mark the bicentenary of the Peterloo Massacre, a significant moment in Britain's struggle for universal suffrage that was to shape the future of Manchester and mark it as a radical city like no other.

Manchester Histories are therefore delighted together with our partners to bring you a programme of events spanning talks, walks, music, performances, stalls, debates and much

more around the themes of the festival. We invite you to create a festival with us where people can come together to exchange ideas, inspire and learn from each other by taking a look at the rich and radical histories of Greater Manchester and beyond.

Festivals provide an opportunity to connect with others, share our histories and past, but to also keep it relevant to the histories of today.

There is so much to do, see and get involved in and we really hope you can join us for all or part of this exciting long weekend.

Karen Shannon,
CEO, Manchester Histories



Look out for Manchester Histories stamp

Throughout the Manchester Histories Festival 2018 programme you will discover a packed long weekend of events that we have curated with different people and organisations. Alongside, you will find our partners events happening right across Greater Manchester.

Thursday

MANCHESTER HISTORIES FESTIVAL 2018 LAUNCH PARTY



Celebrate the launch of the 2018 Manchester Histories Festival with us. Meet the festival team and volunteers and discover what's on over the weekend in more detail. Throughout the galleries hear protest poetry and trailblazers of our Soapbox project, drop into our Debate Café, catch Thinking Out Loud: Speech Acts talk.

6pm-8pm, Thursday 7th June (speeches 6:15pm)

Manchester Art Gallery, Mosley Street M2 3JL
Booking not required / FREE



FIGHTING FOR THE VOTE IN OLDHAM

From suffragist Marjory Lees to suffragette Annie Kenney, discover the stories of the Oldhamers who campaigned for votes for women in this new exhibition.

10am-5pm, Thursday 7th June
Gallery Oldham, Oldham Cultural
Quarter, Greaves St, Oldham OL1 1AL
Exhibition continues to 21st July
(closed Sundays) / FREE

EXHIBITION: BELLE VUE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN

Home to a zoological garden, circus, fair, speedway, dancing, boxing, wrestling, fireworks, music and dancing for over 150 years, Belle Vue also staged large political rallies for a wide spectrum of opinion, such as the Great Liberal Demonstration of 1924, at which Lloyd George addressed a crowd of 50,000 - the first political meeting at which loudspeakers were used!

11am-4pm, Thursday 7th & Friday 8th June
Gorton Monastery, 89 Gorton Lane M12 5WF
/ FREE

Thursday



PETERLOO MASSACRE GUIDED WALK

Join Sibby of Manchester Guided Tours to visit the locations of the 1819 Peterloo Massacre. The darkest day in Manchester's history, when at least 15 people died and over 600 were injured after coming together to campaign for the right to vote.

11am-12:45pm, Thursday 7th June

Meet at Manchester Art Gallery entrance steps, Mosley Street M2 3JL

Book at www.manchestertourguide.com / £10

Manchester Guided Tours

CURATOR TOUR: OLDHAM STORIES

Learn more about the histories of the objects and works of art on display at Gallery Oldham as part of its new exhibition, including an impressive TUC banner and paintings by women who campaigned for the vote such as Ethel Wright and Patti Mayor.

1pm-2pm, Thursday 7th June

Gallery Oldham, Oldham Cultural Quarter, Greaves St, Oldham OL1 1AL

Booking not required / FREE



CONNECTING PEOPLE: MANCHESTER'S TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS HERITAGE

Manchester led the way in advances in mass transportation and communication during the 19th century. Visit key locations of transport and telecommunications industrial archaeology with Dr Michael Nevell and Prof. Nigel Linge from the Centre for Applied Archaeology at the University of Salford.

1pm-4pm, Thursday 7th June

Meet beneath the clock tower at Victoria train station. Book at www.manchesterhistories.co.uk (18+) / **FREE**

POWER TO THE PEOPLE: MANCHESTER STANDS UP!

From Peterloo to the suffragettes, Manchester has never been afraid of protesting for freedom of speech. See a selection of key items from The John Rylands Library archive relating to these events in the city's history.

**2pm-4pm, Thursday 7th &
Monday 11th June**

The John Rylands Library,
150 Deansgate M3 3EH
DROP-IN (12+) / **FREE**

A CULTURE OF SUBCULTURE

An exhibition by Gang of Five that looks at and responds to the history of Manchester's DIY culture.

5pm-11:30pm, Thursday 7th June

The Crooked Man, 7 Fairfax Road,
Prestwich M25 1AS

Exhibition continues to 26th July 2018
(closed Mondays and Tuesdays) / **FREE**

PETERLOO FROM THE PORTICO

Ed Glinert, Penguin author and prolific Manchester tour guide, tells the story of the most dramatic political incident in British history from the perspective from The Portico Library.

6:30pm-8pm, Thursday 7th June

The Portico Library & Gallery,
57 Mosley Street M2 3HY

Book at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/peterloo-from-the-portico-tickets-43744470890 / **£5**

THINKING OUT LOUD: SPEECH ACTS TALK

Manchester Art Gallery's new exhibition Speech Acts contributes to the ongoing debates around the role of art collections and art institutions in public life. How can galleries co-create with their publics the story of their culture?

7pm-8:30pm, Thursday 7th June

Manchester Art Gallery,
Mosley Street M2 3JL

Booking not required / **FREE**

Marking the 150th Anniversary of the TUC, Manchester Histories presents a day of events that narrates a journey through the spaces and places that played a part in the formation of the TUC (Trades Union Congress) in Manchester and Salford in 1868. Discover the people and representatives of different trades whose collective action made landmark moments in the history of British trade unionism and politics. Join us for all, or part of our specially curated day that takes you from the beginnings of the TUC in a pub in Salford, to its current General Secretary, and first female leader, Frances O'Grady.



EXHIBITION TOUR: THE POWER OF UNITY – 150 YEARS OF THE TUC



Celebrating 150 years of the TUC and looking at the continuing need for unions now. Join staff from the WCML for a guided tour of the exhibition and the Library's extensive trade union archives.

9:30am-10:15am, Friday 8th June
Working Class Movement Library,
51 Crescent, Salford M5 4WX
Exhibition continues to 27th Sept 2018
Book at www.manchesterhistories.co.uk
/ FREE

SKYLINER PRESENTS: A RADICAL SALFORD WALKING TOUR



Discover Salford's radical history with Hayley Flynn. Including Bexley Square, and the site of the Three Crowns pub, where the initial ideas for a congress were discussed.

10:15am-11:30am, Friday 8th June
Meet at Working Class Movement Library
(ends at the People's History Museum)
Book at www.theskyliner.org/tours / £5



TOUR OF PEOPLE'S HISTORY MUSEUM



The People's History Museum in Manchester is the national museum of democracy. Trace the historical development of trade unions through its unique collection.

11:30am-12:30pm, Friday 8th June
People's History Museum, Left Bank,
Spinningfields M3 3ER
Book at www.phm.org.uk / FREE

'TAKE ACTION': NORTH WEST FILM ARCHIVE SCREENING AND EXHIBITION



The North West Film Archive (at Manchester Metropolitan University) presents a selection of archive news footage from BBC news (some not shown in public since they were first broadcast), including footage from the 1981 People's March for Jobs.

12:30pm-1:15pm & 2pm-3:30pm,
Friday 8th June
Manchester Central Library
[Performance Space],
St Peter's Square M2 5PD
DROP-IN / FREE

LUNCHTIME LECTURE WITH DR JO GRADY



Join Dr Jo Grady, Senior Lecturer in Employment Relations at the University of Sheffield, for a short discussion on the lessons from the past that can help trade unions meet current and future challenges.

1:15pm-1:50pm, Friday 8th June

Manchester Central Library [Performance Space], St Peter's Square M2 5PD

Book at www.manchesterhistories.co.uk

/ FREE

TRADE UNION BADGES AND THEIR ROLE IN UNION HISTORY



Steve Baguley, a retired National Officer of the Communication Workers Union, presents his extensive collection of union badges and explains their role in trade union history.

2:30pm-3:05pm, Friday 8th June

**The Mechanics Centre,
103 Princess St M1 6DD**

Book at www.manchesterhistories.co.uk

/ FREE

A GUIDED TOUR OF THE MECHANICS INSTITUTE



Established to provide opportunities for the working classes to study scientific theory and enjoy concerts, exhibitions and library facilities, in 1868 the Mechanics Institute was the site of the inaugural meeting of the Trades Union Congress.

3:30pm-4:05pm, Friday 8th June

**The Mechanics Centre,
103 Princess St M1 6DD**

Book at www.manchesterhistories.co.uk

/ FREE

'PEOPLE': NORTH WEST FILM ARCHIVE SCREENING



Profiling two key figures in the Trade Union movement; Hugh Scanlon, former shop steward at Metropolitan-Vickers in Trafford Park, and Granville Lawrence campaigner for the rights of the Black workers.

4pm-5pm, Friday 8th June

Manchester Central Library [Performance Space], St Peter's Square M2 5PD

Book at www.manchesterhistories.co.uk

/ FREE

DAVE HASLAM INTERVIEWS THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE TUC, FRANCES O'GRADY



DJ/writer Dave Haslam interviews the TUC's General Secretary, Frances O'Grady, on stage at the Friends Meeting House. In addition to insights into Frances O'Grady's personal story, expect discussion on the role of trade unions in a contemporary landscape of zero hours, job insecurity, Brexit, deregulation, and the gig economy. There will also be an opportunity for questions from the audience.

7:30pm-8:30pm, Friday 8th June

Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount St M2 5NS

Book at www.manchesterhistories.co.uk

/ £5+booking fee (Concessions FREE)



A WALK IN THE PARK

Suffragettes, tunnels, wars, ice and bees. On this walking tour discover the history of Heaton Park, one of the largest urban parks in Europe.

11am-1pm, Friday 8th June

Meet 10 minutes before outside Heaton Park Metrolink tram stop, Whittaker Lane, Prestwich M25 1HA

Book at www.manchestertourguide.com

/ £10

Manchester Guided Tours

ALEXANDRA PARK: A PEOPLE'S PARK SINCE 1870

From the huge May Day rally organised by Keir Hardie in 1892 to suffragettes and suffragists rallies, the Rock Against Racism Concerts in the 1970s to the Black Lives Matters rally in 2016, discover the stories of the park through a film screening and exhibition.

11:15am-1:30pm (film screening

11:30am & 12:30pm), Friday 8th June

Chorlton Lodge, Alexandra Park- entrance on Claremont Road, Moss Side M16 7JL

DROP-IN / FREE

SEDITIONOUS SALFORD

A walking tour through old Salford unravelling stories of politics and protest

2pm-4pm, Friday 8th June

Meet at the People's History Museum, Left Bank, Spinningfields M3 3ER

Book at www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/new-manchester-walks-6281660965 / £10

New Manchester Walks

WOMEN OF THE PORTICO LIBRARY

The Portico Library opened its doors in 1806 to male only members with only some women being allowed to join after 1870 and the Married Women's Property Act. With the help of an artist and author discover the stories of some of the Portico's earliest female members.

2pm-5pm, Friday 8th June

The Portico Library, 57 Mosley Street M2 3HY

Book at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/women-of-the-portico-library-tickets-43709690862

(16+) / £5

MARX & ENGELS PUB WALK

Marx & Engels; two frock-coated communists who changed the political world with their revolutionary views. Hear about their time in Manchester and raise a glass in their honour.

6pm-8:30pm, Friday 8th June

Meet at St Ann's Church, St Ann Street M2 7LF

Book at www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/new-manchester-walks-6281660965 (18+) / £10

New Manchester Walks

WORKING CLASS HEROES: SCREENING AND Q&A

A film by youth-leadership and social change charity RECLAIM focusing on working class heritage within rapidly changing communities in Manchester. The film investigates the idea that the lifeblood of estates is community and identity, and how that can change drastically when your surroundings do the same.

4:30pm-6pm, Friday 8th June

Manchester Metropolitan University Business School, All Saints Campus M15 6BH
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/publish?crumb=22f9eaf33fa48a&eid=45588380072> / FREEsh?crumb=22f9eaf33fa48a&eid=45588380072 / **FREE**

NOT THE FACTORY: MANCHESTER'S OTHER ELECTRONIC MUSIC HISTORIES



Manchester Histories presents this Saturday special curated by Annex Agency and hosted by writer, curator and journalist Jennifer Lucy Allan.

Representing an international roster of artists within the electronic music spectrum, Annex Agency is one of the most dynamic artist booking agencies in Manchester. The day will include panel discussions, screenings and music exploring the often hidden stories of Manchester's electronic music history. There will be time for networking and questions at the end of each panel, with sounds by Project 13's resident DJ, Acre.

Manchester Central Library [Performance Space], St Peter's Square M2 5PD

Book at www.manchesterhistories.co.uk / **FREE**

#NotTheFactory



12PM – 12:30PM ARRIVAL. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING.

PANEL DISCUSSION 1:

NOT THE FACTORY: MANCHESTER'S OTHER ELECTRONIC MUSIC HISTORIES

12:30PM – 1:30PM



Stepping outside Manchester's oft-repeated and hagiographic mainstream electronic music history to look at the fringes of the underground, that were nevertheless crucial in shaping the city's identity and the electronic sounds it produced. We'll speak to some of the scenes key players and ask what stories have not yet been recorded? What else should be remembered? And, what histories are being made right now?

Panel: Conor Thomas [Boomkat, The Death Of Rave, Faktion, NTS] | AFRODEUTSCHE [Skam, NTS] | Balraj Samrai [Swing Ting, NTS]

PANEL DISCUSSION 2:

LOCAL VS GLOBAL – OPERATING LOCAL PROJECTS IN INTERNATIONAL SCENES

3PM – 4PM



An open panel discussion on ways of leveraging the local to harness a wider audience without 'selling out'. What are the challenges and compromises? Can club nights expand beyond the city limits without losing their identity? Can labels stay fixed to a place and still make sense? How can artists, DJs and producers access wider audiences?

Panel: Kyle Marriott [Neuron Pro Audio] | Chloe Pensavalle [Annex Agency] | Dan Valentine [Rainer Veil, Modul, Brighter Sound]

Saturday



LAPSED CLUBBER AUDIO MAP – LAUNCH NIGHT

Although Manchester and its popular music are famous around the globe, little is known about the communities that helped build the city's reputation. Greater Manchester's rave culture has been referenced in print, films, TV and theatre but almost always from the perspective of the well-known expert insider. Now is our chance to tell our own story.

Over the last 18 months, The Lapsed Clubber Project has worked with Manchester Digital Music Archive and Heritage Lottery Funding to produce The Lapsed Clubber Audio Map with input from the same raving community that shaped Manchester during the 1985-1995 rave era.

Come along for the official launch of the map plus a panel discussion about the era and the importance of rave culture for Greater Manchester followed by a celebration!

Panellists: Dr Beate Peter [a self-proclaimed Lapsed Clubber and project lead] | Abigail Ward [an award-winning curator, writer & DJ, and co-founder of Manchester Digital Music Archive] | Dr Fiona Cosson [an historian of modern Britain with particular expertise in oral history] | John McCready [former Hacienda DJ, former contributor to NME, The Face, Mojo, Word, Radio Times and Mixmag. He now teaches Journalism, Cultural Studies and Music Production at Salford University and BIRM Manchester].

The Lapsed Clubber Project is a Heritage Lottery Funded project based at Manchester Metropolitan University and run by Dr Beate Peter in partnership with Manchester Digital Music Archive.

6pm-9pm, Saturday 9th June
People's History Museum, Left Bank,
Spinningfields M3 3ER. Book at
www.manchesterhistories.co.uk / FREE



THE LONDON ROAD PROJECT

An exhibition of art works by MA students and recent graduates from Manchester School of Art inspired by the site, history and heritage of London Road Fire Station.

10am-5pm, Saturday 9th June

**PLANT NOMA,
Redfern, Dantzic
Street, NOMA,
M60 0AE**

DROP-IN / FREE

**Continues to
16th June 2018
(closed Sun & Mon)**



FAMILY HISTORY, SCIENCE AND IRISHNESS

The Irish Diaspora Foundation in collaboration with Double Helix History (University of Manchester) and the Manchester & Lancashire Family History Society hosts a morning of talks and activity centered on the relationship between heritage and science.

10:30am-12:30pm, Saturday 9th June
**Irish World Heritage Centre, 1 Irish Town
Way, Cheetham Hill M8 0AE**
Booking at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-history-science-irishness-tickets-44800127387> / FREE

ANGEL MEADOW: VICTORIAN BRITAIN'S MOST SAVAGE SLUM

Re-christened by Friedrich Engels as hell upon earth. Step into the underworld of Angel Meadow with author and researcher Dean Kirby.

11am-12noon, Saturday 9th June

Manchester Metropolitan University Business School, All Saints Campus M15 6BH Book at www.manchesterhistories.co.uk / FREE

RETRO REVIVAL: SADLER'S YARD MARKET

Enjoy vinyl DJs from Floats and Boats, retro inspired workshops at local design studio PLANT and food and drink stalls.

11am-4pm, Saturday 9th June

**Sadler's Yard, Hanover Street, NOMA M60 0AE
DROP-IN / FREE**

LOST VOICES: MEET THE CURATOR

Join curator of the Lost Voices exhibition Dr Ruth Colton and the archives team to delve into Quarry Bank Mill's collection and discover more about who did and didn't get the vote in 1918. See original archive documents related to women at Quarry Bank and learn about the difficulties in researching women in history.

11am-4pm, Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th June
**Quarry Bank Mill, Styal Rd, Styal,
Wilmslow SK9 4LA**
Events included in admission price to Quarry Bank

Saturday



PERFORMING WORKTOWN: MEANINGS OF HAPPINESS IN INTER-WAR BOLTON

The inter-war period saw a boom in pleasure opportunities for the working-classes, with Bolton boasting six dance halls, 300 pubs, 47 cinemas and a freestyle wrestling stadium, all within a five-mile radius of the town centre. See a series of short dramatisations of Mass Observation's 1937 Worktown Survey of happiness.

10:30am-12:30pm, Saturday 9th June
Bolton Central Library, Le Mans Crescent,
Bolton BL1 1SE
DROP-IN / FREE

CFCCA LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES: SNEAK PREVIEW

Discover more about CFCCA's history and get a sneak preview of its Library and Archive ahead of its official launch on June 14th. Meet the Centre's archivist and preview its new online catalogue.

11am-4pm, Saturday 9th June
The Centre for Chinese Contemporary Art,
Market Buildings, 13 Thomas St M4 1EU
Booking not required / FREE

TEN MANCHESTER SPEECHES THAT SHOOK THE WORLD

A walking tour recalling the great oratory heard in Manchester over the years that has powered the country's politics.

11:30am-1pm, Saturday 9th June
Meet at Manchester Central Library,
St Peter's Square M2 5PD
Book at www.newmanchesterwalks.com
/ £10 New Manchester Walks

TOUR: RIOTS, EQUALITY AND EXPRESSION AT BURY MET'S DERBY HALL!

Did you know that the Derby Hall held one of Joy Division's most famous gigs with a raucous crowd protesting against a change of singers? That it was the democratic home to where many of Bury's major decisions were made, or where the accused were given their freedom of speech in a court of law? Take a tour of Bury Met's Derby Hall where all this and more will be told.

12noon-12:45pm, Saturday 9th June
The Met, Market Street Bury BL9 0BW
Book at www.themet.org.uk / FREE

ANNIE SWYNNERTON: MANCHESTER-MADE ARTIST AND ACTIVIST

Join gallery guide Lindsay Porter for a tour of the exhibition 'Painting Light and Hope' and discover how Annie Swynnerton's political activism, rooted in her Manchester origins, was expressed through her painting and helped shape her artistic vision.

12noon-1pm, Saturday 9th June
Manchester Art Gallery, Mosley Street M2 3JL
Book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/annie-swynnerton-exhibition-tour-tickets-44144831379> / FREE

CHETHAM'S LIBRARY AND COLLEGE HOUSE TOUR

Dating back to 1421, it is the oldest complete structure in the city and famously where Marx and Engels researched much of the material that would inform their most influential works.

1:30 & 3pm, Saturday 9th June
Meet at Chetham's Long Millgate entrance
M3 1SB. Book at <https://bit.ly/2FcPQos> / £10
Jonathan Schofield Manchester Tours

THE PANKHURSTS OF MANCHESTER

Walk in the footsteps of the family who founded the Women's Social and Political Union and were fundamental in winning women the vote.

2:30pm-4:15pm, Saturday 9th June

Meet at St Ann's Church, St Ann Street M2 7LF

Book at www.newmanchesterwalks.com

/ £10 *New Manchester Walks*

KATE FOX, STAND UP POETRY AT QUARRY BANK

Hear Quarry Banks poet in residence perform some of her newly written poems inspired by the women of Quarry Bank, past and present.

12.30pm, Saturday 9th June

**Quarry Bank Mill, Styal Road, Styal,
Wilmslow SK9 4LA**

Events included in admission price to

Quarry Bank

COTTONOPOLIS

Join folk trio The Bailey Sisters for songs and a guided walk around Ancoats; centre of Manchester's cotton trade and cradle of the industrial revolution.

2pm-4:15pm, Saturday 9th June

**Meet outside the National Football Museum,
Cathedral Gardens M4 3BG**

Booking recommended

www.wegottickets.com (12+) / £7

BOOK LAUNCH: EVA GORE-BOOTH, COLLECTED POEMS

The first publication of the complete poetry of Eva Gore-Booth; a social reformer and political campaigner who used her poetry to pursue freedom of speech during a time of heightened censorship in the midst of World War I and the fight for Irish independence.

3pm-5pm, Saturday 9th June

**Irish World Heritage Centre,
1 Irish Town Way, Cheetham Hill M8 0AE**

Book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eva-gore-booth-collected-poems-tickets-44475333921> / **FREE**

SPEAKING OUT

Journalist Bob Dickinson introduces a selection of films made by the Workers Film Association, formerly based in Lucy Street, Hulme and closed since 2017. The film clips show the diversity of the WFA's interests, their commitment to the history of the Afro-Caribbean and South Asian communities, their response to political events of the 1980s and 90s, and the importance of many of their films as oral history. From Eddie Frow's memories of The National Unemployed Workers Union and the Battle of Bexley Square in 1931, to Viraj Mendis speaking from inside the church where he took refuge for two years during his fight to stop the government deporting him, to Buzzcocks founder member, Pete Shelley, describing why punk rock in Manchester was so different – discover why there is a wealth of people's history to be seen and heard in the legacy the WFA left in the care of the North West Film Archive.

2pm-4pm, Saturday 9th June

**Manchester Metropolitan
University Business School,**

All Saints Campus M15 6BH Book at

www.manchesterhistories.co.uk / **FREE**



Sunday

MANCHESTER HISTORIES CELEBRATION DAY



Manchester Central Library,
St Peters Square M2 5PD
12noon-4pm / **FREE**

The magnificent Manchester Histories Celebration Day returns for a fun filled day for all the family at its new venue for 2018: Manchester Central Library.

We will be welcoming over 60 different groups to fill the corridors and the bookshelves with exciting stalls and displays. Manchester's rich histories will be shared and celebrated for one day only under the same circular roof. Read up The John Rylands Library collection, discover the wonders of the universe with Manchester Astronomical Society and try out a new style with Stockport Hat Museum.

And if you want to get involved, we have local history groups from across Greater Manchester who want to talk to you!

There will be something for everybody no matter what type of history you enjoy learning about.

Throughout the afternoon a full programme of music, dramatic performances and informative lectures will animate the spaces in Manchester Central Library.

Listen to the beautiful voices of the **Hallé** choirs and the **Manchester Community Choirs** as they fill the ground floor with songs of protest. Learn from independent historians presenting on topics such as **Manchester's Forgotten Reformers - Abaslom and Watkins** and **Manchester's Lost District**. We premiere new films by **M13 Youth Project** and **Niamos - Vox Box** that sees local history captured through the eyes of young people today. Witness the shouts for equality from the suffragettes reimagined in the play **She Bangs The Drums**.

Join us in commemorating the lives lost during the battle of Manchester Hill through contemporary performances in **Manchester Hill Remembered** in the stunning first floor Reading Room. Continue to the second floor and see **Spinning Dreams: Happiness in a Lancashire Cotton Town in the 1930s**; a programme of talks and dramatic performances from Bolton University drawing on Bolton's identity as a Mass Observation Worktown.

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FAMILY-FUN WORKSHOPS

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Have a go at **Protest Printing** with Hot Bed Press and little ones can make a suffragette sash or a protest loudspeaker with artist **Lydia Meiying**. Join **Historic England** and make your own personalised badges or complete the historic trail, and travel back in time with the **Rogues Gallery** presented by Impossible Arts.



PETERLOO MASSACRE GUIDED TOUR

16th August 1819, 60,000 people gathered at St Peter's Field, Manchester (now covered by Peter St) to demand political reform and an end to the unjust Corn Laws. Find out what happened on the day.

1:30pm-3:15pm, Sunday 10th June
**Meet at Manchester Central Library,
St Peter's Square M2 5PD**
Book at <https://bit.ly/2HokvAT> / £10
New Manchester Walks

BROADSIDE BALLADS WITH JENNIFER REID

Hear broadside ballad singer Jennifer Reid bring to life the voices of the mill workers.

12:30pm, Sunday 10th June
**Quarry Bank Mill, Styal Rd, Styal,
Wilmslow SK9 4LA**
**Events included in admission price
to Quarry Bank**

'CLOSE UP' FEATURING PETE SHELLEY

Dave Haslam interviews the legendary Pete Shelley about his life, ideas, and music, including his iconic work with Buzzcocks, and his solo releases.

6:30pm-10pm, Sunday 10th June
Gorilla, 54-56 Whitworth Street M1 5WW
**Book at [www.gorilla.seetickets.com/tour/
close-up-featuring-pete-shelley](http://www.gorilla.seetickets.com/tour/close-up-featuring-pete-shelley) (14+) / £15**
ADV. Photo courtesy of 'The Alcohol Years'.



DEBATE – DISCUSS – TALK – CONNECT – DECIDE – ACT



The ability to conceive, articulate, and evaluate different opinions remains not only the lifeblood of democracy, but essential for an engaged democratic society. Manchester Histories and partners host a day of exchanging different ideas and thoughts through debating, and discussing topics that have or are shaping our histories and society. So come along, share your views on all or some of the debates on offer.

We also open the floor for everyone to take part. The day will be streamed live via our twitter feed so you can join in the conversation. Or, why not organise your own discussion or debate in your own place, be it classroom, cafe, pub, or your own front room. Let us know what are debating, get involved, have your say. [#DebateMcrHist](#)

Manchester Central Library [Performance Space], St Peters Square M2 5PD
Book at www.manchesterhistories.co.uk / FREE

DEBATE 1: DOUBLE-DOWN DEVOLUTION 12noon-1.30pm



Devolution promised to open up new opportunities for community engagement and empowerment, shifting power from Whitehall to the Town Hall. One year on since the election of Andy Burnham as Mayor of Greater Manchester, join Jam and Justice's Action Research Collective to discuss the changing horizons of collective decision-making in Greater Manchester.
[@JamandJustice](#)

DEBATE 3: IS BALANCED AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION EVIDENT IN THE BRITISH STEM CURRICULA? 4:30pm-6pm



The Foundation for Science, Technology & Civilisation UK is a British educational organisation dedicated to exploring and promoting the cultural roots of science and inventions for social cohesion and inter-cultural appreciation. It presents a round table conversation that asks whether balance and inclusivity is evident in the British STEM Curricula.

DEBATE 2: CAPITALISM AND ITS DISCONTENTS 2pm-3.30pm



Manchester is both the cradle of capitalism and a city that has shaped efforts to imagine a new, post-capitalist, world. In this, the 200th anniversary of the birth of Karl Marx, expert historians, policy advisors and economists from the department of History at The University of Manchester present a round table discussion on the history of capitalism and the different ways its discontents have sought to reform, escape or overthrow the system.

DEBATE 4: HOW MANY ARTISTS DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE THE WORLD? 6:30pm-8pm



Are artists being pushed further out of cities due to corporate pricing? Does a city without artists lose its identity? Do artists lose their agency in the city if they don't have a physical place there? Can you occupy a city's culture without a physical space? Artists Lauren Sagar, Eve Robertson and John-Paul Brown host an inclusive debate that asks how artists can maintain their presence in a rapidly developing city region such as Manchester.

PANORAMAS

A unique live performance that combines visual art, creative writing, and music, to produce scrolling artworks (panoramas) that tell a story of homelessness. Created in response to the People's History Museum's collections by those who have experienced homelessness. This is a project by singer-songwriter Matt Hill (aka Quiet Loner), visual artist Lois Blackburn (Arthur + Martha) and the Booth Centre in Manchester.

12noon-1pm, Monday 11th June

**People's History Museum, Left Bank,
Spinningfields M3 3ER**

Booking not required / FREE

MANCHESTER ANTI-FASCIST, RADICAL AND WORKING CLASS HISTORY TOURS

A walking tour by the 0161 Festival focused on Manchester's anti-fascist, radical and working class history. Hear stories the Peterloo Massacre, the Spanish Civil War, the role of the International Brigades, vegetarianism, Chartism, and suffrage.

12noon & 4pm, Monday 11th June

**Meet at Manchester Central Library,
St Peters Square M2 5PD**

www.0161festival.com/product/radical-manchester-tour-16pm/ / £5

COLLECTION BITES

A quick-fire, half hour talk about an item in the Manchester Museum collection linked to the themes of protest, democracy and freedom of speech.

1:30pm-2pm, Monday 11th June

**Manchester Museum, The University of
Manchester, Oxford Road M13 9PL**

Booking not required / FREE

POWER TO THE PEOPLE: MANCHESTER STANDS UP!

From Peterloo to the suffragettes, Manchester has never been afraid of protesting for freedom of speech. See a selection of key items from the The John Rylands Library archive relating to these events in the city's history.

**2pm-4pm, Thursday 7th June &
Monday 11th June**

The John Rylands Library,

150 Deansgate M3 3EH

DROP-IN (12+) / FREE

HUGH MASON AND THE OXFORD COMMUNITY

Explore the archives in this workshop session to examine the life and work of Hugh Mason; Cotton Mill Manufacturer, Social Reformer, and Liberal Politician.

2pm-3:30pm, Monday 11th June

**Tameside Local Studies & Archives Centre,
Central Library, Old Street, Ashton-under-
Lyne OL6 7SG. Booking via localstudies.library@tameside.gov.uk**

/ FREE

DIAMOND

Celebrate the opening night of Diamond by avant-garde cabaret performance artist, singer, actor, comedian and film director, David Hoyle at HOME. Commissioned by Contact, Diamond explores LGBT history spanning the 60-year period from 1957 to 2017 through the personal biography of Hoyle. Weaving together intimate personal accounts and landmark events, the show charts David's rise from gay adolescent in Blackpool in the north of England, to famous Channel 4 anti-drag queen cult phenomena.

7:45pm, Monday 11th June

HOME, 2 Tony Wilson Place M15 4FN

Continues to 13th June

**Book at www.homemcr.org (16+) / £12.50
(concessions available)**

Soapbox



2pm-7pm, Friday 8th June

2pm-7pm, Saturday 9th June

2pm-6pm, Sunday 10th June

All Saints Park, Oxford Road M15 6B

Get on your Soapbox!

We welcome you to spend some time with us listening to an eclectic mix of people who want to have their say around the themes of the festival.

From theatre performances about the suffragettes and recreations of historical moments to raps about the effect of critical debt and live music inspired by protest. It's all happening in All Saints Park.

A great lineup of comperes will stomp the soapbox. **Reece Williams, Shirley May, Liv Barnes** from **Young Identity Collective**, and punk poet **Toria Garbutt** will keep order as well as sharing some of their own spoken words and verse.

Special guests **RE:CON** (Contacts Young Producers and Programmers) will curate an hour of their own performances. The amazing and imaginative storyteller and author **Michelle Green** will give a public reading of **'There Are Five Ways Out Of This Room'** which focuses on the plight of the suffragettes.

Don't worry if you haven't already signed up, each day there will be Open Mic slots where you can step aboard our hustings, designed and made by architecture students from Manchester Metropolitan University and The University of Manchester to have your say.

All Saint's Park will be transformed for Soapbox with placards and banners, including a huge reproduction of the iconic CND symbol as part of CND's UK-wide tour to mark the 60th anniversary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Check the Manchester Histories website for a full programme of speakers.

Soapbox is a collaboration between Manchester Histories and Manchester Metropolitan University, and has been kindly supported by Laing O'Rourke.

Booking not required / FREE

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For maps to individual venues and further travel information please check the Manchester Histories website: www.manchesterhistories.co.uk

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From 8th-11th June the Manchester Histories Festival hub will be located at Manchester Central Library.
Visit us for information or recommendations.

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