



ECHOES OF HOLLOWAY PRISON

13 July - 8 October 2018

Islington Museum

245 St John Street, London EC1V 4NB
Open Monday - Saturday 10am-5pm
(closed Wednesday and Sunday)

Free Admission

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Holloway Prison has been an important landmark in Islington for over 150 years. Thousands of women passed through its doors until it closed in 2016. This exhibition explores their stories.

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HIDDEN VOICES FROM BEHIND THE WALLS



In partnership with Holloway Prison Stories
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Holloway Prison has been an important landmark in Islington for over 150 years. Until summer 2016 it was the largest women's prison in Britain. Many well-known prisoners have been held at the prison, but there are many voices which remain unknown and unrecorded.

This project, run by Islington Heritage Service, seeks to capture stories of this highly significant place meaning that, even now it has gone, the voices and echoes of Holloway Prison will remain.

FREE EVENTS PROGRAMME

Walk: Winning the Vote: Islington women

28 July 11am

23 August 6:30pm

18 September 2pm

Starts: Cat and Mouse Library

Ends: Upper Holloway Overground Station.

Islington has been a key battlefield in the fight for women's rights. This 90-minute walk will introduce you to the suffragettes held at Holloway in their campaign for the vote, their attempt to blow up the prison and the site of the first birth control clinic for women. Led by a local CIGA guide.



Staged Reading: Constance and Kelly

30 July 6:30pm Islington Museum

Constance Markievicz: Suffragette! Socialist! Soldier! Pardoned from the death sentence after the Irish Easter Rising in 1916; Sent to HMP Holloway where she meets Kelly McCoy. It is 2015 and Kelly got 3 months for stealing baby milk... surely there's more to it?

Written and directed by Laura McCluskey. Includes graduates of Clean Break.

Workshop: Writing Holloway Prison

2 August 2-4pm Islington Museum

Resident artist and musician Hannah Hull has been creating poetry and music inspired by Holloway Prison. Join her at this workshop to explore her work and produce your own creative responses. No writing experience necessary!

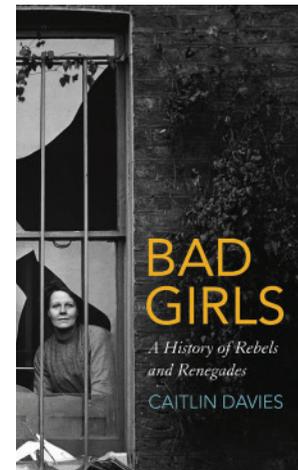
Talk: Freedom Fighters or Bad Girls?

7 August 6:30pm Finsbury Library

16 August 6:30pm Cat and Mouse Library

On 21 June 1906 the first suffragette was sent to Holloway Prison, the most infamous jail for women in Europe. In total, around 1300 suffragettes were arrested between 1906 and 1914, with the majority ending up in Holloway. What 'crimes' did they commit, how did they resist prison discipline, and did imprisonment strengthen their cause?

Caitlin Davies is a novelist, non-fiction author and award-winning journalist.



Bad Girls: A History of Rebels and Renegades grew out of her longstanding interest in Holloway Prison.



Workshop: Walking Holloway Prison

14 August 2-4pm Cat and Mouse Library

Resident artist and musician Hannah Hull will lead a tour around the outside perimeter of Holloway Prison, taking in views of the prison from the perspective of local residents. Join her to explore the physical and social relationship between the prison and the local area.

Workshop: Protest! Screen-printing

8 September 2-4pm Islington Museum

Holloway Prison has always been a site of protest, from the imprisonment of the suffragettes to the recent protests around its closure. Create your own screenprinted protest banner at this workshop in response to women's protests throughout the prison's history.

Talk: Minnie Lansbury

25 September 6:30pm Finsbury Library

Minnie Lansbury was an East End Suffragette, socialist, school teacher, champion of the victims of war, and rebel councillor. She was held at Holloway Prison for six weeks following the Poplar Rates Rebellion in 1921 which won its fight to redistribute funding from rich to poorer boroughs. Janine Booth tells her story.

Workshop: The Empty Space of Holloway Prison

27 September 6pm to 8pm

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This workshop will explore photographs taken of Holloway Prison after it closed. What can we learn about prison life? How did women held at Holloway make the space their own? We will hold discussion around institutional spaces, women and punishment, memory, the potential and limits of photography, and visual research methodologies. Led by Carly Guest and Rachel Seogig of Middlesex University.

Workshop: Reclaiming Holloway

4 October 6pm to 8pm

Islington Museum

In May 2017, North London Sisters Uncut occupied Holloway Prison's Visitors Centre, claiming the space for the local community. In this session, representatives from Sisters Uncut will talk about reclaiming Holloway Prison and explore ways to create radical community spaces.

Under 5s & Families

Storytelling: Suffragettes!

9 August 10-11.30am

Islington Museum

13 August 10-11.30am

Finsbury Library



Join Storyteller Dani on a journey back in time and meet some real life heroines. Who was the Suffragette who knew jujitsu? Why were purple, white and green the colours of the suffragettes? And how did they cause trouble fighting for their rights?

Family Day:

Inside Out Holloway!



2 August 10-12pm Islington Museum

28 August 10-12pm Islington Museum

Inspired by the badge awarded to all suffragettes held at Holloway Prison, explore the history of protest at Holloway inside and out. Create your own flag or badge – a piece of history to take home!

How to Book

All events are free. Book at echoesofhollowayprison.com or call Islington Museum on **020 7527 2837**.

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