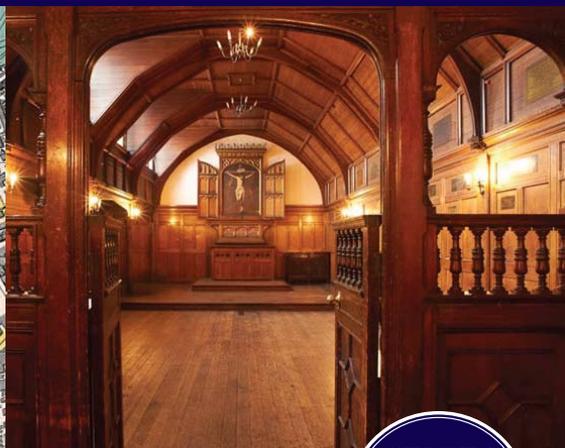


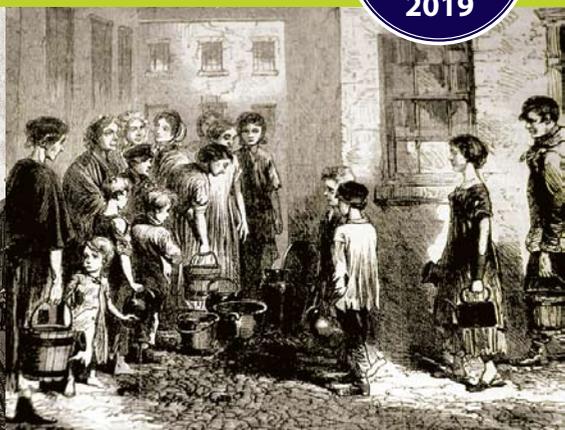
# VICTORIAN FOOTPRINTS

Exploring Bethnal Green in the 19th Century



Sign up now for Oxford House's **FREE** community heritage project

**STARTS  
FRIDAY  
11 JAN  
2019**





## What's this project about?

Bethnal Green was transformed during Victorian times. Housing was developed, schools and churches were built, trades such as furniture making expanded, shops and pubs proliferated. Victorian reformers also made their mark – at the museum, asylum, settlements and parks. With your help, we aim to uncover, interpret and share Bethnal Green's remarkable history.

Since 1884, Oxford House has been part of the fabric of local life and this project will help place it in its historical and local context. During a ten-week series of hands-on history workshops, guided walks, online research sessions, and site visits we'll take a closer look at the neighbourhood. We'll use old maps, photographs, census returns, newspapers and other historical records to explore how Bethnal Green developed. And we'll head out to see surviving evidence of Victorian life.

To share our discoveries, we'll work together to create a 'Victorian Footprints' exhibition and booklet. These will form part of the celebrations marking the re-opening of Oxford House in Spring 2019, after the current refurbishment is completed.

## Who's it for?

The project is open to all, with priority given to those living in Tower Hamlets. Perhaps you're curious about who lived and worked in Victorian Bethnal Green, how the streets and buildings took shape, or how social activists made their mark on the neighbourhood. Or maybe you're keen to try your hand at some original historical research or writing. Either way, you'll get something out of this project.

The workshops are pitched at a level that is accessible to all; if you're a beginner, we'll give you a helping hand, and if you're more experienced, this will offer an interesting theme on which to hone your research skills.

## When and where?

The project runs on ten Fridays, from 10am – 1pm, starting on Friday 11th January and ending on Friday 15th March 2019. To get the most out of the project you'll need to attend all of the sessions. When you sign up, you'll receive full joining instructions.

The sessions take place in various locations – at Oxford House, Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives, Bow Idea Store, and on guided walks and visits in Bethnal Green.



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## Exploring Bethnal Green in the 19th Century

- ✿ Delve into the history of Bethnal Green in Victorian times
- ✿ Get to grips with old maps, photos, census returns, newspapers and other historical records
- ✿ Take a closer look at landmark buildings on guided walks and behind-the-scenes visits
- ✿ Discover more about 19th century life – at home, at work, and socially – and the impetus for Oxford House being established in 1884
- ✿ Undertake your own research into local streets and landmarks
- ✿ Work together to create a 'Victorian Footprints' exhibition and booklet to share your research with others

**Sound interesting?** Then join us on the **VICTORIAN FOOTPRINTS** project, starting on Friday 11th January 2019.

**FREE!**

## Project leaders

**Graham Barker** is a journalist and walk guide with a keen interest in East End history. He writes walk features for Our East End, manages the Tower Hamlets health walk programme, and develops pop-up community projects spanning heritage, journalism and photography.



As the Heritage Officer (Learning and Participation) at Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives, **Halima Khanom** works with community organisations, runs school workshops, and programmes local history related events.

## To book your place

Email [graham@walkeast.org](mailto:graham@walkeast.org)  
Or call Graham on 0791 922 1806

Or complete the application form below and post it to:  
Walk East, The Old Bakery,  
4 Stepney Green, London, E1 3JU



*"I love East End history, and learnt how to use historical resources – old photos, trade directories, and so on – to make sense of the places we visited. I now want to research the history of my street."*

Participant on a previous Walk East heritage project

## Application Form

Name	
Address	
	Postcode
Telephone	
Email	
Signed	Date

We will confirm your place as soon as possible, and send you further details before the first session date. To get the most out of this project you'll need to attend all ten sessions. Priority will be given to Tower Hamlets residents.

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