

Last four weeks closing 29 August

Dream to Change the World Exhibition THE LIFE & LEGACY OF JOHN LA ROSE

Islington Museum: 245 St John Street, London EC1V 4NB

Open from 10am – 5pm

Closed on Wednesday and Sunday

Comments from the visitor's book

“Excellent! Wonderful to see this articulate and poignant tribute in words and pictures to a legendary fighter for social justice.”

“Just shows nothing's impossible, no mountain's too high to climb. What an inspiring exhibition.”

“What a rich history of struggle and success in our community. A very poignant exhibition which also encompasses part of my history...let's share it with our youth.”

“John's legacy lives on, and this exhibition shows the depths of the foundations he laid.”

John La Rose (1927-2006) was a cultural and political figure – an essayist, film maker, poet and trade unionist – who belonged to a Caribbean tradition of radical and revolutionary activism. He touched the lives of many people around the world.

The exhibition covers in particular the period since John's arrival in north London in 1961 to his death in 2006. It provides information on the campaigns and organizations he was involved in both in the UK and abroad, including the George Padmore Institute, New Beacon Books, the New Cross Massacre Campaign and the International Book Fair of Radical Black and Third World Books, to name but a few. The exhibition includes photographs, leaflets, posters, letters, recordings, film clips, a well-travelled briefcase (to the 1968 Havana Cultural Congress and back again) plus a reconstruction of John's kitchen table around which so much discussion and planning went on.

The exhibition aims to draw out the lessons of John La Rose's life – his methods and principles – both to tell visitors what he achieved but also to give them the inspiration and power to dream and achieve themselves. His truly was a **Dream to Change the World**.

The Exhibition is mounted by the George Padmore Institute in association with Islington Museum.

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