# Working with the Society's Collections

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- Workshop Programme
- 20 June 2016
- RGS-IBG Education Centre

Organised by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), this event is aimed at individuals working with Diaspora community groups planning to develop exhibitions as part of planned heritage project outputs, to inform and reach wide public audiences.

Using the Society's 2-million strong geographical collections as the basis for its work with Diaspora communities, the Society is well-placed to share information and experience gathered over a 10 year period on the processes involved in commencing projects of this kind, both in terms of providing orientation and guidance on how best to engage with a diverse collection of photographs, archive material, artefacts, maps and journals, but also in mapping out the timescales, budgetary and other practical logistics which may benefit those considering an application to a funding body.

In addition to a range of presentations by Society staff, the event will also include contributions by representatives of community groups and other users who have worked with the Society on exhibition-related projects. The event will include an 'open house' display from the Society's Collections.

## **Programme**

**9.15 Registration** (Exhibition Road entrance)

9.30-9.45 Welcome, followed by:

#### The Society's Collections, Access and Applications

Caitlin Watson, Head of Public Engagement and Communications, RGS-IBG

#### 9.45-10.00 Using the Collections for Community Projects

Eugene Rae, Principal Librarian, RGS-IBG

#### 10.00-10.15 Using the Collections for Research

Dr Stephanie Wyse, Project coordinator: Learning, teaching and accreditation, RGS-IBG

#### **Case Studies**

## 10.15 Case Study 1: The Society's 'Crossing Continents' project

Alasdair MacLeod, Head of Enterprise and Resources, RGS-IBG

#### 10.30 Case Study 2: 'Making Freedom' exhibition

Arthur Torrington, Project Director, 'Making Freedom' exhibition (2013) and Secretary, Windrush Foundation

## 10.45 Case Study 3: 'Collections and family and community history'

Chandan Mahal, PHD Student, Queen Mary, University of London

#### 10.45-11.15 Refreshment Break

Panels from the Society's exhibition 'Hidden Histories of Exploration' will be on display in the Main Hall, where there will be time for networking with other delegates and Society staff.

### 11.15-11.30 Exhibition Planning

Alasdair MacLeod, Head of Enterprise and Resources, RGS-IBG

#### 11.30-12.00 Q&A and Conclusions Chaired by Caitlin Watson

#### 12.00-2.00

'Open House' Collections display in the Foyle Reading Room linked to the Case Studies, above, and an opportunity to meet members of the Collections team.

A sandwich lunch will be provided in the Main Hall during this time.

#### 2.00 Ends

#### The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) is located at:

1 Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR Tel: 020 7591 3000

Our main entrance for visitors is on Exhibition Road.

## Getting to the Society

#### Tube



South Kensington (Circle, District and Piccadilly Lines) - a 10 to 15 minute walk up Exhibition Road (beyond the Science Museum and Imperial College) to the Society.

Knightsbridge (Piccadilly Line) - a 15 minute walk along Kensington Road to the Society. Lancaster Gate (Central Line) - a 15 to 20 minute walk across Hyde Park to the Society.

#### Bus



There are several bus routes which stop outside or within the vicinity of the Society building.

- 9: Hammersmith/Aldwych
- 10: Hammersmith/King's Cross
- 52: Willesden/Victoria
- 360: Kensington/Elephant and Castle
- 452: Wandsworth/Willesden

# Rail



The nearest mainline railway stations are London Victoria (you can then take the 52 bus to the Society) and London Paddington (a 25 minute walk to the Society).

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