

Venue Details:

Merton Arts Space

Admission FREE

Compton Rd,
Wimbledon,
London SW19 7QA

Tel. 020 8274 5757
Merton.ArtSpace@merton.gov.uk

Merton Heritage Centre,

Merton Civic Centre,
London Rd.
Morden. SM4 5DX

Monday - Friday 9.30am - 7pm
Saturday : 9.30am - 5pm
Tel. 020 8545 3239
www.merton.gov.uk/heritage

Mitcham Library,

157 London Rd,
Mitcham. CR4 2YR

Monday - Friday 9.30am - 7pm
Saturday : 9.30am - 5pm
www.merton.gov.uk/libraries

Museum of Wimbledon,

22 The Ridgway,
Wimbledon,
London SW19 4QN

Weekends 2.30pm to 5pm
Tel: 020 8296 9914
www.wimbledonmuseum.org.uk

Raynes Park Library

21 Approach Rd,
London SW20 8BA

Monday - Friday 9.30am - 7pm
Saturday : 9.30am - 5pm
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Wimbledon Library

35 Wimbledon Hill Road
Wimbledon
SW19 7NB

Monday - Friday 9.30am - 7pm
Saturday : 9.30am - 5pm
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The Women's Suffrage Campaign in Merton: A Centenary Programme.

Merton Heritage Service is working with local museums, heritage and community groups to stage a series of activities to mark the centenary of votes for women in the UK.

Our programme includes exhibitions, talks, drama, guided walks and school sessions designed to highlight the courage and determination of women's suffrage campaigners from our borough.



TALKS:

21 July, 2 - 4 pm, Colliers Wood Library.

Our Cycling Suffragette.

The bicycle, a symbol of women's emancipation since the 1890s, proved useful to the suffrage campaign. This talk by Hugh Morgan will feature the country's most significant and influential cycling suffragette - Merton and Wimbledon campaigner Rose Lamartine Yates.



17 August, 2—3.30pm. Raynes Park Library Hall

Fighting for a voice.

Women's suffrage campaigners faced many challenges from public hostility and Parliamentary stalling, to prison terms, force-feeding and the threat of job loss or family breakdown. Using their own words, this talk will reveal more about their experiences.

15 September, 2 - 4pm, Merton Heritage Centre, Morden Library

Housewives and Heroines.

Discover how Merton women have influenced both local and British history - from writers and social reformers, to medical pioneers, artists and the stars of stage and screen.

16 October, 10.30am - 12 noon, West Barnes Library

Women's Suffrage in Merton.

During the late 19th and early 20th centuries Merton played a key part in the battle to secure votes for women. This illustrated talk by Heritage Officer, Sarah Gould, will reveal more about the local people, places and events linked to suffrage campaign.

Admission to all the talks is FREE.

For event bookings / information:

Tel. 020 8545 3239 / Email: local.studies@merton.gov.uk



DRAMA:

8th - 14th October, Merton Arts Space, Wimbledon Library

The Suffragette Project:

A new touring play about Rose Lamartine Yates

Merton's Attic Theatre Company presents a new drama inspired by Merton's most famous suffragette.

In addition to performances at Wimbledon Library, the play will be touring until 28 October 2018. We are keen to bring the performance to community groups, schools and historic sites across the area.

If you would like to recommend a space and a group who could host the play, please email: jonny@attictheatrecompany.com

For more details contact Attic Theatre. Tel. 020 8640 6800

Twitter: @attictheatreco or visit attictheatrecompany.com

VOTES FOR WOMEN : A GUIDED WALK:



23 June, 10.30am - 1.00pm.

Walk in the footsteps of a generation of pioneering women...

As part of our programme to mark the Vote 100 centenary, Merton Heritage Service is staging a free guided walk featuring sites linked to the women's suffrage campaign in Merton and Wimbledon.

Walking at a gentle pace, we will highlight the former homes of Merton suffragettes, campaign headquarters and venues used for fundraising and suffrage meetings. There will also be the opportunity to view suffrage collections held by the John Innes Society and the Museum of Wimbledon.

The walk covers 3 miles and will include a short bus journey. Refreshments will be available on route.

Starts: Merton Park tram stop. Ends: Museum of Wimbledon

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EXHIBITIONS:



From June 2018, Museum of Wimbledon

Suffragettes, Suffragists, Scientists and Campaigners.

An exhibition highlighting the work of pioneering female geologists, and women's suffrage campaigners from the Wimbledon area, plus their connections to the museum and its collections.

Information: 020 8296 9914. www.wimbledonmuseum.org.uk

9 - 28 July, Mitcham Library

Merton Memories : Captured on Camera:

Historic images featuring the lives of Merton women from 1869 to the present day.

1 October - 1 November, Merton Heritage Centre, Morden Library

Freedom, Votes, Equality.

Featuring historic material from local museums, societies and private collections, this exhibition will cover the history of women's suffrage in Merton.

29 October - 30 November, Merton Heritage Centre

Keep the Home Fires Burning.

The role of Merton women on the Home Front during World War 1.

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REMINISCENCE SESSIONS:

As part of the Vote 100 celebrations, Merton's heritage staff want to film short interviews with local residents about their memories of voting for the first time.

Can you remember the first time you voted? Why do you think it is important to vote? Do you feel your vote makes a difference? Whether you are 18 or 80, tell us what your vote means to you.

We will be scheduling recording sessions as part of **Democracy Week (2 - 6 July, 2018.)**

If you would like to share your memories for posterity and add to our knowledge of Merton's heritage, please contact:

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SCHOOL SESSIONS:

June - July 2018.

Suffragette crafts (for Primary schools)

This 2 hour session combines an introduction to women's suffrage in Merton, with the opportunity to make a suffrage pennant, sash or rosette. We will display the children's work at Merton Arts Space as a backdrop to the Attic Theatre "Suffragettes" play in October.

Discover more about Merton's suffragettes...

Between September and October we are offering primary schools the chance to take part in a suffrage themed class session.

This includes an illustrated talk and first-hand access to historic sources from maps and photographs, to historic newspapers.

For more information: Tel. 020 8545 3239



COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS:

The John Innes Society is planning a number of events to mark the centenary of women's suffrage. These include:

30 June, 2 - 5pm

A suffragette garden party.

Staged in the grounds of Dorset Hall, former home of suffragette Rose Lamartine Yates, this event will feature a series of talks by suffrage historians, artwork produced by local schools and afternoon tea.

Rose for Rose: the Society also hopes to get a new rose named in honour of Mrs. Lamartine Yates, who was Organising Secretary of the Wimbledon Women's Social and Political Union. If successful, the commemorative rosebush will be planted in local parks, close to Rose's family home at Dorset Hall, Merton Park.

Planning for these events is now in its final stages.