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Newington Green Meeting House:
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Calling all Hackney & Islington secondary schools!

Create an artwork inspired by Hackney's famous former resident and mother of feminism, Mary Wollstonecraft, and win a chance to have your artwork on permanent display at Newington Green Meeting House

The **Newington Green Meeting House: Revolutionary Ideas project** and **Hackney Museum** are working together to celebrate the life and work of Mary Wollstonecraft, Britain's first feminist and famous local resident, and we'd love secondary schools in Hackney and Islington to join us!

Any questions please contact:
amy@new-unity.org or visit
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Who was Mary Wollstonecraft?

Mary came to Newington Green in 1784 to open a school for girls and attended Newington Green Meeting House, which still stands today as New Unity - London's non-religious church. Mary arrived in Newington Green at a revolutionary time in British history where many people were questioning how the country should be run, why certain people didn't get the same rights as others, and how people could work together to make the world a better place. Mary was inspired by the people she met at Newington Green and went on to write 'Vindication of the Rights of Woman', which is now considered a key text of early Feminism.

How can you get involved?

To mark the 262nd anniversary of her birth we are asking secondary school students in Hackney and Islington to create a piece of art inspired by Mary's story and her time at Newington Green. Ten entries, shortlisted by a panel of judges including the 'Fandangoe Kid' and the Mayor of Hackney, will then be displayed at Newington Green Meeting House from 11th January 2021 - 30th March. The artists and their teachers will be invited to an awards event, where the winner will be announced and given their prize (£150 art materials voucher). The winner's piece will then be on permanent display in the only surviving building connected to Mary Wollstonecraft, Newington Green Meeting House.

Key information

- Resources, including supporting guides for students and teachers with historical information, tips and inspiration, are available at NGMH.org.uk
 - Virtual Information Session for teachers on **Friday 3rd July, 4-5pm via Zoom (RSVP to amy@new-unity.org)**
 - Various forms of 'art' can be submitted, whether that may be drawings, paintings, collage, sculpture, or a recorded live art performance. We're open to ideas outside of these suggestions too, but we need to make sure that this could fit in the Meeting House so we ask for entries to be no more than 1m tall/wide.
 - Artwork must be submitted to amy@new-unity.org by 14 December by attaching a digital photo (or, if more appropriate a film) of each entry. Each entry must be submitted with a short supporting statement (approximately 300 words) which should clearly explain the links between the work and the life of Mary Wollstonecraft.
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