

Estorick Collection and Union Chapel - Sunday School Stories workshops

We are excited to offer free workshops for Year 9-13 students and young people up to 25yo, exploring **Union Chapel's 200+ years archive** and Islington's rich history through archival practices and Futurist experimental artistic methodologies.

The workshops aim to:

1. Introduce students **Union Chapel's history of Social Justice, Music and Heritage and Islington's rich community experiences** focusing on themes of resistance, solidarity, and cultural contribution.
2. Encourage students to engage with archival materials, including photographs, documents, and artworks, to understand how history shapes our present and future.
3. Guide students in using experimental artistic techniques to design their own posters, which will reflect their interpretations of different cultural and socio-historical themes and visions for an inclusive future.

Workshop Structure:

- Morning Session: Archival Exploration & brainstorming

Students will be introduced to archival materials learning how to interpret and engage with these resources.

- Afternoon Session: Artistic Experimentation & Production

Using futurist methodologies, students will experiment with creative techniques to develop their own poster designs.

Exhibition Opportunity:

The posters created by your students will be exhibited at Union Chapel in June 2026 **as part of "Your Story Festival of Social Change"**, providing a platform for their work to be celebrated by the wider community. This is a unique opportunity for students to contribute to a public exhibition and engage with themes of social justice and inclusivity.

Practical Details:

Delivery: 1 full day 10am-4pm (Mondays or Tuesdays) at the Estorick Collection with a packed lunch break at Union Chapel or split over 2 days 10am-12.30pm & 1.30pm-4pm.

Please enquire with your preference including date (between November 2025 and March 2026) and time to Luca: education@estorickcollection.com

Themes:

Celebrating Black History: Black Stories, Art, & Futures

Feminist Voices, Future Visions

Co-Designing Spaces: Inclusive Buildings for a Better Tomorrow

Tales of Dissent, Resistance and Defiance

Celebrating Pride History: Diversity & Social Justice

Cost: Fully funded – no cost to the school or students.

These workshops align with the values of diversity, inclusivity, creativity, and social awareness, offering students a chance to explore important historical and cultural themes while developing their artistic and critical thinking skills.