

Saturday 22nd - London Open House

Kingsley Hall is a Grade II listed building designed by Charles Cowles-Voysey for Muriel and Doris Lester and the people of Bow.

11.00 am - 6.00 pm Ground floor exhibitions; with tours on the hour from 12 pm, last one 5 pm.

11.00 am - 5.30 pm 3 Bees Café open

Friday 28th

4.00 - 9.00 pm 3 Bees Café open

3.00 - 4.45 pm Bromley by Bow: in the Footsteps of Muriel and Doris Lester

Join prize-winning Blue Badge guide Rachel Kolsky and discover the fascinating history of Bromley by Bow. Starts at Bromley by Bow Station and ends with a tour of Kingsley Hall. Book in advance at Eventbrite:

eventbrite.co.uk/o/kingsley-hall-community-centre-17754533812

7.30 - 10.00 pm

Bow Drama Group: Common Women

Staged reading of a play by Jill Truman, with songs. (30 minutes interval)

Women made a protest against nuclear weapons back in the 1980s. They set up camp in the open air at the gates of Greenham Common missile base. There they resisted for years through winter cold, mud, and police rough handling.

In this play, a woman who was there shows what it was like.

Saturday 29th - Kingsley Strings - Music for Muriel and Doris

2.30 pm - 4.00 pm The Cookham Quartet accompanies refreshments in the Café.

4.00 pm - 4.45 pm Why Kingsley Hall? - a talk exploring the Lester sisters' work, with pictures from the Muriel Lester Archive.

5.00 pm - 5.45 pm The Cookham Quartet play the Peter Pan Suite by Henry Walford Davies, composer and broadcaster, who laid the Stone of Music when building started at Kingsley Hall in 1927. (Main Hall)

6.00 pm - 6.45 pm Light meals in the Café

7.00 pm - 8.15 pm The Auralio String Quartet play two quartet movements by suffragette composer Dame Ethel Smyth, plus Bollywood tunes, a Cockney singalong, and more... (15 minutes interval)

2.30 pm - 9.00 pm 3 Bees Café open

Tuesday 2nd October

3.00 pm - 4.30 pm You are invited to join us to open the World Peace Pathway in the Kingsley Hall Peace Garden.

Stones or sand from every country in the world have been placed under the Path. At its centre is a solar-powered World Peace Flame light, symbolising the healing light of peace, and words for peace in different languages are carved on the outer circle of the Pathway.

Please walk around the world and add your prayers, hopes and wishes for peace.

7.00 - 10.00 pm Eastbeat, a night of poetry and music; *El Salvador Vencera*, remembering Phillip Wearne and Henry Bran

Kingsley Hall

90th

Anniversary

September 2018

A month of free events,
with music, dance, tours,
exhibitions and memories

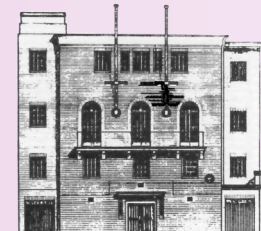
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Tuesday 4th September

4.00 - 7.00 pm 3 Bees Café open

6.00 - 6.45 pm Kingsley Hall tour

7.00 - 10.00 pm Eastbeat remembering Jazzman John, poetry & music night with John Stiles, Anne Pigalle, Marcello Patruno & Paul Romane, Mike Parsons & Abe Gibson.

Saturday 8th

4.00 pm - 8.30 pm 3 Bees Café open

4.30 and 5.30pm Tours and Exhibitions

6.30 - 7.15pm Lindy Hop performance

7.30 pm - 10.00 pm Eastbeat presents Richie Milton & The Lowdown with special guest, Bill Farrow.

Tuesdays 11th, 18th, 25th and October 2nd

4.00 pm - 7.00 pm 3 Bees Café open

4.30 pm - 5.15 pm Kingsley Hall Tour and Exhibitions

Exhibitions and Tours of Kingsley Hall

During the guided tours of the building, lasting about 45 minutes, you will discover the little-known story of the lives and work of two amazing women, Muriel and Doris Lester, founders of Kingsley Hall.

Original documents, objects, photographs and film bring to life the fascinating history of Kingsley Hall, including Gandhi's visit in 1931, and the period from 1965 to 1970, when radical psychiatrist R.D. Laing's Philadelphia Association turned the building into an experimental therapeutic community.

Saturday 15th - 90th Anniversary

12.00 pm - 2.45 pm

Remembering Kingsley Hall

An opportunity to discover more about the history of Kingsley Hall, and to share your own memories.

1.00 pm - 1.45 pm In Our Own Words

Recorded voices of people who knew Kingsley Hall and the Lester sisters from the 1920s to the 1960s, with pictures from the Muriel Lester Archive at Bishopsgate Library.

1.45 pm - 2.15 pm The Story of Kingsley Hall, Dagenham told by Tony Lucas.

3.00 pm - 5.00pm - Tea Dance, with Ansell Chezan (interval 3.45 - 4.15 pm).

3.00 pm and 4.30pm Tours of Kingsley Hall and Exhibitions

12.00 pm - 5.30 pm 3 Bees Café open



Kingsley Hall and the Lester Sisters

Kingsley Hall opened on 15 September 1928. Thanks to the support of generations of local volunteers and campaigners, it is still a well-loved community centre for the communities of Bromley by Bow.

Muriel and Doris Lester, founders of Kingsley Hall, Children's House Nursery School and Kingsley Hall Dagenham, were Christian Socialists, pacifists, feminists, internationalists and educationalists who spent their lives working for peace and social equality.

Their family was wealthy, but in 1908 the two young women moved to Bromley by Bow in the East End and developed social, educational and entertainment activities with local people.

Muriel was a friend of M.K. Gandhi, and at her invitation he made Kingsley Hall his base when he visited London in 1931.

Muriel travelled the world campaigning for peace until the 1950s. She died in 1968 - 50 years ago.



All events free. Donations very welcome. Go online for more details.



The ground floor of Kingsley Hall is accessible. The tour of the building includes several flights of stairs.