

The Survey of London launches 'Histories of Whitechapel' interactive website.

On 16 September 2016, the Survey of London is launching an innovative, interactive new website entitled 'Histories of Whitechapel' and is inviting anyone with an interest in or experiences of Whitechapel's long and rich history to contribute.

The map-based website, designed with The Bartlett's Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis (CASA) and supported by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), aims to be a collaborative and experimental resource, collecting memories, photographs, drawings and film together with the Survey's own historical research on the area.

By contributing knowledge and experiences, participants can help the Survey of London bring together diverse and personal histories of the buildings, streets and neighbourhoods of Whitechapel. Visitors can explore the map and click on any building to discover more about its rich history of housing, commerce, religion and entertainment, wealth and poverty, dissent, reform and conflict, or sign up and share their own material.

The 'Histories of Whitechapel' website will be an active, evolving project for the next two years, after which the findings will be published as volume 54 in the Survey's series of detailed studies of London.

Visit the 'Histories of Whitechapel' website here: <https://surveyoflondon.org/>

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Notes to Editors:

About the Survey of London

The Survey of London was founded in 1894 by the Arts and Crafts architect C. R. Ashbee. It is the leading reference work on the history of London and its buildings, internationally acknowledged for its authority and accessibility. It has published fifty volumes in its main series, most recently covering Clerkenwell, Woolwich and Battersea. Volumes on South-eastern Marylebone (the area between Oxford Street and the Marylebone Road) will be published in 2017 and another on Oxford Street itself is in the pipeline.

In 2013 the Survey of London became part of The Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL, from where it continues its detailed architectural and topographical research.

About CASA

CASA is a research and teaching centre within The Bartlett, UCL's Faculty of the Built Environment. Since 1995, it has been at the cutting edge of research using mathematical methods and computing technology in geography, regional science, and urban systems theory.

About The Bartlett, UCL's Faculty of the Built Environment

The Bartlett is the most comprehensive faculty of its kind in the UK, with sections spanning the entire area of study and research. Bartlett research into transport corridors and land use has shaped government policy on the UK's national high-speed rail network, as well as the Crossrail, Thameslink and Overground networks that are improving transport links for millions of people through and around London.

It has brought about changes to the UK Building Regulations with findings about heat losses through cavity party walls – changes that will make new homes significantly more energy-efficient and knock millions of pounds off energy bills.

Its research into space and planning helped to make Trafalgar Square a more pedestrian-friendly public space, and produced models that anticipated crowd behaviour at the Notting Hill Carnival, Tate Britain, Covent Garden, and at the Hajj pilgrimage in Mecca.

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