



EXHIBITION &
EVENT GUIDE
March – September 2020



**LIVING
MEMORY**
Photography and Life Stories
from across the Black Country

Introduction

As the Living Memory Project enters its last phase in the Black Country, we are delighted to announce our final series of exhibitions, talks and events across Dudley, Sandwell, Wolverhampton and Walsall.

Thanks to funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and others, this two-year project worked across the region, recording and sharing everyday life stories told through precious personal photography collections. It is based on the foundation that personal photographs and life stories are a vital part of our cultural heritage that continually needs to be preserved and celebrated. To this effect, our team has worked with over 50 volunteers and project workers to hold over 120 showcase events, pop-up exhibitions, talks, practical training sessions and creative workshops between 2018 and 2020. We are now hosting a range of exhibitions, events and talks over the next few months to reflect this hugely diverse and vibrant project.

With additional funding from Arts Council England, we commissioned 11 artists to work alongside individuals and groups to explore different ways our photographs and stories help us make sense of the past and our place in the present. Through their vibrant and innovative projects, they have worked with hundreds of participants to explore new approaches, ideas and insights about our photography and everyday life.

The varied stories and photographs shared with the project reflect the some of the challenges and changes that have dramatically affected our everyday lives over the last 70 years – the radical transformation of our industrial landscape and working practices, the impact of digital technologies including the rise of social media, and the effects of a consumer-driven society. The shared stories and photographs capture the challenges and highlights of daily life against the backdrop of these changes, and provide us with an insight into our sense of belonging and identity over changing times.

The Living Memory Project culminates with our showcase exhibition at the New Art Gallery Walsall, the launch of the Living Memory book, and the release of our commissioned films. We really hope to see you at one of the many talks, exhibitions and events scheduled over the coming months.

Geoff Broadway
Project Director



Exhibitions



RAISING HER VOICE

13th March 2020

1pm — 3pm

The Crossing at St Pauls,
Darwall St, Walsall, WS11DA

Caroline Molloy will be presenting her new film *Women of Walsall* at the *Raising Her Voice* event marking International Women's Day, organised by Walsall for All. Over 130 participants took part in this ambitious project to celebrate Walsall women, past and present.



A CELEBRATION OF GRACE MARY TO LION FARM

14th March 2020

1pm — 5pm

Oakham Evangelical Church,
City Rd, Tividale, Oldbury, B69 1QZ

A special Living Memory showcase featuring local photographs and life stories from across the local area, a selection of commissioned films, live music from Emily Badger, Billy Spakemon and Brendan Hawthorne, and a free pop-up family-photo studio.



DUDLEY ARCHIVES

1st April 2020 — 30th July 2020

Dudley Archives & Local History Centre.
Tipton Road, Dudley, DY1 4SQ

An exhibition of new work from three of our commissioned artists who worked across Dudley in 2019 and 2020, and additional contributions from photography students at Dudley College of Technology and participants from workshops held at Gather in Dudley. The exhibition features Anand Chhabra's new series *Punjabi Workers in the Black Country 1960s-1990s* and Melanie Tomlinson's *The Place With No Name*. Bursary artist Naomi Clarke will also be presenting a selection of her work and samples of ongoing research (see talks section below).



ARTS CAFE, CENTRAL SIXTH

17th April 2020 — 15th May 2020

Arts Cafe, Central Sixth
New St, West Bromwich, B70 7PG

A new exhibition of photographs and life stories shared with the project over the last two years.



WILL KING AT DUDLEY ARCHIVES

21st April 2020 — 11th May 2020

Dudley Archives & Local History Centre,
Tipton Road, Dudley, DY1 4SQ

Highlights from the Will King photograph archive. Will took over 2000 photographs of life on the Black Country canals between 1946-1960.



NEWHAMPTON ARTS CENTRE

25th April — 7th May 2020

Newhampton Arts Centre
Dunkley St, Wolverhampton, WV1 4AN

Launch Event

Friday 24th April 6pm — 7.30pm

All welcome

A showcase of photographs and life stories from the Living Memory Project with a special retrospective from the Ned Williams collection. Ned has worked across the Black Country since the 1960s exploring and capturing the rich life of the area in his own unique way. These highly evocative images on display reflect his enduring passion over the decades as he explores cinemas and places of entertainment, fairgrounds and circuses, workplaces, high streets and much else besides.

Exhibitions (continued)



THE CITY WITH NO NAME

24th April – 7th May 2020

Newhampton Arts Centre,
Dunkley St, Wolverhampton, WV1 4AN

Commissioned artist Harmeet Chagger-Khan presents her new interactive work *The City With No Name*. The project is based around stories of identity and the sense of belonging. Working with *Women of Wolverhampton* (WOW) and *The Sketchbook Club* Harmeet explored stories about our commonalities, desires and struggles that make us human. Harmeet will be giving a talk about her work - see talks section below.



NEW ART GALLERY WALSALL

18th July 2020 — 27th Sept, 2020

Gallery Square, Walsall, WS2 8LG

Launch Event

18th July, 2pm — 3.30pm

All welcome

We are delighted to announce that our final exhibition will be held at the iconic New Art Gallery Walsall. This exhibition will be a comprehensive showcase from the Living Memory archive of personal photography and life stories as well as new artwork produced by the 11 commissioned artists. We will also be showing some of the rich and intricate work developed by participants in response to the project over the last two years.

Talks and Events



FARHAD BERAHMAN

3rd April 2020

5.30pm — 7.30pm

Caldmore Community Garden,
12 Carless St, Walsall WS1 3RH

Commissioned artist Farhad Berahman will be showcasing a selection from his new project *Traces* made during his residency at Caldmore Community Garden. As part of this special event, we will be exhibiting work produced by participants from the Afghan Camera workshops who went on to develop their own project.

Farhad will be giving an illustrated talk about his previous work and this project between 5.30pm — 6pm.



CAROLINE MOLLOY

13th March 2020

4pm — 6pm

The Crossing at St Pauls,
Darwall St, Walsall, WS1 1DA

As part of the *Raising Her Voice* event marking International Women's Day, Caroline will be chairing a panel-discussion that celebrates the achievements of women in Walsall. This event will bring together different women from across Walsall to share their experiences and stories, and discuss the many issues women face.

The event is free but is ticketed at tinyurl.com/t98yhux

Talks and Events (continued)



SANDWELL LITERATURE FESTIVAL

24th March 2020

1pm — 2pm

Smethwick Library

High St, Smethwick B66 1AA

The Living Memory Project's director Geoff Broadway will be discussing the impact of the project over the last two years and shares some most notable stories and photographs contributed over the last two years.



MELANIE TOMLINSON & ANAND CHHABRA

4th April 2020

Launch event and talks:

1.30pm — 4pm

Dudley Archives and Local History Centre

Tipton Rd, Dudley DY1 4SQ

To mark the public launch of this new exhibition at Dudley Archives, artists Melanie Tomlinson and Anand Chhabra will be presenting their new work and sharing insights into their practice.



ANDREW JACKSON, ANNEKA FRENCH, AND LEANNE O'CONNOR

9th April, 2020

1pm — 3.30pm

Smethwick Library

High St, Smethwick, B66 1AA

Artist and photographer Andrew Jackson will be presenting his new project *In The Night of The Day* which is a historical imagining of the lives of real-life strangers touched by war and the factual events which brought them together in a single day in 1941. Bursary artists Anneka French and Leanne O'Connor will also be sharing their research projects alongside a specially selected showcase of images and artefacts from the archives.



HARMEET CHAGGER-KHAN

24th April 2020

5pm — 6pm

Newhampton Arts Centre

Dunkley St, Wolverhampton, WV1 4AN

Harmeet will be talking about her new interactive work *The City With No Name* produced with *Women of Wolverhampton* at the Newhampton Arts Centre. Harmeet will also be discussing the project in the context of her wider practice about resilience and identity in a changing world.



JAGDISH PATEL

25th April, 2020

1pm — 4pm

Newhampton Arts Centre

Dunkley St, Wolverhampton, WV1 4AN

Bursary artist Jagdish will be hosting a drop-in event based around the history of race, activism and art in the Midlands. He will be talking about his ongoing research project in this area. Come along and learn more about this often hidden part of our history, and find out how you can contribute.



FAMILY TIES NETWORK

18th June, 2020

10.30am — 4.30pm

Coventry University

further details to be announced

We are delighted to be participating in the forthcoming Family Ties Network event *The Political Geographies of the Archive* at Coventry University. The day will feature talks by project director Geoff Broadway and two of our commissioned artists Harmeet Chagger-Khan and Caroline Molloy. The Family Ties Network is a research group of artists, filmmakers and writers, who explore memory, space, place and the family in photography and moving image.

Booking information will be announced shortly and linked here: <https://livingmemory.live/blog/>



The Living Memory Project: Book Launch



NEW ART GALLERY WALSALL

Saturday, May 9th, 2020

1.30pm — 3.30pm

New Art Gallery Walsall,
Gallery Square, Walsall, WS2 8LG

We are delighted to announce the launch of the Living Memory Project book. Come and join us to celebrate this comprehensive publication that covers all aspects of the project. The 500-page full-colour hardback publication includes extracts from over 50 life stories and photography collections, an overview of work produced by the 11 commissioned artists, a curated selection from the *Real Life Stories*, a range of new essays and much more.

The book will be on sale at the launch, in local outlets and online at livingmemory.live.

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Introduction — *Keith Hodgkins, View east from Beacon Hill, Sedgley, Bilston Steel Works in the distance. 6 August, 1979*

This page — *Melanie Tomlinson's grandmother, Rose, date unknown*

Back page — *Oldbury from Rowley Hills, 1980 (Jim Rippin), photo: Geoff Broadway, 2019*

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FAMILY TIES NETWORK	Living Memory artists present their new projects.	Coventry University further details to be announced	18th June, 2020 10.30am — 4.30pm
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