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## Press release

### Unlock your family's story at the Migration Museum's Family History Day

- A day-long central London event offering an accessible way for people to explore their family's history
- Featuring talks by celebrities and experts including *Who do you think you are?* star Robert Rinder, ask-the-expert sessions, photograph dating, interactive installations, workshops and more
- Delivered by the Migration Museum in partnership with National Trust, The National Archives and London Metropolitan Archives.

**19 SEPTEMBER 2019** With the increasing popularity of online genealogy tools and DNA testing kits, and the long-running success of programmes such as *Who do you think you are?*, there is a growing desire to find out where we come from and to uncover the stories of the ancestors that brought us here. But many of us don't know where to start – or have become stuck in our research and don't know where to turn next.

The Migration Museum's Family History Day, taking place in central London on Saturday 2 November 2019, offers an accessible way for audiences of all ages and backgrounds to unlock and explore their family's story.

Visitors will have the chance to find out more about genealogy and archival research, experience interactive installations on British history, hear from experts and social historians, and explore their own history at a series of stalls and workshops – leaving inspired and empowered to continue their research independently.

A selection of activities taking place include:

- Talks from a range of celebrities and experts, including Robert Rinder, TV presenter and star of a popular recent episode of *Who do you think you are?*; and Roger Kershaw of The National Archives.
- "Ask-the-expert" photograph dating with National Trust
- An installation illuminating the history of black Britons with the Black Cultural Archives
- Find out about the colonial legacies and migration heritage of Britain's stately homes with Dr Corrinne Fowler of the National Trust
- Search for relatives who served during WWI and WWII with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission
- Interactive artworks and installations, including a 10-foot migration stories 'flotilla'

Explaining the idea behind the event, Robyn Kasozi, Head of Public Engagement at the Migration Museum, said: "Our Family History Day aims to empower people to delve into their past and uncover their family's migration stories, both within the UK and beyond its borders."

"Through exploring our family's journeys, we aim to highlight the central role that migration has played in making us who we are today – as individuals, as communities and as a nation," Kasozi added.

The Migration Museum is delivering this event with a range of partners and organisations who will be sharing their expertise with visitors on the day, including National Trust, London Metropolitan Archives and The National Archives. The museum aims to run further Family History events and activities with a range of partners in 2020 and beyond.

This 500-capacity event will take place at The Workshop in Lambeth, the building in which the Migration Museum is currently located, just 10 minutes' walk from Vauxhall station and 15 minutes from Westminster and Waterloo. Tickets cost £5, including admission to all talks and activities, as well as a chance to view the Migration Museum's current exhibitions *Room to Breathe*.

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# Notes to editors

## Visitor information

**Date:** Saturday 2 November 2019

**Venue:** Migration Museum at The Workshop, 26 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7AG (Nearest stations: Vauxhall, Lambeth North, Westminster, Waterloo. Buses: 3, 77, 344, 360, 507, C10)

**Time:** 10.30am–4.30pm

**Tickets:** £5 (Book online at [migrationmuseum.org/familyhistory](http://migrationmuseum.org/familyhistory))

**More info:** [www.migrationmuseum.org/familyhistory](http://www.migrationmuseum.org/familyhistory)

## Partners, participants and speakers

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## About Migration Museum

The Migration Museum is exploring how the movement of people to and from Britain across the ages has shaped who we are – as individuals, as communities, and as a nation. We are doing this through staging exhibitions and events as we create an inspiring national Migration Museum, delivering a far-reaching education programme, and convening a knowledge-sharing network of museums and institutions across the UK. Our museum is currently housed at The Workshop, a temporary arts and community space in London. For more information, visit [www.migrationmuseum.org](http://www.migrationmuseum.org) or follow us on Twitter (@MigrationUK), and on Facebook and Instagram (both @MigrationMuseumUK).

## About National Trust

The National Trust is a conservation charity founded in 1895 by three people who saw the importance of our nation's heritage and open spaces, and wanted to preserve them for everyone to enjoy. More than 120 years later, these values are still at the heart of everything the charity does. Entirely independent of Government, the National Trust looks after more than 250,000 hectares of countryside, 778 miles of coastline and hundreds of special places across England, Wales and 4 Northern Ireland. More than 24 million people visit every year, and together with over 5 million members and 65,000 volunteers, they help to support the charity in its work to care for special places for ever, for everyone. For more information and ideas for great seasonal days out go to: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk).

## About The National Archives

The National Archives looks after and makes available to the public its collection of historical records dating back more than 1,000 years, including records as diverse as the Domesday Book and MI5 files. It is a world-leading cultural heritage organisation which promotes public accessibility to iconic documents while ensuring preservation for generations to come. It hosts talks, conferences and has an expanding events programme. The National Archives is a non-ministerial government department which is part of the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). It is the official archive for the UK government, and for England and Wales. Follow @UkNatArchives on Twitter, TheNationalArchives on Facebook, @NationalArchivesUK on Instagram or visit the website: [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk).

## About London Metropolitan Archives

London Metropolitan Archives is a public research centre which specialises in the history of London. Our services are free to use and open to everyone. We care for and provide access to the historical archives of businesses, schools, hospitals, charities and all manner of other organisations from the London area. With 100km of books, maps, photographs, films and documents dating back to 1067 in our strong rooms, we're proud to provide access to one of the finest city archives in the world - you could call it the memory of London. We also offer a wide range of events, including talks, guided tours, film screenings, exhibitions and workshops, many of which are free. You can find out more on about our services and see our latest events listings on our webpages at [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/lma](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/lma)

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