

# Bristol 1807

## A Sense of Place

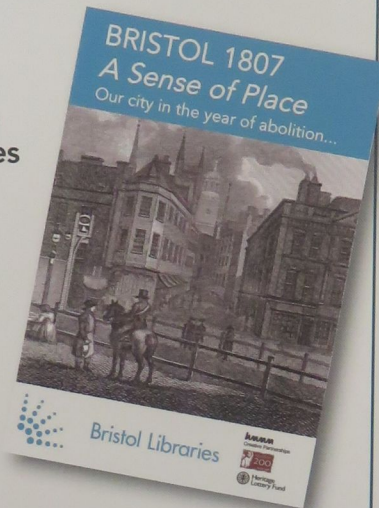
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### What's it all about?

This Heritage Lottery funded project has been running since October 2007. As part of the Abolition 200 programme the theme has been an exploration of the lives of the people of Bristol in 1807.

Activities include work with children in local schools and Treasures in Store which has provided sessions to get hand-on with rare archive and objects. There is also a large exhibition at the Central Library and two touring exhibitions (see overleaf for details). We are now into the last quarter of the project and looking to build on the momentum to produce even more as a legacy.



### The Time Traveller's Life?

If you could travel back in time to 1807 what would life have been like for you?

Why not enter our short story prize competition and give us your interpretation of what you think life was like over 200 years ago?

Starts September – maximum 500 words. For entry forms and more details visit: [www.bristol.gov.uk/bristol1807](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/bristol1807)

### Cabot and Hotwells Schools go back in time..!



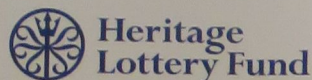
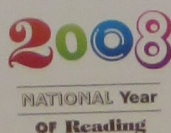
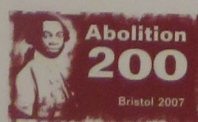
Hotwells and Cabot Primary schools explored their sense of place through creative work with dramatist Toby Hulse (see photo of Toby with primary school pupils).



This culminated in a scripted performance and documentation of their process in the Central Library foyer in April. There were some lovely unexpected results from their discoveries, about how

children relate to historical people and events, and to their present environment. We will be sharing the lessons learnt about the impact of children working with primary historical sources.

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## MORE NEWS

- The School Library Service have developed a resource pack which has been used by 20 schools.
- The web pages now include an interesting 'in this month' feature [www.bristol.gov.uk/bristol1807](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/bristol1807) – fascinating stories. We are also on the brink of finalising some new software which will provide a showcase for images from the project.
- **Touring exhibition dates**  
These exhibitions are currently touring the branch libraries and community venues across the city. From August to October the exhibition will be in libraries at Hartcliffe (Aug 13th to 27th), Stockwood (Aug 27th to Sept 13th), Hillfields (Sept 17th to Oct 8th) and St. George (Oct 8th – 29th). Please watch our web pages for announcements of community venues.
- **Song writing project**  
We have been working with young people to explore their sense of identity and place through song and drama. The results were on show at the Harbour Festival on the 3rd August. Watch this space for more details.

For more details on the above tel (0117) 903 7202 or email: [refandinfo@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:refandinfo@bristol.gov.uk)

## Treasures in Store (TIS) dates

Why not get "hands-on" at our unique TIS events? The Reference Library team have already held five popular TIS spots in the Central Library, Malcolm X Centre and Bishopston. There are also dates in the forthcoming programme at:



Our event at Bishopston was well attended

**Cheltenham Road Library from 10.30am to 12noon – August 21st.** To book a place telephone (0117) 903 8562.

**Southmead Library from 2.30pm to 4pm on September 25th.** To book a place telephone (0117) 903 8583.

Other venues will be announced on our web pages as they are confirmed.

## Adult Learning – all FREE classes

**Creative with ceramics** – two pottery workshops themed on our exhibition are being held at St. Pauls Learning Centre on September 16th and 23rd: 10 – 12.30 on each date.

**Family history** – there will be some on line learning including migration history at the Central Library on September 26th (10.00 to 12.00, numbers limited to 10)

For booking either phone Stoke Lodge 903 8844 or email [refandinfo@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:refandinfo@bristol.gov.uk)

## OU partnership

Bristol Libraries worked with the Open University (OU) to deliver a fascinating lecture on Black Identity and Western Art History on June 19th.

Our OU experiences continued with Slave Writings and Captivity Narratives on July 28th in the Central Library.

See the next edition for more news!



The Open University

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