

slavery - what's it got to do with us?

**A day of discovery,
dance and debate**

**Saturday
29 March 2008
Gallery Oldham**

2007 was the bicentenary of the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. A group of museums and galleries in Greater Manchester have been exploring the history and lasting local legacy of slavery through the Revealing Histories, Remembering Slavery project.

This special event is the culmination of the project at Gallery Oldham and Touchstones Rochdale.



REVEALING HISTORIES
REMEMBERING SLAVERY

discovery

Talking About Slavery Trail:
On show all day. Tour at 12noon

This display has been on show at Gallery Oldham since 2007 and will be extended to include visitor feedback and items from Touchstones Rochdale's collections. These include Epstein's bust of African-American singer Paul Robeson.

For all the family:
12noon - 4pm

Creative craft activities to engage families with the theme of slavery, 12noon - 4pm. Frederick, Rebel Slave - storytelling session by Peter Kalu, 1pm.

200 Years: Slavery Now:
On show all day

Contemporary ceramics by artists including Stephen Dixon and Paul Scott which reflect on the bicentenary and explore modern forms of slavery. On show 1 - 29 March.

Slavery Displays at Oldham Local Studies and Archives:
10am - 4pm

Displays at Oldham Local Studies and Archives (in front of Gallery Oldham) examine the effects of the Cotton Famine in Oldham; the life of former slave Juba Thomas Royton of Royton; and abolitionism in Oldham.



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Touchstones
Rochdale

www.revealinghistories.org.uk

dance

Dance by Diamante and Frantic:
1:15pm and 3:30pm

Gripping dance performances by Diamante and Frantic, groups working with Spiral Dance Young Dance Company. The performances explore the history and techniques of African dance and the themes of resistance, compliance and freedom.

debate

Slavery - what's it got to do with us? Debate: 2pm

Did you know that slavery was key to the growth of the cotton industry? That local people campaigned for its abolition? That Asian labourers replaced slaves after abolition? Find out more about the history of the slave trade from our speakers and take part in a debate about its links to our local history.

There will also be more informal opportunities to feedback your views and ideas throughout the afternoon.

Co-op Fairtrade Stall - lunch and refreshments - live music.

All activities are free and there is no need to book.

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Free transport will be available from Touchstones Rochdale to the event. Call **01706 924492** for information.