



BANNERS FOR SPAIN

FIGHTING THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR IN LONDON



5 May to 8 July 2017

Free Admission

Islington Museum
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Open Monday – Saturday
10am - 5pm
(closed Wednesday
and Sunday)

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In partnership with the Marx Memorial Library, showcasing its Spanish Civil War collection



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The Spanish Civil War (1936-39) was sparked by a military coup led by General Franco against Spain's elected government. Britain decided on 'non-intervention' in the war, but people from across the world joined the International Brigades to fight the fascist-backed rebels.

In Britain an 'Aid Spain' movement sprang up to raise funds for food and medical supplies and to help refugees fleeing the war. This exhibition showcases six newly conserved banners for Aid Spain, artefacts from the Marx Memorial Library's archives and stories of the Islington International Brigaders.

Film: The Guernica Children

27 April, 7pm at the Marx Memorial Library

A screening of Stephen Bowles' documentary to mark 80 years since the bombing of Guernica. With Herminio Martinez, one of the 4,000 'Basque children' refugees.

Walk: Islington in the Spanish Civil War

6 May, 3 June, 24 June, 11am at Islington Museum

Explore Islington stories of the Spanish Civil War and 1930s political activism with a local CIGA guide.

Talk: Britain and the Spanish Civil War

9 May, 6:30pm at Islington Museum

Professor Tom Buchanan, University of Oxford, on Britain's response to the war.

Workshop: Islington's banner for Spain

13 May, 10:30am-4pm, at Islington Museum

Join banner-maker Ed Hall to help make a banner about Islington's involvement in the Spanish Civil War. The banner will go on display at Islington Museum.

Visit: The Spanish Collection

1 June, 6pm at the Marx Memorial Library

Explore the MML Spanish Collection with Archivist & Library Manager Meirian Jump.

Talk: Artists for Spain

8 June, 7pm at the Marx Memorial Library

Art historian Christine Lindey on the Artists International Association and artistic responses to the war.

All events are free. Please book through Islington Museum. Find the Marx Memorial Library at 37a Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R 0DU.