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Events programme

Autumn
2017

September



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Private tour: Farringdon Crossrail

Thursday 28 September
3-4pm

BFK Site Offices
Corner of Charterhouse Street &
Farringdon Road
London EC1M 3HN

An exclusive opportunity to view the Farringdon Crossrail site before its opening in December 2018. Led by members of the Crossrail and BFK teams, the visit will include a brief presentation of the project followed by a full site visit.

Limited to 10 people
Visionaires & Luminaries only
RSVP essential

October



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Private guided tour: Billingsgate Roman Bathhouse & Fort Gate

Saturday 14 October
2-4pm

101 Lower Thames St
London EC3R 6DL

Explore this fascinating insight into ancient life in the City and discover the remains of the Roman Bathhouse, which lies hidden beneath office buildings. Following the tour of the Bathhouse, there will also be an opportunity to visit the Roman Fort Gate under London Wall. It is a 20 minute walk from the Bathhouse to the Fort Gate.

Free to the Society of Londoners and their guests
RSVP essential

October



© Anthony Hall

Living Londoner: Anthony Hall

Monday 23 October
6.30-8pm

The Rising Sun
38 Cloth Fair
London EC1A 7JQ

We are delighted to be joined by Anthony Hall, a member of the Society of Londoners, as our next Living Londoner. As a butcher, Anthony frequented the meat market at West Smithfield (the future home of the Museum of London) for over 50 years, carrying on the tradition from his father and grandfather. With discussion led by curator Beverley Cook, Anthony will detail life as a London butcher in the post-war period.

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November



© Bettany Hughes

History Dinner: Bettany Hughes

Tuesday 7 November
7-10pm

150 London Wall
London EC2Y 5HN

Join our Chairman, Clive Bannister, and historian Bettany Hughes for dinner and a discussion on **The World's Desire: what it takes to make a cosmopolitan city – comparing London and Istanbul**. Bettany Hughes is an award-winning historian, author and broadcaster. She received her degrees in ancient and medieval history from Oxford University and holds a Research Fellowship at King's College, London.

Upcoming speakers:
5 February: Professor Kate Williams
16 April: Jeremy Paxman

Limited to 25 people
Open to Luminaries only
Invitations to follow

November



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Private visit: Centre for Human Bioarchaeology

Tuesday 21 November
6-7.30pm

150 London Wall
London EC2Y 5HN

Hidden beneath the Museum of London's rotunda garden, the Centre for Human Bioarchaeology looks after a 20,000-strong collection of human skeletal remains, from Roman Londoners up to the 19th century. This behind-the-scenes tour, with curators Jelena Bekvalac and Rebecca Redfern, includes the opportunity to view examples of battle wounds, executions and bone disease.

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Director's Lunch: Smithfield

Thursday 23 November
12-2pm

Bleeding Heart
3 Bleeding Heart Yard
London EC1N 8SJ

Join our Director, Sharon Ament, for a special lunch in Smithfield, to discuss the rich and varied history of the Museum of London's future home – from peasant revolts to Tudor Royals; Medieval monasteries to Victorian markets. An optional tour of the New Museum site will take place at 11am for any guests who have not yet visited.

Upcoming lunches:

22 February: Votes for Women

Limited to 20 people
Visionaries and Luminaries only
Invitations to follow

November



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Object preview: Votes for Women

Thursday 30 November
6-7.30pm

150 London Wall
London EC2Y 5HN

In 2018 the nation will commemorate the centenary of the Representation of the People Act, which gave (some) women the right to vote. Join curator Beverley Cook to discover some of the key objects in the Museum of London's collection relating to the militant suffragette campaign – the largest in the world – and to learn about the **Votes for Women** exhibition that will open in February 2018.

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RSVP essential

December



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Workshop: Victorian Festive Wreath-making

Saturday 2 December
2.30-5pm (drop-in)

150 London Wall
London EC2Y 5HN

Begin December in true festive style with a Victorian themed wreath-making workshop. Learn how to weave your own willow base and then adorn it with foliage and decorations. Suitable for adults and children, with festive food and drink provided.

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RSVP essential

Dates for your diary

Museum of London

Breakfast view:

The City is Ours

27 September & 18 October

8-10am

150 London Wall
London EC2Y 5HN

A private breakfast view of **The City is Ours**, the Museum's major interactive exhibition which explores the experience of urban living in the 21st century. Includes a curator presentation and breakfast buffet.

Private guided tour:

New Museum site at West Smithfield

20 September, 10-11.30am

29 September, 9-10am

6 October, 10-11am – 12.30pm

A hard hat tour of the Museum of London's new site at West Smithfield. If you are unable to join either date, please let us know and we will be happy to arrange an alternative time.

Limited to 10 people per group
RSVP essential

The Society of Londoners Celebration

Wednesday 11 October

6.30-9.30pm

Join us in celebrating another successful year for the Society of Londoners. Discover the museum's hidden treasures and take part in a debate inspired by our **City Now City Future** season. Food and drink will be served; friends and family are welcome.

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London events & exhibitions

Frieze London & Frieze Masters

4 October (preview day)

5-8 October (fair open to the public)

Regent's Park
London NW1 4HA

Frieze London & Frieze Masters have generously offered complimentary passes to all Society of Londoners for the duration of the Fair. Visionaries & Luminaries will receive VIP passes, which also provide access on the preview day from 5pm onwards. Tickets to follow by post.

Brunch:

Phillips & Unfold

Saturday 7 October

10.30-11.45am

31-33 Church Street
London NW8 8EH

Phillips auction house, in collaboration with the exhibition *Unfold: Art in the City of Tomorrow*, invite you to join Simon Tovey (Contemporary Art) and Julia Scott (Photography) for a special brunch event during Frieze Week. The speakers will discuss the art-world, the role auction houses play within it, and their own specialisms.

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