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Revolting London; discover a new side of London's history at the Archives for London conference, 3 October 2009



London has a great history as host to people's demands for change.

The annual Archives for London conference, on 3 October 2009, brings together specialist speakers on revolutionary movements from 15th to 20th centuries concerning calls for economic, political and cultural change.

Our speakers, drawn from archive users and practitioners, will explore the lasting impact of these movements for social change on London and the world beyond our capital city, from Jack Cade's rebellion of 1450 to the Notting Hill riots of the 1950s.

"At first sight, Jack Cade's Rebellion of 1450 was an inferior imitation of the Peasant's Revolt of 1381", comments Michael Hicks, Professor of Medieval History and AfL conference speaker, "but actually, it was one ingredient in a massive national crisis and a phase in the drive for political reform that contributed to the Wars of the Roses and the change of dynasty of 1461."

Other speakers include researcher, David Sutton, on the Spa Fields Riot (1816); social action historian, Sean Creighton, investigating the London riots and Bloody Sunday (1886-7); archive manager at The Women's Library, Teresa Doherty, examining Women's suffrage (1914); educationalist and writer, David Rosenberg, on the battle of Cable Street (1936); and historian, Dave Welsh, on Notting Hill.

Archives for London is the independent voice for archives in the Capital. It brings together people who are interested in London's history with the people who look after and preserve the documents, photographs and films that record London's fascinating history.

"If you are interested in London's history, you should be at this year's AfL conference" says David Mander, chair of Archives for London, "The conference is a wonderful opportunity for existing and potential archives users to come together with the practitioners who care for the collections and we anticipate the focus on revolutionary movements will prove a fascinating day and provoke lively discussions."

Revoluting London takes place at London Metropolitan Archives. Booking details and further information is available at www.archivesforlondon.org/conference 2009.

Notes to editors.

Archives for London was formed in 2005 and is the only organisation that brings together archive users and practitioners, to celebrate the documents, photographs and film in and about London.

Archives for London is a membership organisation and provides a successful events programme including a monthly seminar series, exclusive behind the scenes visits as well as the annual conference and topical meetings. For the full range of activities see www.archivesforlondon.org

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