

This pack of resources is designed to prompt conversations and learning around heritage and support your students to discover similarities and differences in their experiences, and in the lives and histories of their families. It introduces some of the history of the borough of Newham and provides tools to help them find out how to access more information for themselves. Students will learn about:

- The history of the borough of Newham.
- Stories from other English Language learners in Newham.
- Each other's countries and families.
- Visiting the Newham Archives and Local Studies Library and using its online photo library as a resource.
- Visiting the Museum of London Docklands.

Workshops were held with a number of groups of English language learners and their contributions have been used to develop the topics and the activities as well as provide some of the content. The worksheets address everyday activity such as travelling around a city or enjoying an afternoon cup of tea. By focussing on these broad and accessible topics we found it easier to find out more about traditions, shared experience and the stories we inherit and pass on.

We visited the Newham Archives and Local Studies Library and the Museum of London Docklands as part of our research and they have kindly provided the majority of the images used in the resources. A small number of additional images have been sourced using CreativeCommons.org which is a useful free resource for all tutors.

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Contents:

There are six topic folders, each containing an introduction to the topic with an outline of procedures and answers and a number of worksheets.

1. Introduction to heritage
2. Visiting a museum or archive
3. Travel
4. Work
5. Leisure
6. Afternoon tea

Worksheets include a number of 'Newham heritage facts', 'London heritage facts' and 'Our stories'. The first two provide a light introduction to some interesting facts that you could then choose to research further. 'Our stories' are short excerpts of conversations with English language learners. By bringing their voices into the resources your students might discover similarities and differences in their lives as well as feeling the experiences of other learners is valued.

Many of the worksheets have discussion topics for further conversation and there are a number of suggestions for extension activities. You can carry out all the worksheets or choose a selection and we encourage you to extend or adapt them as needed to suit your students' level.

The Image Pack contains images from the archive and museum allowing you to print out or enlarge on a whiteboard for detailed close looking.