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Tours & talks at the People's History Museum April-September 2011

Fri 15 April

***Death and the Working Class* changing exhibition tour**

Final tour of our changing exhibition, given by its curator before the exhibition closes on 2 May.

Suitable for adults.

No Booking required.

Free

1.15pm – 2.00pm

Fri 29 April – Mon 2 May

Love Your Museum Weekend

The People's History Museum is one of ten museums across the country in the running for the Art Fund Prize 2011. This is the biggest arts prize in the UK and rewards excellence and innovation in museums and galleries. Come and help us celebrate over Love Your Museum weekend.

Sat 30 April

May Day Tour

Enjoy a guided tour of the main galleries of the People's History Museum.

Suitable for adults.

No booking required.

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11.30am – 12.15pm

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Sun 1 May**May Day Tour**

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Free.

11.30am – 12.15pm

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Mon 2 May**May Day Tour**

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Fri 20 May**Textile Conservation Studio tour**

A tour of the new Textile Conservation Studio with one of our Textile Conservators.

Suitable for adults.

Booking required.

Free.

1.15pm – 2.00pm

Sat 21 May

The Free Trade Talk - Manchester moves to the forefront of the national stage

“We were not born with saddles on our backs nor were the gentry born with spurs”. This was spoken by John Bright in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, during celebrations for the repeal of the Corn Laws. Bright was ridiculing the landed classes, making it plain that the middle classes were rising, that the old-style aristocratic patronage of Britain’s governing elite was under attack from the commercial wealth of the industrial north and its leaders. And Manchester was the key.

This talk by local writer, broadcaster and guide Jonathan Schofield, explains how the battle against the Corn Laws developed into a political philosophy, ‘the Manchester School’ – the only political and economic philosophy named after a UK city.

Suitable for adults.

Booking required.

£10 (£7 concessions).

3.00pm – 4.30pm

Fri 10 June

British Sign Language (BSL) interpreted tour of *On the March*

Explore this fascinating changing exhibition on a tour led by its curator.

Suitable for visitors with hearing impairments.

Booking required.

Free.

1.15pm – 2.00pm

Sat 18 June

Banners Talk: History in the Making

Banner maker, Ed Hall and banner expert Nick Mansfield (Senior Research Fellow in History at the University of Central Lancashire and former Director of the museum) will introduce the history, uses, and symbolism of banners, from 19th century political and trade union banners to those Ed Hall designs and makes for contemporary causes.

Suitable for adults.

Booking required.

£3.

2.00pm – 3.30pm

Fri 15 July

From Peterloo to the post war world

A guided tour of the main galleries of the People’s History Museum.

Suitable for adults.

No booking required.

Free.

1.15pm – 2.00pm

Fri 22 July

British Sign Language (BSL) interpreted tour of *On the March*

Explore this fascinating exhibition on this tour led by the curator.

Suitable for visitors with hearing impairments, but all are welcome.

Booking required.

Free.

1.15pm – 2.00pm

Fri 12 August

Peterloo Legacy Lecture, delivered by Tristram Hunt MP

Organised by the Peterloo Legacy Memorial Team

On 16 August 1819 in Manchester the Yeomanry charged on a defenceless crowd who gathered to demand a basic democratic right – the right to vote. The demand for people's rights were not heard for the first time in Manchester at the Peterloo Massacre, but from that day on, the demand for people's rights got louder and louder and the same demand now travels around the world.

The Peterloo Legacy Lecture brings together the history of the events in Manchester, celebrates the progress made in the world and recognises the people and the struggles of today.

This year's inaugural Legacy Lecture will invite democracy campaigners from around the world – all will be unable to attend because they are imprisoned by repressive regimes. An address will be given in their absence by Tristram Hunt MP.

The museum's cafe bar The Left Bank will be open before and during the event for refreshments.

Suitable for adults.

Booking required.

Free.

6.30pm – 9.00pm

Sat 13 August

Presentation, *Retracing Salford*

The *Retracing Salford* project is influenced by The District Six Museum, Cape Town, South Africa. It uses similar objects to recapture community memories, such as family snaps, oral histories, large scale street maps and street signs. Artist Lawrence Cassidy, who organises the Retracing Salford project, recently visited the museum. His talk will explore issues relating to the District Six area and Salford.

Suitable for adults.

Booking required.

Free.

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Tues 16 August

Peterloo discussed – Manchester’s day of destiny

‘Rise like lions after slumber, in unvanquishable number’. So wrote Percy Bysshe Shelley after the ‘massacre in Manchester’ in 1819. Discussing the circumstances and injustices which led to the events of Peterloo, local writer, broadcaster and guide Jonathan Schofield will be taking a serious, yet entertaining look at a day which defines British democracy. How the massacre developed, the people involved, and even the role of cheese (yes, cheese) will be analysed to attempt a true picture of what happened on 16 August 1819, and what Peterloo meant for the road to democracy in Britain.

Suitable for adults.

Booking required.

£5 (£3 concessions).

6.30pm – 8.00pm

Fri 19 August

From Peterloo to the post war world

A guided tour of the main galleries of the People’s History Museum.

Suitable for adults.

No booking required.

Free.

1.15pm – 2.00pm

Sun 11 September

Behind the Scenes at the Museum

Celebrate Heritage Open Days on this guided tour of the People’s History Museum, with special access to some of the areas of the recently redeveloped museum that not everyone gets to see!

Suitable for adults.

Booking required.

Free.

1.15pm – 2.00pm

Fri 23 September

Textile Conservation Studio tour

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Suitable for adults.

Booking required.

Free.

1.15pm – 2.00pm

Sat 24 September

Songs of Struggle meets Songs of Praise: The Discovery of the Chartist Hymn Book

Chartist meetings often began and ended with singing. Dr Michael Sanders, Senior Lecturer in Victorian Literature at the University of Manchester, will give an illustrated talk on the role of song and poetry in the Chartist movement. Come and hear Corista, a Calder Valley choir, perform songs from the recently discovered 'National Chartist Hymn Book' – the first time these songs will have been heard in over a century and a half! This event marks the anniversary of the Great Chartist Meeting at Kersal Moor on Saturday 24 September, 1838.

Suitable for adults.

Booking required.

Free.

2.00pm – 3.30pm