

Fair Trade & Liberty!

Tuesday 26th February 2008
Birmingham Central Library
& Library Theatre

In 2007 we have commemorated 200 years since the abolition of slave trading in the British Empire. In Birmingham there has been a huge range of projects, displays, exhibitions, events and performances, all of which have contributed to a truly eventful year.

In this event we will look back over events, performances, projects, and exhibitions in Birmingham over the last year, and explore the connections between Birmingham, Slavery and Fair Trade.

Aims

- To recognise and mark the achievements of people in Birmingham in 2007 in examining and promoting awareness of slavery.
- To promote Fair Trade
- To promote and support the individuals and organisations involved.
- To raise awareness of issues of slavery to the wider community.
- To support further projects relating to issues of slavery in youth and community groups, including schools.

Organisers

Marcus Belben (Shared History)	0121 3034620
Izzy Mohammed (Liberty Box)	0121 4641607
Phil Burns (Project Manager)	

Funded by 'A shared history, a shared future' project
Birmingham Library Services

Description

In this event we intend to have workshops/performances in the Central Library Theatre to explore the issues of slavery & fair trade and celebrate the achievements of our city over the past year in promoting the issues relating to slavery. School groups and other groups are invited to contact us by 28th January to book and ensure the workshops/performances meets your needs.

There will be a public area outside the theatre for stalls and displays to run during the day, open to Liberty Box partners (see Liberty Box document), to raise awareness of the work done this year, and to explore the future. The Liberty Box itself will be launched and promoted.

At the entrance to the Central Library there will be a display space throughout the Fair Trade fortnight, which will be available to display material. Participants in projects, like 'A shared history, a shared future' are encouraged to display their projects, promote their work, and take an active part in the day.

Please contact the team to discuss how we can meet the needs of your particular group during the day, or to support your projects in the future. The event is open to any youth and community groups, although booking with us is essential. Please also discuss travel arrangements with us.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Marcus Belben

'A shared history, a shared future' project
Community Access Officer
Birmingham Library Services
Birmingham Central Library
Chamberlain Square
Birmingham
B3 3HQ

0121 3034620