Brent Museum and Brent Archives: Exhibitions and Projects 2013

Willesden High Road: Past, Present and Future
19 March 2012 - 31 March 2013, Special Exhibitions Gallery, Brent Museum

Using images from Brent Archives and incorporating the work of local artists inspired by the area, our exhibition on the history of Willesden High Road explored how the area has changed over the years, from the late nineteenth century when it was a semi-rural roadway, offering a small range of shops and services to the local population, to the vibrant and diverse street we see today.

A free programme of events and family activities ran alongside the exhibition which explored the fascinating stories behind the Willesden High Road doors.

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Wembley Ways
Summer 2013, Exhibition Way
This project was a part of Wembley WordFest.

Brent Museum and Archives worked with young people from Poplar Grove Youth Centre to explore their local area by looking at historic photographs, maps and documents related to Wembley.

We also ran a walking tour exploring the architecture of Wembley as it currently stands to compare it with the past and had an amazing creative session reflecting on their thoughts and feelings about Wembley. The project culminated in an exhibition that drew on the group's findings, experiences and understanding of Wembley. The exhibition was held in Brent Civic Centre between June and August 2013.

This artwork was created by Tyne-Roel from Poplar Grove Youth Centre and was inspired by Watkin's Folly, a tower that Sir Edward Watkin attempted to have built in Wembley in the 1890s. The tower was never completed: the part-built structure was deemed unsafe and demolished with dynamite.

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Redevelopment of Brent Museum
2013

Brent Museum closed its doors on Tuesday 2 April 2013 as part of the redevelopment of Willesden Green Library Centre. The Heritage Team at Brent Museum and Archives worked hard throughout 2013 to develop the new displays and interpretation for the new museum to be based at The Library at Willesden Green.

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