The Basque Children
The Story of Child Refugees from the Spanish Civil War

15 June to 16 July 2019

Open Mon – Sat
10am to 5pm
(closed Wed and Sun)

Free Admission

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The Spanish Civil War broke out in 1936. A far-right military coup against the elected government in Spain led to a brutal conflict. With support from Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy the rebels targeted civilians. Thousands fled bombing raids on the cities of northern Spain. In 1937 the Republic asked the world to take refugee children.

This exhibition tells the story of the nearly 4000 children who made Britain their home. It will include work from the students of Hugh Myddleton school in response to the child refugee stories.

In partnership with the BCA '37 UK (Association for the Basque Children of the UK) and the Marx Memorial Library.

Adult Events

Monday 17 June 6pm - 7:30pm
Walk: Coming to London - Refugee stories from Islington

From Huguenots in the 17th century to Syrians in the 21st many groups and individuals have found safety in Islington. They have escaped danger, war and hardship, political and social persecution. Our local tour guide will explore the stories of refugees who came to Islington, their influence on the borough and how Islington responded.

Starts at Farringdon Station
Book at: islingtonguidedwalks.com
Herminio Martinez, one of the child refugees from the Spanish Civil War, remembers his experiences. This talk explores the Basque Children’s story with highlights from the Marx Memorial Library archive collection.

A screening of the renowned documentary, over 80 years since the bombing of Guernica. Introduced by the Basque Children Association of ’37 and followed by a Q&A with director Stephen Bowles.

How to book:
- Email on islington.museum@islington.gov.uk
- Find our website at islington.gov.uk/heritage
- Call Islington Museum on 020 7527 2837
To find out more or to book these events contact Islington Museum.

**Free computer courses**

**Family Events**

**Tuesday 18 June**
Session 1: 10.00-10.45am  
Session 2: 10.45-11.30am  
**Islington Museum**

Join Storyteller Dani as she takes you on an imaginative adventure to discover the stories of Basque Children escaping the Spanish Civil War. Exploring the stories of refugees with under 5’s. No need to book.

**Tuesday 16 July**
Session 1: 10.00-10.45am  
Session 2: 10.45-11.30am  
**Marx Memorial Library**

**Under 5’s Messy Play: Finding a Safe Home**
**Thursday 27th June 10.00-11.30am**  
**Islington Museum**

Join us for a messy play session inspired by the exhibition. Discover how the Basque Children celebrated their culture far from home as they found a place of safety in the UK. Messy play gets messy so bring old clothes! No need to book.

**Storytelling Adventure: The People of Islington**
**Friday 12 June**
Session 1: 10.00-10.45am  
Session 2: 10.45-11.30am  
**Islington Museum**

Learn about the different communities of Islington with storyteller Dani. Imaginative interactive adventure through the heritage of the people who live, work and make Islington their home. No need to book.