

Snapshots Through Time

Eastside Community Heritage have recently received a £10,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to embark on a project exploring the history of Ilford Limited, a photographic company founded in 1879 by Alfred Harman. Ilford Limited is a big name in photography, and their films and cameras are used all over the world. However their move away from Ilford in the 80's means many people don't realise the town of Ilford in Redbridge is the birthplace and namesake of the company. This project aims to connect local people, both young and old, with this important history which has helped to make accessible the world of photography.

Ilford Limited began life in the basement of Harman's house in Cranbrook Road, but its success allowed it to move onto a new site in Roden Street which is today occupied by Sainsbury's. As part of the project we will hold workshops at Sainsbury's and in Redbridge Museum in order to share the company's fascinating history. The business was a huge employer of local people and we hope to interview as many former employees as possible for our archive so this important heritage does not get lost. The project will also provide photography workshops in and around Ilford' Town Centre.

"This is as exciting time in Ilford history, and we now have the opportunity to record and document this part of Ilford's lost history. Ilford Limited played an important role in people lives as well as pioneering new technology, and ways in which more people could see themselves and the world through photography. With the many changes underway including the developments connected to Crossrail, we are so pleased to be reminding people of Ilford's important history and place in the world"

Judith Garfield MBE executive Director Eastside Community Heritage

If you or any one you know might have a story or any information or photographs to contribute, please contact Max or Holly at maxwell@ech.org.uk and holly@ech.org.uk or on 0208553 3116.

About Eastside Community Heritage

Our organisation is Eastside Community Heritage which was established in 1993 as part of the Stratford City Challenge community history project. In 1997 Eastside became an independent charity. Over the years Eastside has worked on numerous projects documenting the lives of ordinary people from, and who live in, East London. It also created the East London People's Archive which now holds over 2000 oral histories, thousands of photographs and video material all preserved and archived for public benefit. The archive is now accessible to the public for further information contact office@ech.org.uk

Aims:

- To inform people through the provision of heritage and cultural based activities such as exhibitions, publications, dramas, workshops etc.
- To empower individuals and groups to access the resources to write, rewrite, record, publish and present their own histories and that of the local area and community.
- To promote civic pride through active participation and involvement in community affairs.
- To promote greater harmony and understanding of interracial and intergenerational experiences through historical explorations.
- To celebrate the cultures and heritage of East London's diverse communities.
- To provide independent historical, social research and evaluation.

To find out more about Eastside Community Heritage please visit the website: www.hidden-histories.co.uk or follow us on Twitter @EastsideCH

About the Heritage Lottery Fund

- Sharing Heritage is for any not-for-profit group wanting to explore their community's heritage. Sharing Heritage grants between £3,000 and £10,000 are now available to groups who want to discover their local heritage. Projects can cover a wide spectrum of subject matter from exploring local archaeology and a community's cultures and traditions to identifying and recording local wildlife and protecting the surrounding environment to managing and training volunteers, and holding festivals and events to commemorate the past.
- From the archaeology under our feet to the historic parks and buildings we love, from precious memories and collections to rare wildlife, we use National Lottery players' money to help people across the UK explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about. www.hlf.org.uk