



TWISTED STOCKING WINS HERITAGE LOTTERY SUPPORT – FOR OUR RIVER

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A River Runs Through It: the Heritage of the River Moselle

Do you know the history of Haringey? Did you know a river runs through it? Navigate the course of the river at the historical heart of Haringey.

Twisted Stocking Theatre has been awarded a grant of £50,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) in February. This grant will fund a nine month community heritage project which explores and raises awareness of the historical importance of the River Moselle in Haringey. The river, which flows mainly underground from the west to the east of the borough, is largely unknown by residents today.

The project will focus on the heritage of the River Moselle over the past 250 years. Working with eight schools from across Haringey, Friends' of Parks groups and Day Centres, Twisted Stocking will be delivering a programme of heritage workshops and using traditional crafts to uncover how this local river has helped to shape the landscape and influence the growth of different types of industries from Haringey's past. Sculptures created through different traditional crafts and skills will be set up to mark the presence of the River Moselle across the borough.

Volunteers and schools will also take part in recording stories and memories about the Moselle during the 20th century, noting the uses and misuses of the river. Project partners TCV and 'Thames 21' will help raise awareness of how to get the River Moselle healthy again, after a history of neglect. A section of the Moselle has recently been restored in Lordship Recreation Ground with the support of the Friends of Lordship Rec & the Haringey Federation of Residents Association (HFRA). The Friends' guided walks and leaflets will all showcase the importance of this river, along with the project's own website: www.ariver-runsthroughit.org.uk.





The project is also supported by other partners: Bruce Castle Museum and the Parks' Service in Haringey Council; Markfield Beam Engine and Museum; Haringey Friends of Parks Forum.

Quotes:

Angela Baker, of Twisted Stocking Theatre said:

“I’m proud to have got this vote of confidence from HLF. The project will fly the Moselle flag, so that we can all enjoy its extraordinary heritage”.

Twisted Stocking Theatre:

Twisted Stocking has been at large in the borough of Haringey for the last 15 years. We have been delivering interactive arts to all areas of the community in schools, parks and sometimes the unusual settings of heritage buildings. Our experienced facilitators provide a fun learning experience that accommodates the different learning styles of children. ‘Twisted Stocking’ actively embraces the research of historical themes and the development of local initiatives.

Heritage Lottery Fund:

Using money raised through the National lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage for present and future generations to take part, learn from and enjoy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported over 30,000 projects, allocating £4.6 billion across the UK. Website; www.hlf.org.uk

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If you want to find out more or volunteer for the project, please join us at the Haringey Local History Fair on Sat 23rd Feb 11-5pm at Bruce Castle Museum.

