

Booking

Participants must book a place in advance

Open House London event does not require booking

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The Langdon Down Centre

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Getting here

Train: Hampton Wick | Bus: 281, 285 Car: free parking | Bicycle: cycle racks

Websites

langdondownmuseum.org.uk | langdondowncentre.org.uk

Facebook / Twitter



[facebook.com/LangdonDownMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/LangdonDownMuseum)



twitter.com/LangdonDown

Children's trail leaflet

A free trail leaflet is available for children to discover the many fascinating objects around the building.

Group Visits

Group visits include an illustrated talk and tour of the museum and theatre. Refreshments are included. We can also create a visit adapted to your particular interests. We are regularly visited by local history groups.

Education Visits

Visits include the history of Dr Langdon Down, Normansfield, the theatre, local history, tour of the building, social history of learning disability.

Schools: infant schools to secondary. Visits include discussion activities.

Further and Higher Education: students studying medicine, health/social care, social history of learning disability and heritage.

Personal visits and tours

Subject to the building being free, you can book a one hour tour. Those with a professional or research interest can access the archive.

Outreach

We can visit external venues such as schools, universities and groups to give talks.



Talks and Tours 2017



www.langdondownmuseum.org.uk

Talks and tours that explore the life and work of Dr John Langdon Down and his institution at Normansfield where an enlightened and revolutionary approach was brought to the care of people with learning disabilities.

The History of Normansfield's

Buildings

Saturday 25 February | 11am – 12pm



A talk about the development of Normansfield's buildings from 1868 until 2016 using maps, architectural drawings and photographs. Includes new research carried out through a recent U3A project. Cost: Free.

Normansfield Theatre

Saturday 25 March | 11am - 12.30pm

Saturday 8 July | 11am - 12.30pm

Saturday 18 November | 11am - 12.30pm



A talk on the history of Normansfield's Grade II* listed Victorian theatre that opened in 1879 and is a venue today for drama, concerts and opera. Your visit includes a walk around the theatre and back rooms. On view will be part of the scenery store of restored original

Victorian side flats. Using our interactive touch screen catalogue you can view the 150 items of scenery stored in the building that include beautiful backcloths, side flats, top borders and props. Light refreshments. Cost: £10.

In the Footsteps of Dr John

Langdon Down

A Walk Around Normansfield

Saturday 22 April | 10.30am - 12.30pm



A talk using maps, architectural drawings and photographs to trace the development of the site. This is followed by a walk around the original Normansfield site locating the position of lost buildings and finding those that remain. The one hour walk is mostly along pavements but will also include some rough paths and grassed areas. The total distance is about one mile. Light refreshments. Cost: £10.

James Henry Pullen

The Genius of Earlswood Asylum

Saturday 20 May | 11.00am - 12.00pm

A talk about the life of James Henry Pullen, (1835-1916), a resident of the Royal Earlswood Asylum near Redhill. In his lifetime he was said to have the condition of savant syndrome though today he may have been diagnosed with

Autistic Spectrum Condition. Pullen created model ships including Brunel's Great Eastern and the warship, Princess Alexandra. Also on display are his pictorial autobiography, imaginary ships, paintings and models along with a short film about his life. Cost: Free.

Dr John Langdon Down and Normansfield

Saturday 10 June | 11am - 12.00pm

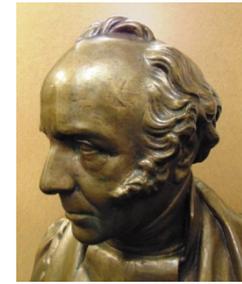
A talk about the life and work of Dr John Langdon Down and his institution at Normansfield which brought a revolutionary and enlightened approach to the care of those with learning disabilities. Includes the history of Normansfield from 1868 until its closure as an NHS hospital in 1997. Cost: Free



Great Names in the Social History of Learning Disability

Saturday 29 July | 11am - 12.00pm

A talk about some of the great names in the social history of learning disability, from the early 19th Century to the present day. Those who brought improvements to the education, training, care and rights of those with learning disabilities. Cost: Free.



Open House London

Sunday 17 September | 12 - 4pm

Tours: 12.30, 1.30 and 2.30pm

We are open as part of this London-wide annual event with guided tours of the building. Cost: Free. No booking required.

Normansfield's Buildings and Trees

Saturday 14 October | 11am - 12.30pm



A talk and walk around the grounds to see the wide variety of trees, many planted when Dr John Langdon Down came first here in 1868, and that are still thriving today. He planted extensively to create a rich landscape at his new institution for those with learning disabilities. His view being that the outside environment of trees, shrubs, paths and seating was essential in offering residents the benefit of healthy walks and fresh air. The site includes long avenues of trees planted in the Victorian period. Cost: Free.