



Our Stories Submission

Deadline: 11 January 2026 23:59 GMT

Open Call

From Memory to Monument – Share Your Havering Story!

Do you have a story that deserves to be heard? A place that holds special meaning? A piece of history that's missing from our collective memory? Help us map Havering's hidden heritage by contributing to Our Stories, a project co-created with the public for the public.

We're seeking new commissions to tell untold stories of Havering to celebrate the borough's diverse communities. We're interested in hearing from voices and perspectives that have been overlooked in traditional historical narratives.

What we're looking for:

- Personal or family stories: connected to specific places in Havering – from childhood memories to community milestones
- Cultural heritage sites: that hold meaning for your community but aren't officially recognised or documented
- Stories of change: how places in Havering have transformed over time and what they meant to different generations
- Community gathering spaces: past or present places where people came together, celebrated, worked, or found belonging

What You'll Deliver

Your proposal for a story must include:

- **Community engagement process** - How will you involve local people in developing and sharing the story?
- **Physical or digital artefact** - This could be a tapestry, audio walk, sculpture, publication, digital archive, or other creative outputs that narrates your story
- **Launch event** - A way to share your completed story with the community

You will have a budget of £4500 to complete these deliverables.

Your contribution matters!

Stories selected by our community cohort will become part of a permanent digital heritage map and may be commemorated with Havering London's very own plaques across the borough. This is your chance to ensure your community's history is preserved and celebrated for future generations.

Submissions for our first phase are open now and close 11 January 2026
23:59 GMT

All submission must be completed through the Typeform. If you need support or have any questions contact nompumelelo@haveringlondon.com and alyssa@haveringlondon.com.

Application template

Q1: What is the story you would like to tell?

i.e. What happened? Who was involved? Why is it meaningful to Havering's heritage? 300 words max for text and 90 seconds for audio or video submission.

Q2: How will you involve local people in developing and sharing the story?

300 words max for text and 90 seconds for audio or video submission.

Q3: Which specific location, street, building, or area of Havering does your story connect to?

Your story will be commemorated with a Havering London plaque at your chosen location, please be as specific as possible.

Q4: How would you like to narrate your story?

Your story can be shared through various creative approaches. i.e. personal reflection as a film, historical account through poetry, community memory captured through photographs, family traditions turned into a cookbook or any other creative medium you envision. We can connect you with an artist or practitioner to collaborate with, or you're welcome to propose your desired collaborators. You can also be the lead artist/practitioner yourself. 300 words max for text and 90 seconds for audio or video submission.

Q5: How would you like to share your completed story with the community?

This can be a small community celebration event, quiet commemoration, pop-up exhibition, local media feature, small gathering at the location and other ideas welcome. 300 words max for text and 90 seconds for audio or video submission.

Q6: Please provide a budget breakdown showing how you would spend £4,500 to bring your story to life.

Consider costs for materials and production, artist/collaborator fees, community engagement activities, launch event and documentation. The heritage plaque is provided in addition to your £4,500 budget you do not have to budget for it.

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Thank you for your submission!

You will hear from us late January 2026 regarding the outcome of your proposal. We appreciate you making time to share your story with us. Together, we can continue to add to Havering's history - a collective narrative that truly represents all the people who call this borough home.