

Our Stories Submission

Deadline: 3 May 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 shared memory? Our Stories is mapping Havering's hidden heritage and we need your voice.

We're funding 20 projects to tell untold stories of Havering. If you're a local artist, community group, or simply a Havering resident passionate about heritage and storytelling, this is for you.

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 3 May 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 project will be commemorated with a Havering London heritage plaque, installed at your chosen location. The plaque will feature a QR code linking audiences to your work online, so they can access it long after the project has ended. Please be as specific as possible about your location when applying.

Q4: How would you like to narrate your story?

Your story can take any creative form – a film, a poem, a photo series, a cookbook, or any other medium you can imagine. The only requirement is that the final work can be shared online. You can lead the project yourself, propose your own collaborators, or we can connect you with an artist or practitioner to work with. Applications are a maximum of 300 words for written submissions, or 90 seconds for audio or video.

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 early May 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.