



Wollstonecraft Walks: app launch Monday April 27th 2020 (Mary Wollstonecraft's birthday)

Celebrate Mary Wollstonecraft's 261st birthday by taking a walk around the birthplace of feminism, Newington Green! You can follow in the footsteps of the champion of girls education, Mary Wollstonecraft (1759-1797).

The app focuses on the life and times of Mary Wollstonecraft and her impact on women, politics and 21st century society and culture. You'll discover secrets about Mary, her life and her Green!

Click here to access our brand new classroom friendly app [Wollstonecraft Walks](#).

As we are in lock down, it is best to stay at home so now you can go 'out' and explore your local area, learning all about one of the mothers of modern feminism, Mary Wollstonecraft.

Along with the [Newington Green Meeting House](#), join us in celebrating Mary Wollstonecraft's birthday on the 27th April and celebrating the new app. #wollstonecraftcelebration

Wollstonecraft Walks app celebrates the trailblazing legacy of Mary Wollstonecraft, writer of *The Vindication of the Rights of Woman*. You can learn, listen and experience the walk through your headphones!

In the app you can find:



WOLLSTONECRAFT WALK GUIDE: Take a guided audio walk around Newington Green stopping off at significant locations (The Cobblers, Newington Green School, Lady Mildmay pub) and listen to the words of iconic feminist writers whilst hearing about the herstory of Newington Green.

Podcasts - hosted by Marina Garvey Birch and Erica McKoy: speaking to **local people** about their **experience of the walks, readings from Maya Angelou, Mary Wollstonecraft, Virginia Woolf, Michelle Obama** **BTS convo with Anna Birch (Fragments & Monuments) and Rebecca Mordan (Scary Little Girls).**

Fragments & Monuments performance and film archive (2000-2020)

School Assembly resources

'We are confident this brand-new app will bring our historical neighbour Mary Wollstonecraft back to Newington Green for a new audience. The Green is where Wollstonecraft set up a school for girls in 1784.'
Professor Anna Birch, Artistic Director Fragments & Monuments

"Everyone is talking about these unique walks, are they worth the hype? Yes!" The Independent

ACCESS the mobile app here - wollstonecraftwalks.netlify.app

Notes to editors:

Fragments & Monuments and Scary Little Girls, both experts on feminist heritage, collaborated to promote Wollstonecraft's legacy. This brand new self-guided walk celebrates her 261st birthday at the Birthplace of Feminism, on beautiful Newington Green. Learn about Wollstonecraft through her extraordinary story and the people who inspired her plus the many wonderful artists and writers she inspired. Wollstonecraft and the local dissenters inspire 21st century lives and her significant and under explored life will be shared.

Fragments & Monuments has celebrated the legacy of Mary Wollstonecraft since 2000, instrumental in attracting and building the current focus on Wollstonecraft through performance, film and book publishing. This new collaboration with local feminist company Scary Little Girls focuses Wollstonecraft as a role model who pushed through from a difficult background to become a financially independent writer and author of the first women rights publication 'A Vindication of the Rights of Woman' 1792. An advocate for female financial independence, she was a single parent and the first woman travel writer. Newington Green is the site famous for dissent (The Village that Changed the World by Alex Alardyce, 2008) where Wollstonecraft ran a school for girls (1784). When the school failed, she set out to earn money by writing her first book on the education of girls, followed by publications in support of equality for both sex and race which lay behind the French Revolution. Newington Green provided the intellectual support to achieve these remarkable feats.

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