

A portrait of Olaudah Equiano, an 18th-century African American abolitionist, wearing a red coat and a white cravat. The background is a dark, textured brown.

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# Sunderland **Remembering Slavery**

Commemorating Black History Month,  
Year of Slavery and Houghton Feast  
Literature Festival through storytelling  
poetry and performance.

  
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2007 marks the 200th anniversary of the Parliamentary Act to abolish the slave trade in the British colonies. It was the beginning of a long journey to the eventual abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade in 1833. To commemorate the national anniversary, museums, galleries, libraries and archives across the North East have joined forces to run a year of events and activities, to explore slavery in both a historical and modern context.

The effects of the slave trade still resonate in today's society. The Remembering Slavery 2007 programme will reveal the history of the trans-Atlantic slave trade, bring to light contemporary forms of slavery and look at what is being done to bring the trade to an end.

Between 22 September and 30 October, Sunderland will be commemorating the Year of Slavery, Black History Month and Houghton Feast Literature Festival 2007 through music, drama, storytelling and poetry.

To follow is a list of the many activities taking place across the city. You do need to book or collect tickets for some sessions, but unless this is stated you can simply 'drop in' to them.

If you need any further information please telephone 0191 514 1235 or visit [www.rememberingslavery.com](http://www.rememberingslavery.com)

**All events are FREE**

**Key:**

- C: Event or activity for children and young people under 16
- A: Event or activity for adults
- F: Family event or activity
- All: Event or activity open to all



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## Remembering Slavery Exhibition

(All)

22 September – 11 November  
Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens  
Contact: 0191 553 2323

Exhibition focusing on the trans-Atlantic slave trade revealing details about the lives of the enslaved Africans and the hidden story of the North East people, both those who supported and those who resisted slavery, including Sunderland based campaigner, James Field Stanfield.

## Remembering Slavery 2007: an afternoon of talks (A)

Saturday 29 September,  
2.15pm – 5.15pm  
Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens  
Booking Essential.  
Contact: 0191 553 2323

Reflections on the trans-Atlantic slave trade, with guest speakers including Clarence Davis (Washington DC).

## Celebration Event with 'Drummed Up' (All)

Saturday 29 September,  
12.30pm – 3.30pm  
City Library and Arts Centre  
Contact: 0191 514 1235

Performance and workshop with traditional West African drumming group, 'Drummed Up'.

## Campaigning Against Slavery Exhibition (All)

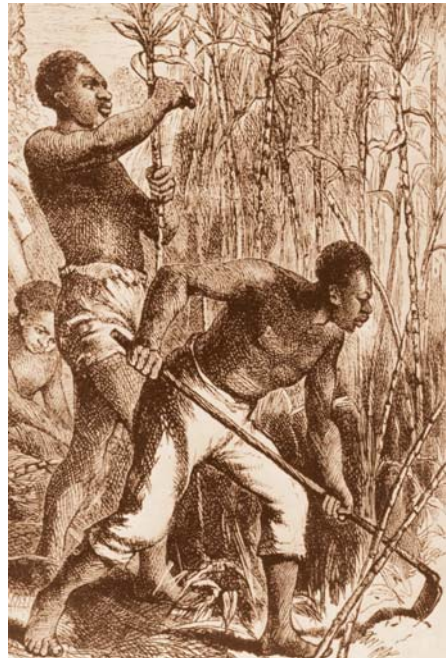
29 September – 31 October  
City Library and Arts Centre  
Contact: 0191 514 1235

A visual journey through history, from the trans-Atlantic slave trade to slavery in contemporary society.

## National Bookstart Day – Jungle Fun (C)

Friday 5 October  
All Sunderland Public Libraries  
Contact: 0191 514 1235

Jungle Fun sessions for the under fours, please check at your local library for further details.



Slavery in the Caribbean © Anti-Slavery International

**Jungle Fun with Tracey West  
National Bookstart Day celebrations**

(C)

Friday 5 October, 1.30pm – 2.30pm  
Houghton Library and Customer Service  
Centre

Stories and gentle movement exercises for toddlers, to encourage development and co-ordination.

**Chris Connaughton – Storyteller** (C)

Monday 8 October  
Houghton Library and Customer Service  
Centre

10am – 11.30am, 1.30pm – 3pm,  
6pm – 8pm  
(Tickets available from Houghton Library)  
Contact: 0191 520 5092

Performing traditional folk tales from around the world.

**Gary Cordingly – Storyteller** (C)

Tuesday 9 October  
10am – 11am, 1.30pm – 2.30pm  
Houghton Library and Customer Service  
Centre  
Contact: 0191 520 5092

Performing traditional North American folk tales.

**Peter Adegbe – African Poet** (A)

Wednesday 10 October, 2pm – 4pm  
Houghton Library and Customer Service  
Centre (Tickets available from Houghton  
Library)  
Contact: 0191 520 5092

Friday 12 October, 2pm – 4pm  
City Library and Arts Centre  
(Tickets available City Library and Arts  
Centre)  
Contact: 0191 514 1235

Enjoy this African poet performing his work and discussing tips on creative writing, sessions will include an open micro-phone slot for the audience to perform their own poetry.

**Poetry Slamming with New Word Order** (F)

Thursday 11 October, 5pm – 6pm  
Houghton Library and Customer Service  
Centre (Tickets available from Houghton  
Library)  
Contact: 0191 520 5092

Local poet Kate Fox will work with pupils at Houghton Kieper Secondary School in poetry slamming workshops, followed by an evening performance of their compositions.

**Booster Cushion Theatre** (C)

Monday 15 October,  
10am – 11am, 2pm – 3pm  
Houghton Library and Customer Service  
Centre (Tickets available from Houghton  
Library)  
Contact: 0191 520 5092

A one-man theatre show, performing his interactive creation 'Alan in Wonderland' with local children.

**Adam Bushnell – Storyteller (C)**

Monday 15 October, 10am – 11.30am

Bunny Hill Library and Customer Service Centre

1.30pm – 3pm

City Library and Arts Centre

Contact: 0191 514 1235

Monday 22 October,

11.45am – 12.45pm

Washington Green Library

2.30pm – 3.30pm

City Library and Arts Centre

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Hendon Library

Thursday 18 October, 10am – 11.30am

Doxford Park Library

1.30pm – 3pm

Sandhill View Library and Customer Service Centre

Tuesday 23 October, 10am – 11am

Sandhill Centre Library and Customer Service Centre

10.30am – 11.30am

Ryhope Library

2pm – 3pm

Easington Lane Library

2pm – 3pm

East Herrington Library

2pm – 3pm

Hetton Centre Library and Customer Service Centre

2pm – 3pm

Monkwearmouth Library

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Bunnyhill Centre Library and Customer Service Centre

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Shiney Row Library and Customer Service Centre

Performing traditional Jamaican folk tales.

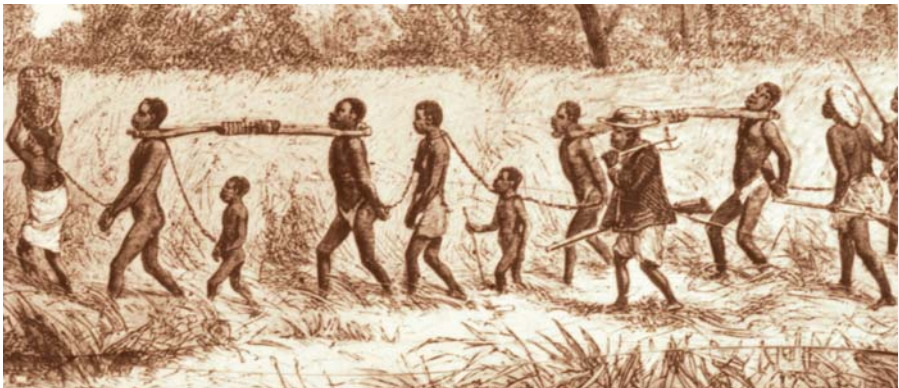
**Ethnic Arts and Crafts (C)**

Monday 22 to Friday 26 October

All Sunderland Public Libraries

Contact: 0191 514 1235

Get creative at these drop-in art and craft sessions during half term, with activities including African mask and jewellery making and paper weaving.



Captured Africans transported to West Coast of Africa © Anti-Slavery International

**Wednesday 24 October,**

**10.30am – 11.30am**

Fulwell Library

**11am – 12noon**

Doxford Park Library

**2pm – 3pm**

Kayll Road Library

**2pm – 3pm**

Silksworth Library

**2pm – 3pm**

Southwick Library

**2.30pm – 3.30pm**

City Library and Arts Centre

**Thursday 25 October**

**10.30am – 11.30am**

Washington Town Centre Library

**2pm – 3pm**

Fence Houses Library

**Friday 26 October**

**10.30am – 11.30am**

Houghton Library and Customer Service Centre

**10.45am – 11.45am**

Washington Millennium Centre Library

**2.30pm – 3.30pm**

City Library and Arts Centre

### **Kente Weaving (F)**

**Monday 22 October, 10.30am,**

**11.30am, 1.30pm and 2.30pm**

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

(Tickets available from Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens)

Contact: 0191 553 2323

Create a bookmark using a traditional weaving technique from Africa with artist Sandra Goldsmith.

### **Junk Music (C)**

**Tuesday 23 October,**

**10am – 12noon**

Washington Town Centre Library

**2pm – 4pm**

City Library and Arts Centre

Half term art and craft workshops, where children and young people can make musical instruments out of recycled materials, then perform a short musical piece using what they have made.

### **Gary Cordingly – Storyteller (C)**

**Tuesday 23 October, 10.30am,**

**11.30am, 1.30pm and 2.30pm**

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

**Wednesday 24 October,**

**10am – 11.30am**

Sandhill Centre Library and Customer Service Centre

**2pm – 4pm**

Fulwell Mill

Performing traditional North American folk tales.

### **'Drummed Up' African Dance and Drumming (F)**

**Wednesday 24 October, 10.30am,**

**11.30am, 1.30pm and 2.30 pm**

Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens

Contact: 0191 553 2323

Get moving with locally based, traditional West African drumming group 'Drummed Up'.

**Family Fun Day and Fair Trade**

**Bazaar (F)**

Thursday 25 October, 10am – 3pm  
Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens  
Contact: 0191 553 2323

Fun activities including afro-Caribbean food tasting, junk music and fashion.

**African Crafts (F)**

Friday 26 October, 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm and 2.30pm  
Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens  
Please book in advance.  
Contact: 0191 553 2323

Create African inspired textile crafts with artist Sandra Goldsmith.

**Gum Boot Dancers (F)**

Saturday 27 October, 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm and 2.30pm  
Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens  
Contact: 0191 553 2323

See and hear this amazing African dance group.

**BBC RaW Big Top Event (F)**

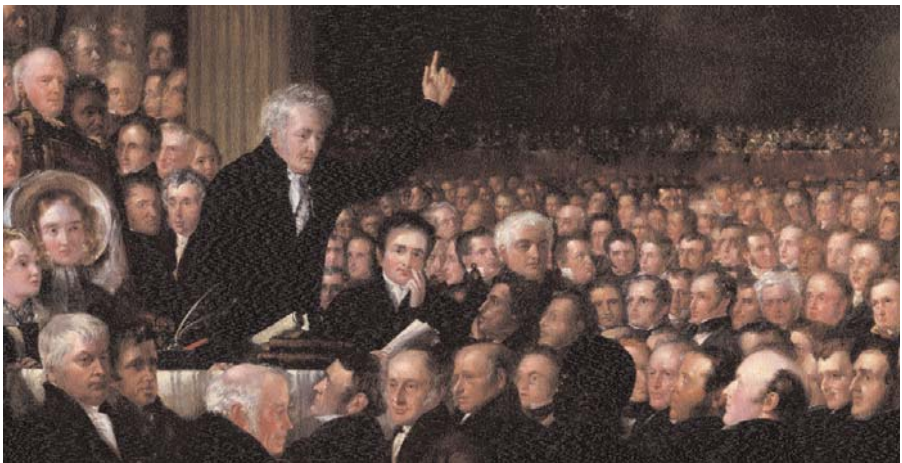
Sunday 28 October, 10am – 4pm  
Mowbray Park, near the bandstand  
Contact: 0191 219 3448

A fun packed day for all the family, with activities including storytelling and story-writing, art and crafts and a top performance.

**Adam Bushnell – Storyteller (C)**

Tuesday 30 October, 10am – 11.30am  
Houghton Library and Customer Service Centre  
1.30pm – 3pm  
Washington Town Centre Library

Performing traditional Jamaican folk tales.



Conference of Abolitionists 1840 © National Portrait Gallery

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