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Ragged School Museum, London



## **Staging the Past:**

**How London's Ragged School Museum makes Victorian education accessible for the schoolchildren of today**

**Monday, 6 December, 18:00**

**Großbritannien-Zentrum / Centre for British Studies**

**Mohrenstraße 60, Berlin-Mitte, Room 105**

The lecture talks about the Ragged School Museum, capturing both its history as a Victorian poor school and the history of it as a museum. The 'ragged' or free schools were philanthropic institutions, where the children of the Victorian urban poor could gain a free basic education. The museum was opened in 1990 on the premises of Dr Thomas Bernardos Copperfield Road Ragged School. The lecture will also locate the museum in the field of public history. It is organized jointly with *Hard Times* magazine.

Chris Bennion is Museum Learning Assistant at the Ragged School Museum in London. After studying at the University of York and Goldsmiths College, Universities of London Chris Bennion worked in several Theatre in Education roles, before joining the Education Team at the Ragged School Museum in 2007. There he is coordinating the education programme from children and adults, as well as running community learning programmes.

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**The lecture is organized jointly with *Hard Times* magazine and will be preceded by a reception at 17.30. All are welcome.**