

Join us in celebrating the Museum of Oxford's 50th birthday in 2025!

To celebrate our special year, we are working with Oxford's communities to share 50 new stories about the amazing heritage of our city.

It's been 50 years since we first opened our doors in 1975, and we're still just as committed to sharing the story of Oxford. To mark this special year, we're collaborating with groups and individuals across the city to bring together 50 new community stories. We hope to celebrate and bring together diverse stories, memories, and experiences to create a vibrant community-woven archive that represents Oxford in 2025.

We're working with different community groups, individuals, and artists across the city to capture these stories in various forms. Some of the groups we're collaborating with include: A Little History of the Sikhs, Iraqi Women Art & War, Shadowlight Artists, Film Oxford, the Chinese community, the Rumble Museum at Cheney School, Uncomfortable Oxford, Topaz, Ark-T, the East Timorese community, and a queer asylum seekers group. We're also gathering personal labels and recording oral histories from individuals with lived experiences of different aspects of Oxford's history. By the end of the project, we will have a collection of new collaborative artworks, community-collected objects, oral histories, and community labels.

All these stories will be shared in a temporary exhibition at the Museum of Oxford between 26 April 2025 – 3 January 2026. The exhibition, *Our Oxford: 50 Years, 50 Stories*, will evolve throughout the year as we collect new community stories. These stories will also be shared through our online collection 'City Stories', in new labels and objects in our permanent galleries, in a printed zine, and in an embroidered quilt we've commissioned local quilt artist E West to create.

Don't miss out! Visit the Museum of Oxford and be part of this exciting project. Share your own stories, explore the diverse heritage of our city, and celebrate our weaving together of 50 new community stories. If you have a story about Oxford's history that you think we should tell, this is your chance to share your story with us and our visitors!

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