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What's on

Open House London: virtual architecture tours

Join us for a virtual architectural tour of the RCP's Grade I listed building, as part of [Open House 2021](#).

In 1958 architect Denys Lasdun won the commission to design a new home for the RCP – a modern home that would demonstrate the RCP's new commitment to improving public health. The building was designed to reflect the institution's 500-year history and create purposefully designed spaces in which to care for its archives, rare books and historic collections.



Lasdun was faced with an enormous challenge: his modernist building needed to reflect both the RCP's forward-thinking attitude and its centuries of history. Lasdun was interested in the life his buildings would contain and strove to provide his client not with what they wanted, but with what they 'never dreamed [they] wanted'.

Join us for a virtual exploration of the modernist masterpiece Lasdun designed, discover how Lasdun fulfilled the RCP's contradictory brief, and how the spaces he created continue to care for its occupants and its history.

There are two live virtual tours available on Sunday 5 September.

[Book now](#)

Open House RCP Unseen exhibition talk

As part of Open House 2021 on 5 September, join senior curator Lowri Jones for a virtual talk about our online exhibition, RCP Unseen.

Housed in purpose-built areas of our Grade I listed property at the edge of Regent's Park, the RCP's vast historic collections work hard behind the scenes, informing current research projects, enriching RCP ceremonies and reaching international audiences through events and exhibitions.

Explore the history of medicine like you've never seen it before through these unseen riches and hear Lowri's personal insights into the objects chosen.

[Book now](#)

First Wednesday of the month taster tour

Join us on 1 September for a free lunchtime virtual taster tour of the RCP.

The 20-minute taster tour will be guided live by an expert from the RCP Archive, Library and Museum team, who will lead you virtually through the RCP's Grade I listed Regent's Park home, sharing their knowledge and answering your questions.

These taster tours take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

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News

Smallpox to COVID: a comparison of vaccine development

Last month we were delighted to welcome a fantastic panel of speakers to our event 'Smallpox to COVID: a comparison of vaccine development'. Dr Ana Duggan, adjunct assistant professor at McMaster University, and Anna Dhody, curator of the Mütter Museum, spoke about the fascinating ongoing research project 'A Pox In All Our Houses: Discovering the origin and evolution of smallpox vaccine'. We also heard from Dr Gregory Poland, director of the Vaccine Research Group at the Mayo Clinic, about how today's COVID-19 vaccines are being developed to tackle a modern pandemic.



Catch up now on our [YouTube channel](#).



Explore

'A little spark may yet lie hid'

Our [recent blog](#) explores the history of physicians, early resuscitation techniques and the Royal Humane Society.

Needless to say, we're very thankful that tickling with a feather or a smoke enema are no longer medically advised resuscitation techniques for drowning!

South Asian Heritage Month

[South Asian Heritage Month](#) runs 18 July – 17 August every year.

This year we welcome guest blogger Professor Nadarajah Sreeharan as he explores the ['Introduction of Western medicine into northern Sri Lanka: from Massachusetts to Manipal'](#) in the 19th century.

Inspiring physicians

[Inspiring Physicians](#), the RCP's collection of biographies of fellows, is regularly updated, with new obituaries appearing every month. Among the fellows recently added:

[Lisa Jane Newton](#) was a consultant haematologist at Bradford Royal Infirmary who initiated an obstetric haematology clinic for mothers with thrombotic/haemostatic problems.

[Fajeza Jabeen Qasim](#) was the first Muslim pupil at Bradford Girls' Grammar School and became a consultant nephrologist at Manchester Royal Infirmary.



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