Your London borough is turning 50 – time to



From Enfield to Bromley, Hillingdon to Havering (and everywhere in between) every London borough is celebrating its half-century milestone on 1 April.

In 1965, our capital was divided into 12 inner boroughs and 20 outer boroughs – each with their own local councils - as a result of the London Government Act 1963.

Today, each borough has its own unique identity, fascinating stories, favourite attractions and even some famous faces – but what happened over the past five decades to make them what they are today?

We're offering grants of up to £100,000 to projects to help find out.

Why not…

- Share the memories of your community?
- Go behind the scenes at a local landmark?
- Explore the origins of cultural traditions?
- Tell the story of a community or organisation which has transformed local life?
- Explore the truths and myths of stories through the decades?

Two boroughs are leading the way with brilliant projects already awarded funding. Barking and Dagenham is opening a treasure trove of photographs taken through the lens of a local photographer, while Richmond's democratic past will form the basis of a touring exhibition.

Would you like to find out more about the funding available? Please contact Michael Murray, HLF's London Development Manager via email at: michaelm@hlf.org.uk.



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Aliens town show in Barking and Dagenham



brating 50 years as a London Borough

Newham Heritage Month events celebrated the intangible cultural heritage of the borough's communities including Bharatnatham dance. Credit: K J Martin.

Celebrating the stories of London boroughs