

Celebrating International Women's Day 2018

“Strong Women of Bow” – Redbridge Faith Forum Event

A group of 12 women enjoyed a very interesting and informative walk around Bow to celebrate International Women's Day on 8th March learning about the “Strong Women of Bow.”

Led by Registered Tour Guide Eleanor Bloom the group heard inspirational stories from the lives of influential women who worked selflessly to promote social justice in their lifetimes.

We heard about political pioneers, philanthropists, suffragettes and social reformers all associated with Bow in the East End and were able to view the buildings and monuments they were associated with.

It was an impressive list of women including Julia Scarr, Lady Norah Smythe, Lady Sybil Smith, Prisca Coburn, the Lansbury Family, Nurse Edith Cavell, Zeelie Emerson, Annie Besant, Sylvia Pankhurst, Clara Grant and Doris & Muriel Lester.



The walk ended at Unity community cafe at the Bromley by Bow centre where coincidentally another event was taking place also celebrating International Women's Day. All were grateful to enjoy some warming soup at the café and have the chance to chat informally and form new friendships.

Redbridge Faith Forum would like to thank Eleanor for giving so freely of her time to give us a wonderful morning and the opportunity to raise some funds for the charity. Eleanor has a website



<http://www.londonatyourfeet.com> and can offer a range of walks to groups.

