

Open House 2018 – Alexandra Road Estate, Camden

This weekend is Open House and one of the highlights is the Alexandra Road Estate, which features heavily in the British Library oral history collections.

Seeing sound: What is a spectrogram?

Greg Green, Audio Project Cataloguer for Unlocking our Sound Heritage writes: In this digital age, most of us are familiar with audio waveforms, the 'wavy' images that represent the dynamic course of a particular sound recording. Waveforms are in fact a type of graph, with time on the X axis...

Recording of the week: Whistling to the bujak – Batek fishing techniques

Coleridge Research Fellow Dr Alice Rudge writes: The Batek are a hunting and gathering people who dwell in the lowland rainforests of Peninsular Malaysia. When visiting recently, I accompanied Batek friends on a fishing trip and was taught some new techniques. We left early in the morning, as the river...

Mary Jane Long

MJ Long, who died recently, was one of the key architects of the British Library. She was interviewed interviewed by Jill Lever for Architects' Lives in 1997-98.

Listening to mammals with the Batek

Coleridge Research Fellow Dr Alice Rudge writes: The Batek are hunting and gathering people who dwell in the lowland rainforests of Peninsular Malaysia. During my fieldwork with them, I played some recordings of mammal sounds which are held at the Library. Batek people have extremely detailed ecological knowledge of the...