

PECKHAM RISING

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Peckham Rising explores the 'other' city submerged beneath the morass of lurid, obfuscatory images and headlines regularly purveyed in the media and policy circles. Peckham has emerged in the last few years as an undeconstructed, mythical symbol of all the ills of urban society: gun crime, feral youth, sink estates, moral and family breakdown etc. This almost metaphysical image of Peckham's urban pathology has remained unchallenged despite the arrival in the area of a huge regeneration programme and new public spaces such as the Library and town square.

Deploying a critical assemblage of urban street photography, sound and text, Peckham Rising aims to launch a counter intuitive and deconstructive re-visioning of the area from a site in the heart of Peckham, the Sassoon Gallery, just off Rye Lane. The complex and little understood social ecology of 'street life' on Rye Lane is the focus of the evocative and impressionistic images of Daniele Tamagni and Thabo Jaiyesimi. Framing the images, Janine Lai's sound interventions give voice to the largely unheard 'shouts in the street' of Peckham residents and market users.

Peckham Rising creates a temporary space of contemplation about the nature of contemporary urbanism and it's 'other': the so-called ghetto. The exhibition invites critical reflection about the need to creatively engage the cosmopolitan, diverse and complex nature of a great metropolis such as London in the 21st century. Peckham Rising attempts, in a modest but bold gesture, to open one of the many paths of creative thinking and action to build the city of the future. The exhibition speculates on the notion that Peckham, with all its contradictions, affections and creative energies, may emerge as a Capital of the 21st Century.

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Private view and Peckham regeneration
debate 3rd September 6-9pm
Open daily from midday to 6pm

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