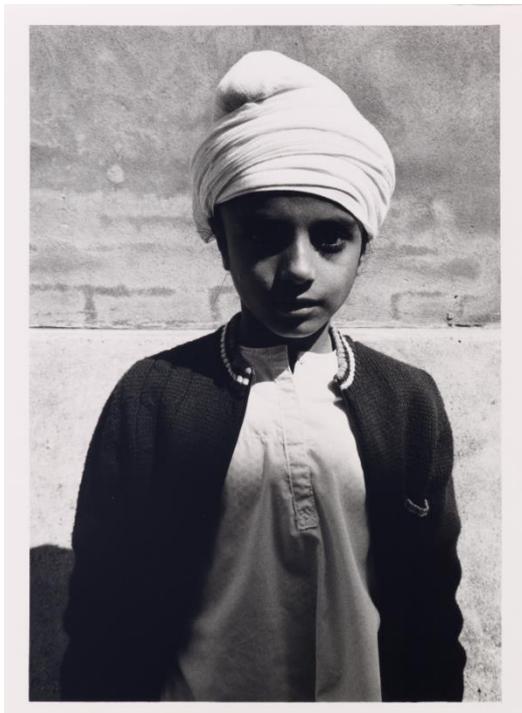


## Dennis Morris's classic photographs of 1970s Southall Tour Hounslow

Dennis Morris is famed for his era-defining photographs of the likes of Bob Marley and the Sex Pistols. He also brought to life the hidden London of the 1970s and this exhibition gives an intimate glimpse into the Sikh community of Southall of that time. This exhibition takes a selection of photographs from the larger body of work **Southall: A Home from Home**, taken over a period of eight years (1974-1982). All the images have a strong sense of community spirit, from the young boy looking after a young sibling to a group of mothers doing their daily shop. This exhibition sensitively portrays the day to day trials and tribulations of living in Southall during the seventies and invites the audience to consider how far we have come... or have we?



### Who is Dennis Morris?

By the age of nine, Morris was already developing black-and-white negatives and set on becoming a photographer. Aged 17 he ran away from home for a week to be the first tour photographer for Bob Marley and the Wailers. On the journey out of London he went through Southall which sparked a deep interest in Morris, and on his return he started an eight year personal project to study the area with his lens.

### Why now?

This exhibition is brought to Hounslow by Creative People and Places Hounslow, part of a nationwide programme funded by Arts Council

England to broaden the reach of the Arts into communities of lower arts engagement. A key aim for Creative People and Places Hounslow is to bring quality arts to the borough, to give everyone the opportunity to access inspiring artwork, events and performances.

These photographs have been loaned to CPP Hounslow from Gunnersbury Park Museum which is currently undergoing a major renovation project. This means that their collection is unavailable to the public. This was a great way to share some of the beautiful collection at Gunnersbury and to take the works into a new spaces, where people can see them close to their homes.

## **Listings:**

### **Home**

#### **An exhibition of Dennis Morris Photography taken from Southall: A Home from Home**

#### **FREE EXHIBITION**

Feltham Library 15 March -10 May

Hounslow Library 13 May-30 June

Watermans 5 July- 25 August

[www.watermans.org.uk](http://www.watermans.org.uk)

## **Editor's Notes**

### **About Creative People & Places**

Creative People & Places is Arts Council England's major national investment in engaging new people and communities in the arts. In Hounslow it is a consortium of seven organisations, including community arts organisations, a community network, Hounslow Music Service and the local authority, and is led by Watermans. The 10-year vision is to build a confident, colourful and creative borough. We are doing this by boosting Arts capacity and audience in the borough through the development of new arts spaces and activities, a range of large outdoor events and a programme of support for small and emerging creative businesses.