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Saving the People's Forest

With **Mark Gorman** in conversation with Richard Price **Saturday 14th January**



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SAVING THE PEOPLE'S FOREST

Open spaces, enclosure and popular protest in mid-Victorian London



Mark Gorman

Author Mark Gorman's book *Saving the People's Forest* is the first to fully document the role of East London artisans and workers in protecting Epping Forest from enclosures and development.

He writes that: "The story of the preservation of Epping Forest and other metropolitan open spaces has been told almost entirely from the perspective of ... elite campaigners, who conducted parliamentary and legal campaigns against enclosures and development." He shows that the campaign was driven by popular protest, ranging from lobbying local MPs, agitating in the press, demonstrations, public meetings to rioting on Wanstead Flats in 1871. It involved not only the communities around the Forest, but many from working class communities of the old East End, who valued the Forest for leisure, entertainment and as a venue for public meetings.

Location

Saturday 14th January, 3pm Wanstead Quaker Meeting House Bush Road, London, E11 3AU

Transport

Buses: 257, 308, W19 Central Line Underground: Leytonstone (11 min walk) Overground: Leytonstone High Road (plus 257 bus)