

# STORIES OF ALDGATE

Aldgate Connect BID is proud to present **STORIES OF ALDGATE**, an exhibition which captures the voices and lived experiences of those who live, work, study, and make Aldgate such an iconic corner of London.

**ALDGATE  
CONNEC**  
Welcome everyone

TOWER OF  
LONDON

TOWER HILL  
STATION

## MIGRATION TIMELINE

For centuries, migrants have shaped Aldgate's identity. discover their story of movement & community.

## STORYTELLERS 9 & 10

### ABHAY

Leaving stability for uncertainty. Swapping corporate life for purpose. From Mumbai to London - Abhay's journey is a testament to risk, resilience, and the belief that the right path isn't always the easy one.

### MATTHEW

A note. A name. A past he didn't know was his. Matt's journey spans the quiet stability of family fractures, the chaos of foster care, and an unexpected sense of belonging found in history, and a community that finally felt like home.

### LAURIE

In post-war austerity, bomb sites became playgrounds, and church halls offered warmth. But it was the cinema—its music, its magic—that shaped Laurie's world, a place of escape, first dates, and treasured songs.

### RICCARDO

A hustler on the run, in a heartbeat, routine turns to urgency—until a final sprint ends in relief, reflection, and a reminder of why this place feels like home.

## STORYTELLERS 7 & 8

## FENCHURCH STREET STATION

Find out more about Stories of Aldgate and the Aldgate Connect BID.

CROSSWALL

AYDON ST.

### AVENA

From a wide-eyed 10-year-old stepping into Petticoat Lane for the first time to a business owner rooted in its streets, Avena's journey is one of resilience, reinvention, and community. In a place where adaptation is survival, she has thrived for over 30 years—proving that change isn't something to fear, but to embrace.

### HENRY

With family roots in Aldgate stretching back generations, Henry's story is built on dedication to his community. Whether delivering milk to first responders or sharing tea with local police, his journey is one of service, connection, and the quiet moments that shape a neighbourhood.

## STORYTELLERS 5 & 6

### SURESH

From Spitalfields' markets to a family home overflowing with generosity, Suresh's father embodied divine love—selfless, resilient, unwavering. His story is a beautiful tribute to a man who gave everything, showing not just his son's life but an entire community.

### GABRIELA

A quiet street. A hesitant step. Untold stories waiting to be uncovered. Through Whitechapel's past and present, Gabriela's journey transforms from fear to connection, proving that even the gentlest voices can make an impact.

## STORYTELLERS 3 & 4

### ABS

A simple haircut led to a new life in Aldgate. What started as an unexpected move became a journey of connection—finding love, building community, and giving back. For Abs, home isn't just a place; it's the people he shares it with.

### JULIE

A message. A moment of clarity. Julie's life cracked open in an instant—leaving behind a marriage, rediscovering herself and in the heart of Aldgate, finding the space to live fully, freely, and on her own terms.

## STORYTELLERS 1 & 2

JEWRY ST.

ALDGATE  
SQUARE

ALDGATE HIGH STREET

ST. BOTOLPH STREET

ALDGATE  
STATION

MINORIES

INDIA ST.  
ST CLARE ST.

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VINE STREET

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VINE STREET

MINORIES