

# WELLS and TRANSATLANTIC SLAVERY

## MULTI-VENUE VISITS FOR SCHOOLS



### **A History/RE/PSHE programmed day for Upper KS2 and above.**

Explore Wells and its links to transatlantic slavery. Visit the Cathedral and Wells & Mendip Museum, and follow a city-wide trail to historic sites (including the option to visit the Bishop's Palace) that link the City of Wells to British slavery. See an original Antigua plantation map and take part in a spoken word workshop.

#### **At Wells Cathedral (Facilitated)**

Take a guided tour of the Cathedral and Vicars' Close to see visible markers that connect the church to slavery, and engage in discussion around how to acknowledge and remember this history today.

Explore abolition by taking part in a spoken word workshop about Mary Prince. Mary Prince was the first black woman to publish an autobiography of her experience as an enslaved person. The workshop is led by Judith Desbonne who is an experienced workshop leader and member of Somerset African Caribbean Network.

#### **At Wells & Mendip Museum (Facilitated)**

Take a close up look at an original Antigua plantation map and other contemporary sources to look for clues about the lives of enslaved Africans.

#### **City Trail (Optional, Teacher-led)**

Follow a city-wide trail to see historic sites that link the City of Wells to British slavery. As part of the trail, groups can opt to visit the Long Gallery in the Bishop's Palace to see a portrait of the abolitionist Bishop Law. (Small additional cost.) The trail can be downloaded [here](#).

**Each session lasts approximately 55 minutes.**

## Useful Information

Cost:

£7.50 per pupil (including VAT). Includes Cathedral tours, spoken word workshop, museum visit, and optional city trail.

Please add £2 per pupil (including VAT) to go into the Bishop's Palace.

Free places are offered to disadvantaged pupils (please see booking form).

Accompanying adults are free of charge (please see our booking form for ratios).

Lunch space and bag storage included

Maximum 90 pupils per visit

Timing: Approx 9:45 – 2:15 (with some flexibility depending on travel times)

Please contact [education@wellscathedral.org.uk](mailto:education@wellscathedral.org.uk) to check availability and to book.

