



Course details

Course title

Art and About: The Cato Street Conspiracy – A Walk

Course code

Q00019141

Course date

Start: 19/06/25

End: 19/06/25

Number of classes

1 sessions

Timetable

Thu 19th Jun, 10:30 to 13:30

Tutor

Laurie Johnston

Fee range

Free to £12.60

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

Edgware Road Underground (London)
Chapel Street
London

NW1 5DH

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

We will take a gentle stroll through a historic part of London focusing on the Cato Street Conspiracy of 1820. Starting at Edgware Road Underground Station and finishing at Grosvenor Square, we will take in the sites of the plot including the miraculously surviving hayloft in which the plotters met. We will consider the evidence for the plotter's intentions and the many theories that have been advanced over the involvement of the government, the police and the military. We will consider the men involved and the political atmosphere, culture and setting in which they operated. Meet at Edgware Road Underground Station, Chapel St, London NW1 5DH

Course description

We will start at Edgware Road Underground station by considering a discovery nearby in 1820, a police chase and an arrest. We will walk to the location of the plot on Cato Street itself and stare at the hayloft (now worth well in excess of £1 million) where the conspirators made their plans and were surprised on the fateful night of 23rd February 1820. We will then stroll south past the long- vanished site of the barracks from where soldiers were called to crush the plot and ask how they could they possibly have got themselves lost on a 500 yard journey. We will finish at Grosvenor Square where the plotters were planning to carry out a devastating attack on the British cabinet. Throughout we will study some of the very detailed and often contradictory evidence for

who did what, when and with what intent. We ask who the conspirators were and what did they believe. What were they hoping to achieve? Was it revenge for Peterloo? Was it a nostalgic backward-looking plot or was it revolutionary. Was it provoked deliberately by government? It is a thrilling story.

What financial support is available?

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