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**THE TEXTILE SOCIETY**  
for the study of the history, art and design of textiles

## **32nd Annual Conference** **Textiles, Communication and Politics**

**Friday 7 Nov – Sunday 9 Nov 2014**

**Wellcome Trust Centre, Euston Road, London, (opposite Euston Train Station)**

### **Conference subject**

The political nature of textiles can be evidenced through cloth past and present, from many different cultures. Through textiles we communicate personal and social narratives and engender cultural identity. Textiles can be the conduit to bring people together in society, revealing shared values and concerns. Textiles can commemorate events and act as propaganda or social commentary, they can tell our stories and shape our ideas. The history of textiles is highly politicised. Textiles are part of a hierarchical value system where high and low art distinctions are drawn between fine art and craft, where textiles and gender are inextricably linked. Textiles have served the political purpose of institutions and individuals but also challenged them.

The 2014 Textile Society conference explores the theme of Textiles, Communication and Politics from historical and contemporary perspectives.

**Speakers:** Textile historians and conservators Jacquie Hyman and Vivian Lochhead, textile practitioners Paddy Hartley (Project Façade), Nigel Hurlstone, Claire Barber and Lynn Setterington, textile theorist Gavin Fry, and fair trade and textile manufacturing specialists Seher Mirza and Labour Behind the Label.

### **Schedule**

#### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November:**

An exhibition on Watts of Westminster has been curated by Mary Schoeser at the Fashion and Textile Museum. We have arranged a special tour of this exhibition and a presentation by Dr. Brenda King. Visit commences at 11am. Price on booking form. Maximum 20 people.

AGM 3.15pm Wellcome Centre (Free).

Opening conference: speaker 1 (Free).

Conference dinner in London. Venue to be confirmed (expected set menu at approx.£25 per Person).

#### **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> November:**

Main conference. £60 members/£80 non-members. Registration 9.30 -10.20  
Conference commences 10.20 and finishes 5.30. Lunch and refreshments included.

#### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November:**

We have arranged a special tour of the Jane Morris and Rossetti special exhibition at the William Morris Gallery at 11am. Price on booking form. Maximum 20 people.