

# An event to educate and empower the women of East London

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*How much do you really understand about British politics, enough to form your own views, enough to participate, enough to vote? And if you don't know, where can you go to learn? There's an assumption that people 'switch off' from politics because they don't care or aren't interested, but in many cases a simple lack of understanding of the institutions, processes, and issues, prevents people from forming their own views and getting involved.*



'Politics Uncovered' is an event aimed at addressing the common gaps in political knowledge, teaching the women of east London through art, discussion, and engagement.

Arts producers from The Original Ranch recently held a series of discussion groups with local women, and the issues of politics, power, and wider public participation were closely linked.

At a time when women continue to be underrepresented in politics, it is more important than ever that they become informed and engaged, and exercise their right to participate in public life.

"Women shouldn't switch off when it comes to politics," says Olivia Bellas, Director of The Original Ranch. "By learning the basics, something I was never taught at school, we hope women will feel more confident about discussing and tackling community issues in a comfortable space."

Participants will also be able to join in group discussions and watch an animation about women making a difference in their local community.

The film features interviews with east London women discussing social and community participation and will be used in future educational projects.

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