

## Keeping the spirit of Cable Street alive in modern Britain: a competition for schools



In October 2026, Britain marks the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street. To mark this milestone, [Learn About Britain](#), an education charity working with young people, new migrants to the UK and the wider public, is running a competition for school students on capturing the spirit of Cable Street in modern Britain.

Prize winners, runners up and their teachers will be invited to an educational day in East London in spring 2026 when they will be able to visit historical sites connected with the Battle of Cable Street and invited to an event in Parliament in which winning entries will be showcased, with travel and food costs covered by Learn About Britain. Students' work will be featured on our website and social media sites and winning entrants will receive £50 prize vouchers.

To enter, we ask students to respond to the following theme:

### ***Why is the spirit of Cable Street still relevant in modern Britain?***

We will accept responses in the form of **essays of up to 500 words, short films of up to 3 minutes, posters or single pieces of artwork**. Projects can directly answer the question in an essay form or showcase projects which students themselves have led to bring the spirit of Cable Street to life in their communities. Entries must be submitted to us **by 5pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027** with **winners announced in early March 2027** and the **educational day and Parliamentary event taking place in late April or early May 2027**. Judges will include:

- **Aneeta Prem MBE**, human rights advocate
- **Sir Peter Riddell**, former Public Appointments Commissioner and political journalist
- **Dr Adrian Bingham**, Professor of British History at Sheffield University
- **Paul Phillips OBE**, co-President of the Holocaust Educational Trust

To support schools to help students put together their entries, we have produced a series of lessons on Cable Street with accompanying teacher guidance, slides and short films (in particular, the Lesson 6 activities and supporting film directly prepare students for this exercise). To access these resources, visit [our website](#) or watch our Cable Street films on [Youtube](#).

**All participating schools will receive a thank you letter which can be showcased in school and used in inspection visits as evidence of your work to explore British history and values.**

Competition entries must be emailed to [joe@learnaboutbritain.uk](mailto:joe@learnaboutbritain.uk) by 5pm on 22 February 2027