

# *It's a* SOCIAL

**WHAT: DORICH HOUSE, KINGSTON**

**WHEN: FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2020**

**TRANSPORT: BUS, WALK**

**TIME AND MEETING PLACE:**

10.00am at BUS STOP by CARPETRITE in Broad Street, Teddington

**COST: £3.00 (seniors) or £5.00**

Bus fare (Oyster or Travelcard). Money for lunch afterwards if required.

**Leader: ELIZABETH HICKS**



**Architecture - Russian Art -  
History - Sculpture**

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We will catch a bus (281, 185, 481) to Kingston bus station and from there catch a K3 or 85 to Kingston Hill. The house is a few minutes' walk downhill from the bus stop. There is parking at the house if people prefer to travel by car and meet us there. We will have a guided tour (approx. 1-1.5 hour) which starts at 11.00am with a seated introductory talk and video about the life of **Dora Gordine** and the history of the house followed by walking tour. There is a visitor toilet on site.

Dora was an émigré Latvian artist who first studied in Paris and had her first custom built house and studio there. She later moved to south-east Asia which also influenced her **art and sculpture**. She was described as the **foremost woman sculptor in the world** and Dorich House has the largest collection of her work in the world. She sculpted famous people such as Edith Sitwell and you can see plaster casts and finished bronzes in the Museum. She married an English Russian scholar and settled in England. Together they collected **Russian art and artefacts**. She designed **Dorich House** in Kingston to be their home but also as a studio and exhibition space. The house has three floors with narrow staircases and the living accommodation is on the top floor. There is also a rooftop space which offers extensive views especially into Richmond Park. The house was completed in 1936 and reflects the architectural style of the time.

The house is now owned and managed by Kingston University who have renovated it to its original standard. After the tour we can peruse the collections at leisure. We could then catch the bus back to Kingston for lunch together or go our own way. **Numbers are limited to 20, so please sign up soon.**

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Click on following website: <https://www.dorichhousemuseum.org.uk/>

**TO BOOK: Email or phone Elizabeth by Sunday 23 February latest** 020 8977 8406, email: [ejhicks@btinternet.com](mailto:ejhicks@btinternet.com) or add your name to the list of attendees in the Atrium.

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