



Statues of Discord in the Heart of London

Monday 6 July 2026

A two hour walk from Charing Cross Station starting at 11am

Only 25 places - £15 per person

Controversy about statues has raged for centuries. A parliamentary committee tried to stop Nelson's column – they failed. Edith Cavell, the nurse executed in World War 1 was treated as a martyr. But her statue's legend 'For King and Country' is contradicted by a second inscription placed by those who knew her. Then there's the statue that parliament thought they had melted down – only for it to reappear. Do we even notice these monuments that have caused such controversy?

So, come and find out more. What about the sculptor who got so fed up with his design being interfered with that he ended up sculpting a horse urinating? And who'd have thought a conversation with Oscar Wilde could still cause discord? Meanwhile, standing serenely, are a couple of 19th century generals active in India who might be glad they lived in an era before war crimes tribunals.

Find all this and more in the epicentre of the city, the seat of power – in and around Trafalgar Square and Whitehall.

Booking form

Name: Email

Mobile phone number

Please pay by bank transfer if possible (reference Walk), cheque or cash at the lecture

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Payment (£15 per person) can be made by bank transfer (TASRTW 30-98-77) a/c 00484302 (reference Walk) by cheque or by cash. Your place is only confirmed once payment has been received. Bookings are taken on a first come first served basis and are limited to 25 members only. Payments are non refundable. The closing date for bookings is Monday 22 June. Enquiries to Elizabeth Harding (elizabethharding@mail.com). Cheques to Terri Westerdale, 53 Edison Court, Exchange Mews, Tunbridge Wells TN4 9TR.