

## **WHAT IS BIG IDEAS?**

Birkbeck's Big Ideas is a series of thought-provoking free public lectures, delivered in the local community by members of the Birkbeck academic community from a wide range of disciplines.

The lectures are open to all, regardless of academic experience, and offer a chance to learn something new. For some attendees, it might be their first experience of a university lecture; others may be developing an existing interest.

The series aims to offer an unintimidating and easily accessed experience of university learning: free lectures, open to all, delivered in the local community, so no need to travel far for those who live in the area (and convenient transport links for those who don't!). The 2019/20 series will take place at Stratford Library.

## **WHO ARE ACCESS AND ENGAGEMENT?**

The Access and Engagement department sits at the heart of Birkbeck's commitment to improving the access and success of non-traditional students in London. We work with potential students who would otherwise feel excluded from taking a step into higher education and our work addresses the discrepancies in the take-up of higher education opportunities between different social groups.

We collaborate with academics and professional services across the College and a number of external partners to help raise educational attainment among prospective students from under-represented groups, supporting them to progress into higher education to study a course relevant to their interests, ambitions and goals.