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## Snapping the Stiletto campaign seeks inspirational Essex women

A PIONEERING project, which received funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, is calling for nominations of women from across Essex to be the faces of a new campaign.

*Snapping the Stiletto: Campaigning for Equality* is a project which aims to challenge stereotypes by sharing and celebrating the stories of Essex women throughout history to the present day.

Launching the second phase of the project, *Snapping the Stiletto: Campaigning for Equality* is calling for people to nominate a 'real' Essex woman who they feel is, or has been, an inspiration. The women nominated must either have been born, worked or lived in the county and they must be known by the nominator.

While the role of Essex women throughout history will be explored, the campaign is not looking for the county's historical female figures to be nominated.

Working with communities across the county, a panel of project partners will choose five Essex women who encapsulate the campaign's criteria. The chosen women will have their portraits captured by an illustrator and will become the faces of *Snapping the Stiletto: Campaigning for Equality* in 2021.

Councillor Susan Barker, Essex County Council Cabinet Member for Customer, Communities, Culture and Corporate, said: "We are looking for nominations of those who have inspired, encouraged, pioneered or led the way, perhaps against the odds, to become the faces of our campaign.

"We would urge everyone to nominate the exceptional women in their lives, whether they are friends, parents, teachers, businesswomen, volunteers or community leaders, we want to hear about the inspirational women who have made - and continue to make - our county what it is today."

For more information about *Snapping the Stiletto: Campaigning for Equality* and how to nominate an inspirational woman please visit the [Explore Essex](#) website and complete the application form by Wednesday 20 December 2020.

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**Snapping the Stiletto: Campaigning for Equality:** [\*Snapping the Stiletto: Campaigning for Equality\*](#) is a National Lottery Heritage Funded project which aims to seek equality and challenge stereotypes by sharing and celebrating the stories of Essex women. The project's purpose is to find and tell the stories of women of all ethnicities and backgrounds including, those from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds, LGBTQ+ individuals, working women and women with special educational needs and disabilities.

The project will collect the histories of underrepresented communities in the county and the objects that tell these stories and is working with the Maldon Museum in the Park, the Museum of Power, Saffron Walden Museum and Southend Museums so that the oral histories and artefacts can be displayed and made accessible to the general public.

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