



## Hi Museum Supporters!

Two months into the year and we're off to an exciting start, with screenings, exhibitions, events and more field work in Kenya. Keep reading to see highlights from our work over the last few weeks, as well as what's coming up in March.

## Operation Legacy Screening at SOAS



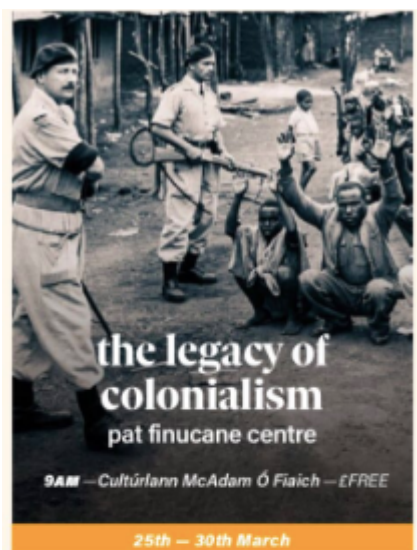
Early last month, we joined the Decolonising Our Minds Society at SOAS to hold a screening of Operation Legacy, followed by a panel discussion. We were delighted to say the event attracted a large, diverse and enthusiastic audience who kept the discussion going late into the evening.

Topics ranged from the need to address intergenerational trauma suffered as a result of the Mau Mau Emergency; to the silencing of voices that opposed British colonialism, and an exploration of what justice could look like for victims of British colonialism, particularly with regards to heritage.

The event also provided us with a wonderful opportunity to reflect and receive feedback on work completed to date, as well as to gather insight into what audiences would like to see moving forward. Read more about the screening on our blog [here](#).

'Operation Legacy' will also be screened at The University of Manchester this month, on Tuesday 27th March. More details will follow on our social media! If you're interested in holding a screening like this at your institution or in your city, let us know at [info@museumofbritishcolonialism.org](mailto:info@museumofbritishcolonialism.org)

## Imagine! Belfast Exhibition



**The Pat Finucane Centre has been working in partnership with the Museum of British Colonialism to look at the impact of colonialism.**

The museum has produced a documentary and an exhibition which are intended to help those interested to learn more about true nature of British colonial rule worldwide. On 30th March there will be a public event from 2-4pm when PFC and the Museum of British Colonialism will discuss the legacy of colonialism. The MofBC will also air their documentary *Operation Legacy* (30mins).

From 25th - 30th March, we'll be joining the [Pat Finucane Centre](#) at [Belfast's Imagine! festival](#). Our free exhibition will run Monday through Saturday at An Cultúrann, where we'll also be showing *Operation Legacy*.

The exhibition will be followed by a panel discussion on the 30th March, which will address the legacy of colonialism in Kenya, Northern Ireland and more broadly.

If you happen to be in Belfast, or know anyone who might be, please do drop by to watch *Operation Legacy*, learn more about fieldwork in Kenya, and hear how we are partnering and working to restore lesser known aspects of British colonial history in Ireland and Kenya.

The Pat Finucane Centre is a non-party political, anti-sectarian human rights group advocating a non-violent resolution of the conflict on the island of Ireland. The centre has worked extensively on the legacy of colonialism and state violence and more recently came into the news as a result of the [recent ruling](#) on the enquiry into the murder of Belfast solicitor after whom the centre is named, Pat Finucane. We are tremendously proud to have them as a partner and look forward to continuing our work together.

## New Video: Dedan Kimathi Memorial, Nyeri



Every year on the 18th of February, Kimathi Day is celebrated in Kenya. This day marks the death of Mau Mau leader Dedan Kimathi, the revolutionary hero who was shot by police in October 1956, and four months later executed by the British colonial government. Kimathi was buried in an unmarked grave. Today, a memorial stands at the site where Kimathi was shot; the location of his burial still unknown, this memorial is considered by some to be his grave.

For many Mau Mau veterans, family members, local communities and political figures, Kimathi's memorial site has become an important area to pay respects to the struggle fought for land and freedom. A quote by Kimathi at his memorial reads:

*"It is better to die on our feet than live on our knees for fear of colonial rule."*

In our latest video from our fieldwork in Kenya, Anthony Maina of Nyeri Museums takes us to Dedan Kimathi's memorial in Nyeri. He spoke to us about the memorial, the celebrations on Dedan Kimathi Day, and the importance of remembering the history of your country.

Watch the video via our YouTube channel [here](#).

## Beth and Chao Head Back to Kenya

We are excited to say that two members of our UK team have recently relocated to Kenya. Our co-founder Chao, who has been in the UK for the last two years, returned in January to begin a project on digital heritage in Kenya, delivered through her own organisation - and our main partner - [African Digital Heritage](#). See Chao below introducing her work to various partners in Kenya.



More recently, our resident historian, Beth Rebisz, also headed to Kenya to continue research on her PhD, which focuses on the Emergency Villages during the Emergency. Beth plans to divide her time between research and museum work. Here's what she had to say about her trip:

*"I'm fortunate enough to be splitting my time between working on my PhD thesis and supporting the work being conducted by the Museum here in Kenya. As great as technology is at connecting people across the world, it will be brilliant to spend some time working hands on with the Kenya based team; updating them on the successful events that have been taking place in the UK and to hear what they've been working on. I hope during my time I can support the organising of another screening of the Operation Legacy documentary, following the success of last year's event at PAWA254!*

*I'm going to be undertaking archival research in the National Archives to further build our knowledge base. Chao and I are also making plans for further site visits which will contribute to building our visual collection of resources. It's going to be a busy but productive few months!"*

We look forward to sharing updates from their time in Kenya!

## **UK and Kenyan Volunteering Opportunities**



Many people contact us asking how they can support our work. In response to all the volunteer enquiries we've received, we're pleased to announce we're holding a volunteer information day in London, and are putting out a call for a Social Media Volunteer in Kenya!

For more information about our event in London (exact location TBC), check out the [Eventbrite page](#) or [Facebook event](#).

Our callout for a Kenyan Social Media Volunteer is available [here](#). Please spread far and wide!

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