



Iniva's Stuart Hall Library Temporary Closure FAQs

We are currently in the middle of some exciting new developments, and will reopen in the New Year. During this busy time, we may be slower than usual in responding to email enquiries, but we aim to respond within **two weeks**.

We will now be taking bookings to consult the collection during this closed period. To arrange a visit, email your request to library@iniva.org which will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Two weeks' notice is required.

Subscribe to Iniva's [newsletter](#) for future announcements and updates, as well as details of our [continuing programme](#) during the closure.

If you are a current student:

A university library should be able to get hold of most books if requested in advance or obtain them through the inter-library loan system. You can research items on our [catalogue](#) and request them through your university.

If you are a student at a UK university, you are also eligible for the SCONUL scheme, which gives you access to university libraries around the country. If you don't have one already, you can register [here](#). For journals we recommend checking [COPAC](#).

Other research collections in London that are free to access:

Black History Special Collections:

For histories of African and Caribbean people in Britain check out the [Black Cultural Archives](#) in Brixton.

Black and Asian diaspora collections:

For materials relating to the black community of Caribbean, African and Asian descent in Britain and continental Europe, visit the [George Padmore Institute](#) in Finsbury Park.

For archives with a strong emphasis on modern and contemporary artists practicing in Britain and of African-Caribbean, Asian and African descent, visit the [Chelsea College of Arts](#) special collections.

Visual Arts Libraries:

The [National Art Library](#) at the V&A holds a visual art collection including exhibition catalogues. Check their catalogue [here](#).

The [Tate Library and Archive](#) at Tate Britain has a collection of books, exhibition catalogues and rare items relating to British art and artists from the 1500s onwards, and international art from around 1900.

Other libraries:

If you are looking for books and journals published in the UK that are not available at your local public library, you can visit the [British Library](#). Check their catalogue [here](#) and request a reader pass [here](#).

For academic collections related to the study of Asia, Africa and the Middle East, you can visit [SOAS Library](#). Please be advised that fees may be charged for some categories of visitor and you should enquire [here](#) before you visit.

We look forward to seeing you in the library when we reopen.

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