



The Ragged School

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Top Floor / Gallery Room

Investigator	Activity
Marc	Could smell citrus, old factory/warehouse with people working. - Confirmed, it had been a number of warehouses/factories over the years.
Ian	Irish connection, he kept hearing a soft southern Irish accent. Felt the gentleman was from Victorian era, smartly dressed possibly a foreman. Felt he had emphysema. He was waiting for a boat to come in.
Ian	Felt there also would have been children in this room aged between 5 and 6. Ian felt the name of Thomas.
Ian	Aware of people of collapsing with exhaustion.
Team 1	In the top floor area the team worked on the planchette and had some movement.
Team 1	One of the team felt an energy between him and another team member.
Team 1	One of the team felt the name of Catherine.
Team 1	The team heard numerous knocks and bangs.
Team 4	Generally in this area the team got a little movement on the planchette and connected with a young girl called Abigail.
Team 4	Creaking noises were heard in the rooms.
No team number	Generally in the top floor area the team did glass divination and made contact with 'John' aged approx 8 who informed them that he was unhappy at his school and felt sad and alone.

Top Floor / Middle Room

Investigator	Activity
Clients	Some of the clients felt sick, hot and dizzy in this area. Also felt lots of children around.
Ian	Felt medical connections.
Ian	In this area Ian felt children working machinery, who were collapsing with the heat and exhaustion.
Ian	Felt a Florence Nightingale character present in this room.
Marc	Felt medical conditions around him.
Client	One of the clients felt quite anxious in this room.
Wendy	Was drawn to the window, felt children would have been looking through it. Wendy also felt a connection to looms.
Marc Richardson &	In this room the team did glass divination and had the name of Mr Franklin come through who they

Team	thought was a benefactor that taught life skills to boys. They felt he abused the boys and when asked on the glass he did not answer. They felt money was made on property.
Marc Richardson & Team	The team heard footsteps coming from the adjoining room - This happened on a previous investigation.

Top Floor / Classroom

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Ian	Could hear a child screaming outside for help, a child linked to Dr Barnardos.
Client	One of the clients felt nervous in this area and feelings of anxiousness.
Marc	Felt regimental connections and nurses checking people over - Confirmed
Ian	Felt concerned about a little boy who would have preferred to be on the streets still, he ran away.
Ian	Felt at night beds would have been bought out in this room he could see mattresses on the floor.
Ian	Name of John, someone prominent in Dr Barnardo's life (John Sommers)
Wendy	Could feel a teacher present at the front of the room.
Marc Richardson & Team	When in this room the team noticed that a chair had moved in front of the doors to the adjoining room.

1st Floor Archive/Store Room

Investigator	Activity
Ian	Felt that everyone would have been quiet in this room.
Clients	Two of the clients had a headache in this area.
Clients	Some of the clients felt like they wanted to lie down and felt pressure on the tops of their heads.
Marc	Felt this would have been a room used for adults, lots of people moving around and a rooms used for decision making.
Ian	Felt very confused in this room, however felt very strict in here. He also felt partitions would have been in this room previously as the rooms should have been smaller.
Ian	Came up with the name of John Merrick. People who looked after him had a connection here - possibly a surgeon?
Clients	Some of the clients could smell smoke on this room.
Team 1	In this room the team done some EVP work.
Team 1	One of the team could see an energy overshadow another team member and saw him as a disfigured man who could not life his left arm and also had a bad limp on his left leg. When standing he would appear hunched but would have been taller.
Marc Richardson & Team	All of the team felt off balance in this room, various noises were heard. The team noticed a paint brush on the floor where they had previously walked. - No explanation found.
Marc Richardson & Team	Shadows were seen in the Art room through the store room door.
Team 4	In this room one of the team had a coughing fit.
Team 4	The team felt lots of energies coming in and heard footsteps coming from the classroom. - No explanation found, however footsteps been heard in the building before when no one is there.
Team 4	One of the team (Wendy) attempted scrying and felt an old lady coming through, with sunken green eyes, jowls and was laughing.
Team 4	The team felt draughts in this area and they felt the beams in the school room were from an old ship.

1st Floor / Middle/Art Room

Investigators	Activity
Ian	Connected with a larger lady by the name of Nancy.
Ian	Had the names of Sir Richard who was wealthy who would of helped fund the school / home for children, he had links to shipping and Marc felt he had links to Canada.

Ian	Surname of Brown.
Ian	Felt this was a happy room and felt there would have been artistic people in this room.
Marc Richardson & Team	This room felt lighter to the team than the others. A face was seen at the window.

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Ian	Drawn to the desk area, he felt Dr Barnardo teaching here - Confirmed, Dr Barnardo died at his desk.
Ian	Felt that objects have gone missing from this room in the past.
Marc	Felt religious connections.
Marc	Felt someone had a problem with their heart.
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Clients	One of the clients had feelings of guilt possibly linked to a theft.
Marc Richardson & Team	They all felt they had to be quiet and behave in this room.

Ground Floor, far right room

Investigator	Activity
Client	Had the taste of blood in her mouth and was finding it difficult to breathe.
Ian	Was seeing pistons going up and down. - Confirmed, was various factories after being a school.
Clients	Some of the clients as well as Ian could smell burning like there had been a fire. - Confirmed.
Marc	Name of Jim.
Marc Richardson & team	The team did some EVP work and heard a whisper upon playing back. Then when a 'pinafore/apron' was talked about they heard a voice say 'I do'.
Team 4	Some of the team had heavy feelings in their arms and shoulders.
Ian & Team 4	Connected with a lady who would have pulled material from rolls in the machines. - In 1925 the building was taken over by the 'rag trade' manufacturing men's suits.
No team number	The team had an energy named John with them who was answering questions using the crystal, they learnt his parents were alive when he died but he would not confirm his age.

Basement

Investigator	Activity
Team 1	In this area some of the team heard some clicking noises and a shadow.
Team 1	One of the team felt like he had two energies around him.
Team 1	The team were sat in a circle with Ian and a piece of fluff appeared at one of the team's feet and then a piece of plasterboard. The source of which was found to be from a pillar between Ian and one of the team. But the team were unsure how it arrived in the centre of their circle. - No explanation found.
Team 1	One of the team could also see shadows behind one of the crew.
Marc Richardson & Team	Some of the team felt very mischievous in this area, when asking out if someone was there they heard a whistle noise and it was repeated when they asked out again. - No explanation found.
Marc Richardson & Team	They felt this area had a very light feeling. The team felt very giggly and kept getting songs in their heads such as Elvis and oranges and lemons.
Team 4	Heard a stone being thrown down the stairs - No explanation found.
Team 4	The team noticed a piece of foam in the floor when they came back in - No explanation found.
Team 4	The team linked with a lady called 'Elizabeth Ann' who was in a pink dress and her hair in a bun who they felt had been strangled. - A lady has been picked up before on two previous investigations who they also thought had been strangled.
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No team number	The team did a séance but nothing happened. Suddenly there was a bang from under the table

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Experiments

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