

## **Colonial Countryside: National Trust Houses Reinterpreted**

Colonial Countryside is a child-led writing and history project in partnership with Peepal Tree Press and the National Trust. The project assembles authors, writers, historians and primary pupils to explore country houses' Caribbean and East India Company connections. National Trust properties reveal a range of colonial links, including slave-produced sugar wealth, East India Company connections, black servants, Indian loot, Francis Drake and African circumnavigators, colonial business interests, holders of colonial office, Chinese wallpaper, Victorian plant hunters and imperial interior design. In this talk, Corinne Fowler explores National Trust houses' connections to empire and discusses how we might get these histories more widely known. Follow us on Twitter: @ColonialCountr1 @Corinne\_Fowler