

Joseph Conrad – Polish Roots to English Writer

**A special exhibition to mark the 70th anniversary of the Polish Library in London and its particular connection with the Joseph Conrad Society (U.K.) to be held in the gallery of the Polish Social & Cultural Centre
238-246 King Street, London W6 0RF
26 November – 20 December 2012, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.**

The exhibition is a joint venture of the Polish Library, the Joseph Conrad Society, and the Heritage Museum at Canterbury, and will open on Sunday, 25th November at 5 p.m. with a talk by Professor Robert Hampson on Conrad's Polish roots and the cosmopolitan nature of his writing. All are welcome to this event and to the exhibition of letters, artifacts, and photographs that will be on display throughout the following month.

The Polish Library, founded in 1942, has continued to serve the Polish community which, for reasons both political and economic, has settled in the U.K. over the past seventy years. From its inception, the Library started to collect Conradiana to make a marked link with the new country through a writer – Polish by birth, English by choice – who became a great British author.

The Joseph Conrad Society (U.K.) was launched in 1973, with Polish support, and found a permanent home with the Polish Library, under the auspices of the Polish Social & Cultural Centre (POSK). Nearly forty years of collaboration has enriched both of the library collections housed under one roof.

In 1924 Joseph Conrad was buried in Canterbury, and the Canterbury Heritage Museum was entrusted with a unique collection of relics and personal effects of Conrad and his family, which will be shown for the first time in London.

Entrance to the exhibition is free and you are welcome to visit at any time during its opening hours.