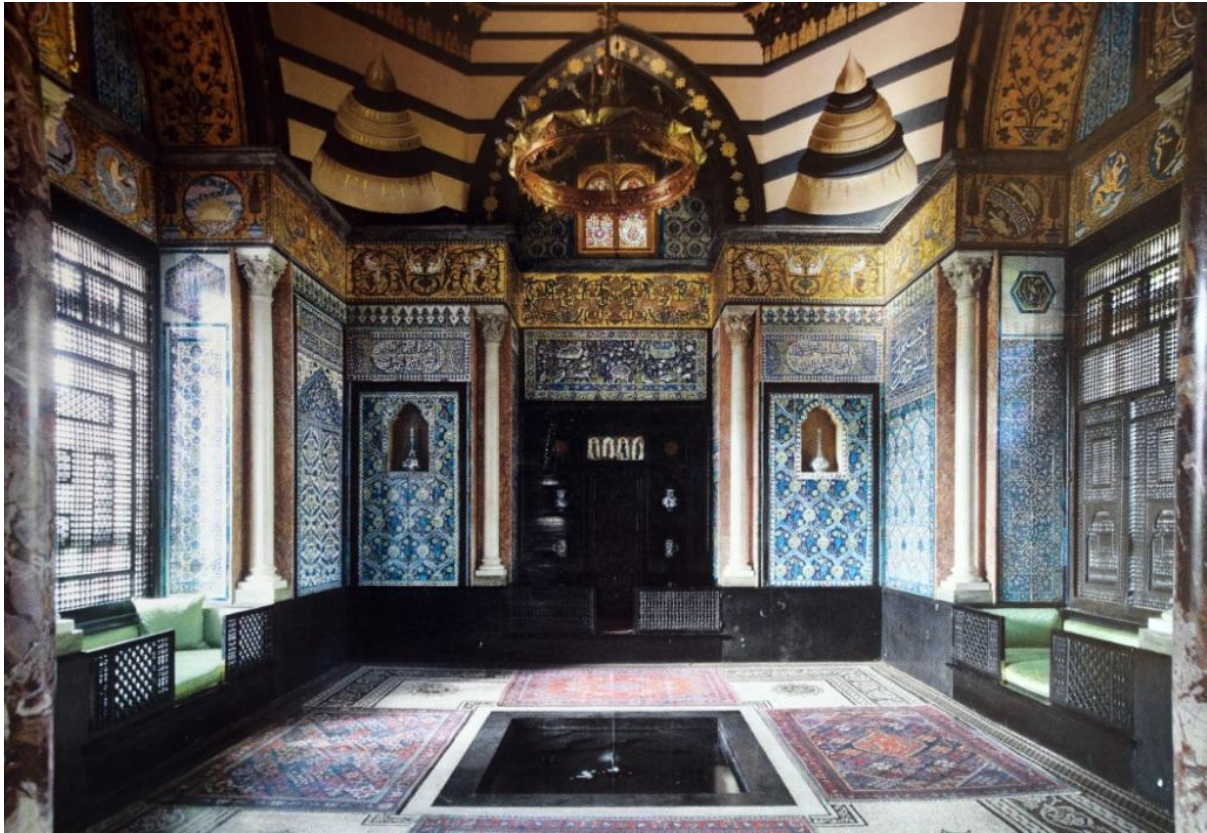


Visit to Leighton House



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On 8th July on one of the hottest days of the year, 14 TASWE members braved the underground to visit Leighton House.

Leighton House is an historic house in the Holland Park area of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in west London. The building was the home of wealthy Victorian painter, and President of the Royal Academy, Frederic Leighton, notable for the popular Flaming June painting.

Due to the hot weather, there were few visitors at the house and so the usually very busy café was quiet and the group was able to relax in Leighton House garden and café to await our guide, Angela.

Our guide showed an expert knowledge of the history of the house and it was a delight to listen to her stories about the house and its famous owner. All the contents of Leighton House were sold after Lord Leighton's death. Gradually the house has been restored and furnished with carefully selected period furnishings, furniture, paintings, sculptures and objets d'art. Every room in the house has a unique style and quality.

The house is well worth a visit, perhaps on a cooler day!