

# Galerie E.G.P



*Where Gods May Fear to Tread, 2013, Video*

**L.I.E.S**  
London International Exploration Society  
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The London International Exploration Society – L.I.E.S – was founded in 2012 by artists Oliver Bragg, Kit Bolton, and Kester Hoefkens. The shared mission that drives L.I.E.S is expressed through their original projects. Their goal is to create a “youth club for adults” that promotes creativity and helps its members realize their talent.

For **Be My Guest** at Galerie E.G.P, the artists have become archeological explorers bringing back for the first time in decades the missing penises of Sir Jacob Epstein’s sculptures. Epstein had public commissions that were often controversial due to the emphasis of genitalia that were axed to make them smaller. L.I.E.S has been looking for the truncated pieces of the mutilated sculptures and will exhibit them in June when the excavated penises might stir the same general public fascination as they once did.

L.I.E.S’s first project was a climb of Beckton Hill, the largest hill in London made of industrial waste, which resulted in the creation of a film trailer for a film that never existed, titled **Where Gods May Fear To Tread**. The trailer that is shot in black and white depicting four explorers in early 20<sup>th</sup> century style is a seemingly light-hearted social commentary on the exploitation and abuse of nature.

In 2013, **The DIY Dinner** involved sourcing materials for the purpose of making furniture and a visit to Walthamstow Marshes in order to look for ingredients for beer making and a meal.

The exploration of the immediate urban environment is a recurring theme. The team’s project aims at helping the participants understand the world we live in and introduce them solutions for a better future.

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