

Your RESEARCH

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The material is relevant to:

- Teacher Training
- Physical Education and Sport
- Women's Studies
- Women Pioneers
- Women in Education
- Local History of Dartford

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Her VISION



Martina Bergman Österberg
1849-1915

Madame Österberg established Britain's first physical education teacher training college for women in Hampstead in 1885, moving to Dartford in 1895 as part of her quest for female emancipation through education.

Their EXPERTISE



Throughout the 20th century Dartford was one of the premier specialist Physical Education colleges for women in the country, training teachers whose qualifications and competencies were sought after in the educational world. Dartford students were encouraged to be active in sport and education and many influenced and founded national and international educational establishments.

The Österberg Collection

The Österberg Collection consists of material associated with Madame Österberg's Physical Training College, founded in Hampstead in 1885 and transferred to Dartford in 1895. It provides information on this exceptional woman, her famous College, which was the first of its kind, and the achievements of the young women educated there.



Illustrated talks by former students about the College and its history are available. Contact: bergmanosterbergunion@gmail.com