

Archives into the Future

Monday 29 February 2016

British Library Conference Centre
96 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DB

Archives care for the past, but what is their role in caring for the future?

This workshop is organised by the British Library and 'Antislavery Usable Past', an Arts and Humanities Research Council funded 'Care for the Future: Thinking Forward through the Past' project.

The Archives into the Future seminar series provides a forum for creative debate about the issues facing archives today, and for exploring innovative approaches towards archives in the future. The annual workshops are co-organised by 'Antislavery Usable Past' (www.usablepast.ac.uk) and 'Performing the Jewish Archive' (<http://ptja.leeds.ac.uk/>).

This is a free event, but places are limited. Please register at <https://archivesintothefuture2016.eventbrite.com>

Focus for 2016: Archives and the Third Sector

Schedule

- 10.00 **Registration, tea and coffee**
- 10.30 **Opening welcome**
'Antislavery Usable Past' project team
Gillian Ridgley, Curator of Contemporary Archives and Manuscripts (Politics and Public Life), British Library
- 11.00 **Panel 1: Relationships between archives and the Third Sector**
- Philip Gale, Head of Independent Archives, The National Archives
- Dr Andrew Flinn, Reader in Archival Studies and Oral History, University College London
- Michelangelo Staffolani, British Library Social Welfare Portal
- Dr Charlotte Clements, UCL Institute of Education, 'Digitising the Mixed Economy of Great Britain' British Academy Research Project (ARP)
- Dr Stephen Muir, University of Leeds, 'Performing the Jewish Archive' AHRC 'Care for the Future' project
- 12.00 **Discussion sessions**
- Relationships between archives, public policy and social activism
 - How repositories and Third Sector organisations can work together for the benefit of research and campaigning
 - Digital archives: opportunities and challenges for the Third Sector

- 13.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00 **Panel 2: Experiences from the archives**
- Matthew McMurray, Archivist, Royal Voluntary Service Archive & Heritage Collection
- Nicky Hilton, Archivist, Bishopsgate Institute Special Collections & Archives
- Ruth Macdonald, Archive Assistant, Salvation Army International Heritage Centre
- Liz Sykes, Records, Archives and Information Manager, Together Trust
- Professor Pat Thane, Institute for Contemporary British History, Kings College London, 'Child Poverty Action Group: the first 50 years' AHRC funded project
- 15.00 **Discussion sessions**
- Challenges faced by archives in the Third Sector
 - Utilising heritage resources in contemporary campaigns
 - Hidden histories and the Third Sector
 - How best to 'care for the future'?
- 16.00 **Tea and coffee**
- 16.30 **Plenary summarisation and feedback from workshop discussions**
- 17.30 **Close**