

History and Archives in Practice, 2024

'Historical Legacies: collecting history, historical collections and community voices ' - Call for Papers for HAP24

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About 'History and Archives in Practice':

A partnership of The National Archives, Royal Historical Society, and the Institute of Historical Research, '**History and Archives in Practice**' (HAP) is where historians and archivists come together to consider shared interests in archive collections, their interpretation and use.

History and Archives in Practice (HAP) is an annual event, building on its partners' long experience of bringing archivists and historians into close conversation. Our first event 'HAP23' was hosted in March at the Institute of Historical Research (University of London) exploring the theme '**Collecting Communities: working together and with collections**'. You can find out more and watch videos from the event via the following link: [History and Archives in Practice, 2023](#)

Since then, we have hosted a number of online events centred around archival and research 'practice': how we work with historical collections, what historians and archivists can achieve collectively, and how we can ensure that communities remain at the heart of what we do.

HAP24 - fourth partner announcement:

Looking ahead to 2024 we are taking HAP across the nation, and are excited to announce that **we have partnered with Cardiff University**. In addition to hosting the in-person event, staff at Cardiff University will collaborate with HAP in the organisation of HAP24, while also showcasing the exciting collections and research that is being undertaken across the institution.

HAP24 - Historical Legacies:

The theme for HAP24 is '**Historical Legacies: collecting history, historical collections and community voices**'. HAP24 will look to the future (through the past) to discuss the impact of legacies past, present, and future. HAP24 provides opportunities to reflect on the durability of legacies (historical, physical, digital), the democratisation of history, and our collective responsibility in working with communities to ensure that our collections and our practices are rooted in co-creation and collaboration.

Call for Participation for HAP24:

We now invite proposals for 'History and Archives in Practice, 2024', on the theme of '**Historical Legacies: collecting history, historical collections and community voices**'. We welcome submissions from historians, archivists, and heritage organisations alike, especially those recently or currently involved in collaborative projects. Contributions to HAP24 will explore the intersection between history, archives, collections, and research and reflect on shared practice across and between disciplines.

HAP24 is particularly keen to highlight and support smaller organisations, underrepresented collections, and marginalised voices as well as new and emerging research. Topics of discussion may include:

- Future legacies; for example: born digital collections, collecting contemporary events and/or historicising the contemporary
- New ways of engaging with archives: insights into contemporary collecting practices and their use in historical research, and ways of engaging communities with collections and throughout collecting processes
- Digitisation and digital skills / literacy: the role of the digital in historical research and digital legacies
- Democratisation, collaboration, and co-production
- Legacies of lived experiences (in particular collecting and engaging with diverse collections and sensitive histories)
- Cross-sector collaborations
- Promoting and accessing collections (ensuring inclusivity and accessibility are at the heart of our practice)
- Working with and/or building research communities to ensure legacies

- Advocating for history: working with and/or in smaller organisations, researching underrepresented legacies and collections, championing new research, and the value of greater appreciation of the past.
- UK-wide contributions: research or projects regarding regional and national legacies (past, present and future).

Please submit an abstract (300 words) by Friday 15th December using the following form:

'History and Archives in Practice' encourages a wide range of formats that best showcase a collection and the experience / lessons of collaborative working between archivists and historians on shared projects. Suggested formats include:

- 15 - 20 minute papers
- Interactive workshops
- Creative responses (20 mins approx - final programme permitting)
- Full panels on a chosen topic (3-4 speakers with chair, 15-20 mins per speaker)
- Introductions to specific collections and their potential for historical research
- Demonstration and handling sessions, introducing attendees to selected items from your collections, and their potential in research
- Other proposals and formats for communicating activity, experience, and research are also welcome as we look to move on from traditional conference models

HAP commitment:

This event is an opportunity in which colleagues at any career stage and from diverse specialisms can share, learn, and network, embracing new ways to exchange knowledge while also exploring unique and varied ways of working with history.

HAP24 is dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of sex, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, or religion (or lack thereof).

If you have any questions at all, please email: research@nationalarchives.gov.uk