

## **Oral history seminar – 19<sup>th</sup> April, Institute of Historical Research, London**

Steven High from Montreal University will be speaking about his project, Montreal life stories, in this joint Oral History Society (OHS) and Institute of Historical Research (IHR) seminar. The seminars, which were launched in October, have provided oral historians from all backgrounds with a great opportunity to hear interesting speakers and discuss their work with others. At the last seminar, Carrie Hamilton from Roehampton University talked about her work interviewing female members of the Basque separatist group ETA and Cuban women. For next academic year's programme keep an eye on the OHS website. For more information go here: [www.history.ac.uk/events/seminars/325](http://www.history.ac.uk/events/seminars/325)

## **Spring School in Oral History – 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> April, IHR, London**

The OHS, again in collaboration with the IHR, is pleased to announce the inaugural Spring School in Oral History. The three-day programme will give participants the opportunity to discuss issues such as memory, the role of the researcher and teaching oral history in higher education. The course will be led by four leading oral history academics and OHS committee members. For more information go to [www.ohs.org.uk/viewevent.php?elink=118](http://www.ohs.org.uk/viewevent.php?elink=118)

## **Oral History for Family Historians – 2<sup>nd</sup> May, Weston Park Museum, Sheffield**

The OHS and the British Library are offering a course on oral history for family historians. It will take place in Sheffield with a further date scheduled in London in the autumn. The course will cover the application of oral history to family research, ethics, basic interview techniques and how to identify and access existing oral history material in local and national archives. The course will be led by two oral historians experienced in family history research. For more information and to book go to [www.ohs.org.uk/training/family-historians.php](http://www.ohs.org.uk/training/family-historians.php)

## **OHS Annual Conference – 13-14<sup>th</sup> July, University of Reading**

The theme of this year's conference is Displaced Childhoods: Oral history and traumatic experiences. The conference will bring together oral historians and others working with oral history to explore the topic of disturbed, disrupted and traumatic childhoods within academic, community and therapeutic settings. It will look at contemporary topics, such as children living in war zones and the experience of children in care, as well as historical subjects, such as the children who were forcibly migrated to Australia, Canada and the United States during and after WWII.

The event will be held in association with the Research Centre for Evacuee and War Child Studies, University of Reading. This event, which is open to all with an interest in oral history and childhood, promises to be a stimulating event with world-class speakers. For information on how to book please keep an eye on the society's website: [www.ohs.org.uk](http://www.ohs.org.uk)

## **OHS website**

Plans are underway to update the look of the OHS website and develop its content. As part of the changes we will be making more material available for members, including podcasts, educational resources, and showcasing of members' projects. The web team is always pleased to receive feedback about the website and if you have any thoughts that you wish to share with us, please email Michelle at: [m.winslow@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:m.winslow@sheffield.ac.uk)

## **Oral history interviewer job vacancy – deadline February 5<sup>th</sup>**

National Life Stories at the British Library is advertising for an oral history interviewer for its programme to document the history of the electricity industry in Britain. The successful applicant will co-ordinate, initiate, research and carry out a series of interviews, averaging 10-12 hours each. For more information go to [www.ohs.org.uk/vacancies/showjob.php?id=263](http://www.ohs.org.uk/vacancies/showjob.php?id=263)

## **Call for papers – deadline February 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Mass Observation Archive at the University of Sussex is to hold a conference in July to celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Since its founding in 1937 by Tom Harrisson, Humphrey Jennings and Charles Madge the archive has played a distinctive role in British public life. The conference organisers welcome proposals for individual 20-minute papers as well as submissions of panels. For more information go to: [www.massobs.org.uk/conference](http://www.massobs.org.uk/conference)

## **Social History Society annual conference – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> April, University of Brighton**

Booking is open for the Social History Society's annual conference, which covers a range of topics including: political culture, feminism and sexual reform; gender and masculinity; and poverty and hunger. Speakers include Professor Penny Summerfield from Manchester University on life writing. For more information go to: [www.socialhistory.org.uk](http://www.socialhistory.org.uk)

## **Diamond Jubilee website collection**

The British Library is setting up a special collection of websites about the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. In recognition of the uniqueness of the event – only the second time a Diamond Jubilee has been celebrated by a British monarch – the library is working with a range of organisations including the Mass Observation Archive, the IHR and the Royal Household. If your organisation is setting up a jubilee-themed oral history project why not take a look:

<http://britishlibrary.typepad.co.uk/webarchive/>

## **Volunteer needed**

Volunteer required one day a week, with the possibility of working from home some of the time, to transcribe filmed oral history interviews, from the project at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, West London, entitled 'Hidden Memories'. See link to a blog done last year. Must have previous experience of doing transcriptions in an oral history environment, audio or otherwise. There will also be the chance to help out with the general film collection. For more information contact Michelle Losse, [archives@kew.org](mailto:archives@kew.org)

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