



toys and games

Resources from the East Midlands Oral History Archive for use at Key Stage 1 and 2



toys and games: an oral history a teachers' pack and audio resources suitable for use at Key Stages 1 and 2 is now available through the East Midlands Broadband Consortium.

The collection of audio extracts comprises a wealth of childhood memories, from tales of mischief and adventurous play and the days when toys were a luxury, to crazes like Action Man, hula hoops and computer games.

The resource is intended to help children think about the toys and games that their parents and grandparents played with when they were children. The accounts contained on the CD range from the early twentieth century to the present day, and the teachers' pack

is full of useful suggestions for using the extracts to support learning across the curriculum. Schools who are signed up to the East Midlands Broadband Consortium can access the resources by visiting:



<http://emoha.embc.org.uk/toys/index.html>

Or by searching for the resources through the learning portal.

Sound bites

"Round the colliery there used to be what they called the powder house, and I often shudder nowadays to think of the tricks we used to get up to and why we were not blown to, weren't blown sky high... As children we used to scrape this powder together on paper, taking it a few yards away, and we used to have great fun lighting it, and seeing it go fzzzz not realising that it could have tracked itself back to the powder magazine."

A man born in 1920 remembers adventurous childhood play in a colliery.

"In those days in India the games weren't as now. We could improvise and make games, or people would come round and sell games that they themselves had made. For example, balls made from mud."

A man who moved to Leicester remembers his childhood in India.

Put oral history in your plan for next year

Oral history can be used across the curriculum to support learning with children of all ages. If you are currently planning your Schemes of Work for next year, it might be worth taking a look at the huge variety of recordings that the East Midlands Oral History Archive has to offer.

New Collections in the Archive

Recent additions to the Archive include the **Walnut Street Collection** and the **Leicester Oral History Collection**. The Walnut Street Collection comprises 26 interviews conducted as part of a documentary arts project in 1994 and contains the recollections and experiences of people who lived in the Walnut Street and Bede Island area of Leicester, providing an insight into their lives from the First World War through to the

1990's. Colin Hyde, EMOHA's Outreach Officer, conducted the majority of the interviews with Debbion Currie assisting. A publication entitled *Walnut Street: Past, Present and Future* was produced in conjunction with Leicester City Council, and a popular talk based on this is available as part of EMOHA's free programme of talks.

The Leicester Oral History Collection documents the lives of over 500 people from Leicester and Leicestershire, through memories dating back to the early 20th Century. Extracts from longer interviews, compiled into themed recordings, cover a wide range of subjects from transport, farming and industry, to the effects of war and the increasing diversity of the local population.

Titles include:

- ⇒ World War Two
- ⇒ World War two Evacuee
- ⇒ Holidays
- ⇒ Public Health
- ⇒ Entertainment
- ⇒ The Three R's

The East Midlands Oral History Archive is now able to loan copies of these recordings to schools. For more information, contact us at the address below.

Details of other collections held by the East Midlands Oral History Archive can be found on our online catalogue at:

www.le.ac.uk/emoha/catalogue/

Training and Talks



The East Midlands Oral History Archive offers a range of training, advice and support for schools wishing to set up their own oral history projects. Training sessions are free of charge and can be held at a time and venue to suit your individual needs. Information sheets covering various aspects of recording and using oral history

are also available from EMOHA free of charge, or can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.le.ac.uk/emoha/training/infosheet.html>

The Archive also offers talks on a range of topics, including:

- ⇒ Coming to Leicester
- ⇒ Leicester's Blitz

Get in touch

If you are unable to find what you are looking for, or would like further information, contact Sarah Ferrier, Education Officer, at:

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- ⇒ A Look at the History of Childhood
- ⇒ The First World War
- ⇒ Women in the Armed Forces in the Second World War

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