

# *talking history*

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## **Recordings available for your school to borrow!**

More recordings from the Leicester Oral History Archive have been added to the EMOHA catalogue over the last few months. Included in these are early Twentieth Century memories of people from different parts of the city of Leicester, which may be useful if your school is looking for resources to support your local History or Geography scheme of work. Life as a domestic servant also features in a number of recordings, giving an insight into the world above and below stairs; this was still a common occupation for many women into the 1920's and 1930's. The story of migration to Leicester, because of war or political upheaval, for example, is also a feature of the loans collection, and can make a useful contribution to work in History or PSHE and Citizenship.

The EMOHA Loans Collection is available from the Archive until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2004. Alternative arrangements after this date will be advertised on the website. For more details about the loans collection, visit <http://www.le.ac.uk/emoha/schools/teachers/schoolloan.html> or contact the archive on: (0116) 252 5065 or 252 5066, or email: [emoha@le.ac.uk](mailto:emoha@le.ac.uk).

## **EMOHA: the future**

EMOHA recently applied to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding for a second project. Unfortunately that bid was not successful, and so the longer term future of the project is uncertain. It will, however, continue until at least 30 June 2004, so please do continue to contact us for help or advice.

Our Citizenship project for secondary schools is continuing,



EMOHA's Offices at 1 Salisbury Road, Leicester

and a CD and supporting teachers' materials will be sent free of charge to all secondary schools in the East Midlands once it is completed in March 2004.

Sarah Ferrier, our Education Officer, has now left for a new post as Learning Policy Officer at the East Midlands Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (EMMLAC), so please contact us in future by emailing [emoha@le.ac.uk](mailto:emoha@le.ac.uk), or telephoning 0116 252 5065.

## **Collections Access**

Access to the material in the EMOHA collections is via the Record Office for Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland, in Wigston. With the EMOHA project closing the Record Office staff are now dealing with all enquires and appointments. At least one week's notice is required to make an appointment, which can be done by telephoning 0116 2571080.

Full information on access to EMOHA material can be found on the website along with the easy to use EMOHA Catalogue, of over 500 entries, at: [www.le.ac.uk/](http://www.le.ac.uk/)

[emoha/catalogue.html](http://www.le.ac.uk/emoha/catalogue.html). Remember to give the full reference numbers and collection name found on the catalogue when requesting material. Not all the material in the archive has been catalogued so it may be worth looking at the collections information section or ask the Record Office staff to help you find what you are looking for. Full details of opening times and getting to the Record Office can also be found on the EMOHA website.

## **Citizenship**

Resources are currently being developed to support children's understanding of diversity. Although aimed primarily at Key Stage 3, it is anticipated that the extracts will also be of interest to Key Stage 2 teachers.

The resource will comprise an audio CD of edited extracts with an accompanying teachers' pack, offering suggestions of how the recordings may be used to support learning and teaching in the classroom. For further details, contact Colin Hyde, Outreach Worker/Researcher at the East Midlands Oral History Archive on [ch38@le.ac.uk](mailto:ch38@le.ac.uk), or telephone (0116) 252 5066.



A Reel to Reel Tape Recorder at EMOHA

## Launch of *em:source* website

A new website aimed at teachers will bring World War Two Nottinghamshire back to life. The *em:source* Project began in January 2003 to encourage the use of archives for learning and teaching. The new website contains an archive of over 50 items, which have been drawn from numerous local collections, and includes photographs, official documents, leaflets, posters, newspaper articles, film stills, letters, diary entries, and oral history extracts. One topic the website can be used to explore is wartime food rationing. Users can access pages from a Wartime Recipe Book, film stills from a baker's cinema advertisement with the caption, 'It's not our fault – blame Schicklegruber that the best of our Cakes and Pastries are "off" for a time!', and a Boots Café menu peppered with asterisks that refer to the use of food substitutes. The website also enables different aspects of childhood, and the role played by women, during the Second World War, to be examined. Photographs and documents reveal the emotional impact of war, depict victory, heroism, suffering, community spirit, death and destruction. All of these sources provide a fascinating window into the past, but they also ask questions of the website user, and show how our interpretation is key to our understanding of the past.



Moving Here - arriving in the UK from East Africa in the early 1970s

View the *em:source* website at [www.emsource.org.uk](http://www.emsource.org.uk)

Helen Ward, Regional Archives Education Officer, East Midlands Museums Libraries and Archives Council.

## Moving Here

A new website entitled *Moving Here: 200 Years of Migration to England* provides free online access to original items from 30 museums, archives and libraries. All records on the website illustrate and record the migration of Jewish, South Asian, Irish and Caribbean communities to England over the past 200 years. For further details of this excellent resource visit [www.movinghere.org.uk](http://www.movinghere.org.uk)

## Contact EMOHA

Get in touch with the East Midlands Oral History Archive by telephoning (0116) 252 5065, by email at [emoha@le.ac.uk](mailto:emoha@le.ac.uk) or by writing to:

EMOHA, Centre for Urban History, University of Leicester, Leicester LE1 7RH

You can also find out more by visiting our website at: <http://www.le.ac.uk/emoha>.

Our website also offers links to other local and national education and history sites.

## On the web



## Other useful resources

The Archive CD Project has many historical books on CD: <http://www.rod-neep.co.uk/>

<http://www.doingoralhistory.org/> - an American site with tips on how to carry out an oral history project in the classroom.

<http://www.educate.org.uk/index.shtml> - a really useful site, which supports the QCA Schemes of Work, containing lesson, plans, worksheets, interactive resources and assessments.



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