

talking history for schools

The East Midlands
Oral History
Archive bulletin for
primary schools
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What, why, when, how!

The story behind the East Midlands Oral History Archive and why you should take notice.

Oral history extract: 'in those days children were seen and not heard. Outside, no doubt about that.'



The East Midlands Oral History Archive can help you to bring history to life.

The East Midlands Oral History Archive (EMOHA) is a new project, based at the Centre for Urban History, University of Leicester. It aims to make oral history material easily accessible to schools across the region.

What is oral history?

Oral history is spoken history. It gives children an opportunity to learn about the past through the first hand accounts of the people who actually experienced it.

Why use oral history?

Oral history can bring a variety of subjects to life, providing a range of exciting opportunities for learning across the curriculum. Through listening to oral accounts, different perceptions of past events can be explored. Oral history can be used during the Literacy Hour to investigate the written and the spoken word. It can also support and

enhance learning in PSHE and can even act as a stimulus for work in art and design.

The East Midlands Oral History Archive will be offering training and support for teachers wishing to use oral history, including advice on how to use it effectively in the classroom, and how to make oral recordings with different age groups.

By April 2002, we will be able to offer CD-ROM or audio-cassette and support materials, tailored to meet the requirements of the National Curriculum, for use at Key Stages 1 and 2.

Our termly bulletin will keep you informed of new interviews and resources, as well as conferences, training and support.

Oral history extract: 'you'd play in the streets. You see the streets weren't very wide. You'd get an old shoe polish tin & you get a bit of lead and put it in and hammer the corners down and you used to throw it – called tin-high hockey.'

Find out more...

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You can also find out more by visiting our website at:

<http://www.le.ac.uk/emoha/>

On our website you can find further information about EMOHA as well as links to other education and history sites.

We are compiling a range of information sheets covering subjects including 'What is Oral History?', 'Using Oral History in Schools' and 'Publishing Your Material',



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which will be available either on the web or from the address below from October 2001.



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Useful books

You can find a number of books aimed at helping teachers tackle oral history, including:

⇒ *'Speaking About the Past: Oral History for 5-7 Year Olds, a Resource for Teachers'*, by Sandip Hazareesingh with Penny Kenway & Kelvin Simms (1994), Trentham Books Ltd.

⇒ *'Oral History in Schools'*, by Sallie Purkis (1980), Colchester Oral History Society

⇒ *'Talking in Class: Oral History and the National Curriculum'*, by Allan Redfern (1996), Oral History Society, Essex University