

talking history for 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: 'I used to go two days a week to the woodwork school... I drew my first wages before I was thirteen.'

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

What is oral history?

Oral history is spoken history. It gives students 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 in to investigate and to compare the written and the spoken word. It can also

If you have been working on any oral history projects in your school, we would like to hear about them!

support and enhance learning in PSHE and Citizenship 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.

Oral history extract: I left school at fourteen...The first day at work I can remember...I had to get used to the smell of the factory. It had a smell of its own . . . it's a smell of oil, it's a smell of waste, it's a smell of yarn, bobbin, fabric, altogether.



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

Oral history extract: 'I was born in 1905...there was ten cottages. They were small, run right up. No taps inside, no toilet, out the back you'd just got a kind of a sink and a bowl.'

By January 2003, 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 3 and 4**.

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

