

Researching UK local history resource list



The link to the 3 recordings and the PowerPoint slides of all speakers can be found here: <https://www.history.ac.uk/whats/ihr-events-archive/researching-uk-local-history>

Resources discussed in Session 1: Libraries

Bishopsgate Institute

A range of digitised materials from our special collections are available to view here (most have a direct bearing on local/London history) <https://www.bishopsgate.org.uk/archives/our-archives-online>

Our London collections are listed here

<https://www.bishopsgate.org.uk/collections/london-history>

Information about visiting our researchers' area is provided here

<https://www.bishopsgate.org.uk/archives/visit>

Discover more about our London history courses here

<https://www.bishopsgate.org.uk/whats-on/activity-subjects/london-history>

IHR Wohl Library

Institute of Historical Research library collections guides

<https://www.history.ac.uk/library/collections>

Institute of Historical Research library membership details

<https://www.history.ac.uk/library/library-membership>

Finding Tools

IHR Library Catalogue

<https://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/search~S10/>

Library Hub Discover <https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/>

National Archives Catalogue

<https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

Bibliography of British and Irish History

<https://www.history.ac.uk/publications/bibliography-british-and-irish-history>

Online Resources discussed

Layers of London <https://www.layersoflondon.org/>

Mass Observation Online (only accessible within the IHR Library)

<http://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/record=b3491901~S24>

Oral Histories: Housing and Community

www.witness.group.shef.ac.uk/oral-histories-housing-community

Our Oxhey www.ouroxhey.org.uk/content/category/topics/early-memories-of-south-oxhey

Winstanley Stories www.winstanleystories.org.uk

Linen Hall Library

Linen Hall Library collections <https://linenhall.com/about-us/collections/>

Senate House Library

Senate House Library collections guides <https://london.ac.uk/senate-house-library/our-collections/>

Senate House Library special collections and archives
<https://london.ac.uk/senate-house-library/our-collections/special-collections>

Senate House Library catalogue
<https://encore.libraries.london.ac.uk/iii/encore/?lang=eng&suite=shl>

Senate House Library A-Z Databases list
<https://senatehouselibrary.libguides.com/az.php>

Senate House Library special collections and archives

Bromhead Library <https://london.ac.uk/senate-house-library/our-collections/special-collections/printed-special-collections/bromhead-library>

University of London archive <https://london.ac.uk/senate-house-library/our-collections/special-collections/the-university-of-london-archive>

Resources discussed in Session 2: Online resources

Bibliography of British and Irish History (BBIH)

The Bibliography of British and Irish History, including online help pack for using BBIH

<https://www.history.ac.uk/publications/bibliography-british-and-irish-history>

Royal Historical Society <https://royalhistsoc.org/publications/bbih/>

Brepols <https://about.brepolis.net/bibliography-of-british-and-irish-history/>

British Association for Local History (BALH)

British Association for Local History <https://www.balh.org.uk/>

British History Online (BHO)

British History Online <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/>

History and Policy

An Oral History of the Windrush Generation

<https://commonwealth.sas.ac.uk/research-projects/oral-history-windrush-generation>

Black Cultural Archives <https://blackculturalarchives.org/>

Essex Record Office

<https://www.essexarchivesonline.co.uk/Default.aspx?SearchDocs=1&intSearchType=12>

Harris Museum <https://www.theharris.org.uk/>

History and Policy <https://www.historyandpolicy.org/>

Listening project, British Library <https://sounds.bl.uk/Oral-history/The-Listening-Project>

Millennium memory bank, British Library
<https://sounds.bl.uk/accent-and-dialects/millennium-memory-bank>

New ways to tell old stories <http://www.afro-culture.com/newways/>

Oral histories collections, British Library <https://sounds.bl.uk/oral-history>

Resources discussed in Session 3: Research centres and archives

Centre for the History of People, Place and Community

Applied Public History MOOC (free)
<https://london.ac.uk/courses/applied-public-history>

Centre for the History of People, Place and Community (CHPPC)
<https://www.history.ac.uk/research/centre-history-people-place-and-community>

CHPPC Events Archive including seminars, training sessions and more
<https://www.history.ac.uk/chppc-events-archive>

Layers of London <https://www.layersoflondon.org/>

Victoria County History (VCH)
<https://www.history.ac.uk/research/victoria-county-history>

VCH App, 'A History of English Places' (free)
<https://aimermedia.com/app/english-places/> ; Case studies of what you can do with the App:

<https://www.history.ac.uk/research/centre-history-people-place-and-community/chppc-projects/using-a-history-english-places>

Lancashire Archives

Lancashire Archives online catalogue (LANCAT)

<https://archivecat.lancashire.gov.uk/calmview/>

Additional sources

Institute of Commonwealth Studies

<https://commonwealth.sas.ac.uk/>

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (ODNB)

<https://www.oxforddnb.com/>

Senate House Library e-resources (requires Senate House Library membership to log in)

[Early Modern England](#)

[England's Immigrants 1330-1550](#)

[London Low life](#)

[Eighteenth century drama : censorship, society and the stage](#)

[Making of the Modern World](#)

[Poverty, Philanthropy and Social Conditions in Victorian Britain](#)

[Victorian Popular Culture](#)

Towns and the Cultural Economies of Recovery (an AHRC-funded partnership): <https://www.andtowns.co.uk/>

Free digital resources

BBIH playlist on Brepols' YouTube:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL70371EFDB3812D9B>

[Charles Booth's London: Poverty maps and police notebooks](#)

Dictionary of Irish Biography <https://www.dib.ie/>

Gazetteer of British Place Names <https://gazetteer.org.uk/>

Irish History Online (IHO) <https://www.ria.ie/irish-history-online>

[London Lives 1690-1800: Crime, Poverty and Social Policy in the Metropolis](#)

The National Archives <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

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British History Online [@bho_history](#)

Centre for the History of People, Place and Community [@chppc_ihr](#)

History and Policy [@HistoryPolicy](#)

Institute of Historical Research [@ihr_history](#)

Institute of Historical Research Wohl Library [@IHR_Library](#)

Lancashire Archives [@LancsArchives](#)

Layers of London [@LayersofLondon](#)

Linen Hall Library [@thelinenhall](#)

Senate House Library [@SenateHouseLib](#)

Victoria County History [@VCH_London](#)

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