

Course Information Sheet

Exploring Local History



Uncover the hidden stories of your community! Explore the rich tapestry of local history from the ground up.

Course Description:

Embark on a captivating journey through time! This engaging 8-week course, Exploring Local History, equips you with the tools to uncover the fascinating stories of your own community. Delve into local archives, analyse historical documents, and explore historical sites to bring the past to life. Explore the lives of ordinary people, significant events, and the evolution of your local landscape. Develop your research skills and learn how to interpret historical evidence. Join us and discover the power of local history to connect you to your place in the world!

What will I learn?

- **Week 1 & 2:** Introduction to Local History - Understand the importance of local history, explore different research methodologies, and learn how to use historical sources like maps, photographs, and census records.
- **Week 3 & 4:** Delving into Local Archives - Discover the treasures hidden in local archives, learn how to navigate archival collections, and practise basic research skills to find relevant historical materials.
- **Week 5 & 6:** Exploring Historical Sites & Local Landmarks - Analyse local landmarks and historical sites, understand their significance, and learn how they can tell stories about the past.
- **Week 7 & 8:** Researching Local People & Events - Choose a specific aspect of local history (e.g., a historic figure, a local industry, a social event) and conduct in-depth research to create a compelling historical narrative.

How will I be assessed?

- **Formative:** Interactive quizzes, online discussions, and research practice activities will test your understanding and hone your research skills.
- **Summative:** A final research project where you present your chosen topic in a format of your choice (e.g., written report, presentation, digital timeline) demonstrating your research skills, historical analysis, and effective storytelling.

Who is this course for?

This course is open to anyone curious about the history of their local area and eager to learn more about the past.

Who is your target audience?

This course is designed for learners hoping to develop a new level of understanding and appreciation for local history. It caters to those who want to explore research methodologies, delve into local archives, and gain the skills to uncover the hidden stories of their community.

Progression Opportunities:

After completing this course, you can delve deeper into specific areas of local history that pique your interest. Consider pursuing further studies in history, heritage management, or community archaeology programs offered by universities across the UK.

Career or Job Enhancement Pathways:

This course can be a stepping stone towards various careers related to history and heritage, including:

- Local Historian
- Archivist
- Museum Curator
- Heritage Site Manager

How do I enrol?

If you are paying the full fee, the quickest way to enrol is online at www.oucoursesouthwest.co.uk, simply create an account and select enrol now. Alternatively, you will need to speak to one of our customer service team on 01752 660713.

How will the course be delivered?

This is a practical course, and the sessions will include tutor-led demonstrations, learner-led group activities, instruction and repetition. These will form part of the delivery together with one-to-one support as required.

Will I need to practise outside the classroom?

You will be encouraged to review your notes between lessons to ensure maximum benefit from your course. It is always useful to practise your skills between sessions. Your tutor may encourage home learning, or independent research.

How will I know I'm making progress?

During the first session, your tutor will discuss your goals and current level in relation to the course. Based on this assessment, you will agree individual targets which you will record in your individual learning plan (ILP). You and your tutor will review your targets regularly to ensure that you are making progress; these will be written in your individual learning plan.

What will I need?

Please bring a notepad, and pen to each session. You may wish to bring a file for any handouts. A laptop with internet access is required for completion of coursework and home learning outside of the classroom.

Please note:

Most courses attract a subsidy from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is a requirement of the ESFA that you complete various forms at different stages of your course, further information is available on request. Courses are subject to a minimum number of enrolments and could be cancelled if recruitment is low. In some cases, an alternative class at a different location may be offered.

Terms and conditions are available at

<https://www.onsouthwest.co.uk/learner-information/essential-information-for-every-learner>

Room numbers are subject to change - please check when you arrive at the venue.

