

King's Cross Story Palace Research Volunteers

About the Project

King's Cross Story Palace is a two year HLF funded project led by Historypin and the Building Exploratory. We aim to create a community-led history of the King's Cross area over the past 100 years. We'll do this through a programme of story gathering activities, public events, exhibitions and printed materials.

The Role

We are looking for volunteers to help carry out desk-based and archival research on the history and heritage of the King's Cross area, to enrich personal histories for inclusion in a digital archive. Research Volunteers will work closely with the project's Content Producer and the Heritage Coordinator to help with the inventory of institutional archives and the scanning of archival material.

Main Activities & Tasks

- Carry out archival research to enrich participants' stories
- Identify photographs and other visual material to support stories
- Write short statements that contextualise stories
- Write captions for visual materials
- Help to maintain and manage personal collections in line with archival practice
- Assist with the scanning of personal collection materials

Benefits

- Develop and improve research and cataloguing skills
- Learn about archival best practice
- Discover and help celebrate the heritage of a dynamic area of London
- Assist in creating a digital heritage resource

Training & Support

- General project volunteer induction
- How to use archives to source relevant historic material
- How to write short context descriptions
- How to upload content to an online catalogue

Skills, Qualities & Interests

- Keen interest in social history
- A basic understanding of historic periods
- Ability to write clearly and concisely
- Basic understanding of computer software and web-based technologies

Experience

No experience of archival research is required, but a keen interest in local social history and a desire to increase your knowledge would be extremely useful.

Time Commitment

To be agreed on an individual basis

Contact

To express your interest in this volunteering role, please complete the form:

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