

**'Stories offer us some of the richest and most enduring insights into the human condition.'**

## **What is *Birmingham Stories*?**

The living stories found in local archives hold an important key to understanding urgent social issues surrounding identity, citizenship and belonging. By using archives and library resources, we can make discoveries about ourselves that allow us to become better informed and empowered in our understanding of history. In this context, *Birmingham Stories* is intended to extend an awareness of the diverse histories of the city, in its many voices and cultures, by making research on archive collections available to the public.

## **From *Connecting Histories* to *Birmingham Stories***

*Birmingham Stories* continues the work of *Connecting Histories* with a new project intended to bring together more stories from the city's past and present. *Birmingham Stories* will organise an informative series of presentations and workshops in local community libraries based on research at the University of Birmingham. These sessions will be aimed at those who would like to know more about the history of Birmingham and its many communities. The workshops will also make available a number of useful resource guides that will provide information as well as practical advice.

## ***Birmingham Stories* and you!**

'History exists through people, places and objects'. If you are interested in knowing more about the *Birmingham Stories* project, would like to know more about doing local research, or if you work at a local library and are interested in holding a workshop, please contact us on the address below. This will also add you to our mailing list.



## ***Birmingham Stories*: The Workshops**

The workshops and resource guides featured in the *Birmingham Stories* project will cover the ten following themes and areas of research:

- ***Travelling Communities:***  
*Voices from the Margins*
- ***Urban Childhoods:***  
*Contexts, Cultures, Images*
- ***Visualising Birmingham:***  
*Reframing the Photographic Collections*
- ***Radical Religions: Exploring Birmingham's Faith Diversity through Archives***
- ***Researching Race History in Birmingham***
- ***Refugee Movements:***  
*From the Eighteenth Century to Today*
- ***Migration Stories:***  
*The Making of Modern Birmingham*
- ***Slavery and Abolition:***  
*A Guide to Birmingham's Resources*
- ***Women's Rights:***  
*Tracing the Struggle in Birmingham*
- ***The Civic Gospel:***  
*Networks for Social Change*

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