

# Teaching Local History (Primary settings)

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The training will be led by Ismail Dale, the manager of Historic England's Heritage Schools Programme. This is a successful national programme, supporting schools in using local heritage resources and the built historic environment to deliver and enhance the curriculum.

*Teaching Local History is explicitly mentioned for all Key Stages in the National Curriculum. However, many schools struggle as their teachers lack local knowledge. Having Local History as a golden thread that runs through the curriculum can provide a fantastic opportunity to design a bespoke curriculum that is directly relevant to the community and the children you teach. OFSTED has said that the curriculum should reflect the pupil's identity - pupils should be able to see themselves in their school's curriculum. By learning local stories, linked with a familiar place, the learning becomes internalised and becomes part of the long-term memory; the pupils deepen their understanding about how the past has shaped the present.*

*It also provides your pupils with the opportunity to learn how historians study the past and construct accounts and gives them the opportunity to lead enquiries and conduct research using documents, primary evidence and processes that historians use.*

## Workshop One (Online Intro)

**Thursday 28th April, 3.30pm to 5pm**

You will learn how to use free online resources to start to explore the unique history of your locality. You will also be able to identify the most important built heritage on your doorstep and learn how to use it as a teaching resource, as well as learn about the people who lived and worked in those buildings.

## Workshop Two (Face-to-face Heritage Trail)

**Monday 16th May, 1pm to 4pm**

You will be provided with a free bespoke map and aerial photo pack (worth £160) and be trained how to use these resources in various ways to explore the story of your locality and how it has changed over time. We will also look at other primary documents that you can obtain easily to help you to conduct enquiries about your locality. We will complete a local trail and learn how to use architecture to date buildings and how to use clues to help us find out about the stories of the people who worked or lived there.

## Workshop Three (Face-to-face Research and Feedback)

**Thursday 16th June, 3.30pm to 5pm**

How can we embed aspects of local history in other areas of the Primary History Curriculum (Stone Age- Iron Age, Romans and Anglo-Saxon units)?

Hear how other Heritage Schools have embedded local heritage into their curriculum and see examples of good practice.

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