

Oral History Unit & Collective, Newcastle University

Oral History and Covid-19

Online Workshop

Tuesday October 27th, 10am - 4pm



Covid-19 and its associated restrictions on in-person interaction has had a major impact on oral history research. The Newcastle Oral History Unit and Collective has organised this workshop to bring together cutting edge oral historians from across the UK to discuss their experiences of conducting research over the last eight months. The workshop will feature individual-led discussions and two roundtables to expand the conversation and create a space for exchanging experience, concerns, and innovations. See overleaf for the full programme.

Registration

The workshop is free to attend, and registration is via Eventbrite. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-oral-history-and-covid-19-tickets-124909502685> to register.

The workshop will be held using Zoom (<https://zoom.us/>), and full registration details will be emailed in the week before the workshop.



Part of the Heritage NUCoRE
(Newcastle University Centre of Research Excellence)

Programme

Tuesday October 27th

- 10am Introduction and welcome
Andy Clark, Newcastle Oral History Unit
- 10:15 Livi Dee: *Social Distancing and Oral History: devising new methodologies*
- 10:45 Fearghus Roulston: *Unpacking differences between remote and in-person interviewing: empathy, affect and listening*

11:15-11:45 - BREAK

- 11:45 Roundtable: Postgraduate oral history and the impact of Covid-19 (Contributors: *Rory Stride, Kristin Hay, Katherine Waugh, Paul Barnsley, Rob Granger, and Amanda Gavin*)

12:30 - 1:15 - BREAK

- 1:15-1:45pm D-M Withers: *Listening as community building, interviewing where I live during the coronavirus pandemic*
- 1:45-2:15pm Michael Lambert: *Subterranean lockdown blues: conducting elite oral history during the COVID-19 pandemic*

2:15 - 2:30 - BREAK

- 2:30pm Wajid Yaseen: *Tape Letters: On the use of cassette tapes by British-Pakistanis for long-distance messaging*
- 3:00pm Roundtable - Concerns and anxieties: experiences of not conducting oral history interviews during Covid-19 (Contributors: *Liz O'Donnell, Laura Owen and Padmini Broomfield*)

4pm - END

