

Activity 8

Making your mark

Aim

This activity will consolidate the idea that history is for everyone, and anyone can record history. It will introduce different ways archives are collected and people taking part will consider how they would make their mark on how today is recorded.

Activity



Watch this short documentary about the River Irwell made in 1977 by John Gresty and Mike Goodger for the Salford University Film Course.



Click the link or scan the QR code to play the short film
<https://vimeo.com/showcase/11156932/video/710400832>



Discuss How has old photographs and historic footage been used in this documentary? What does the history of the river shown tell us about life in the 1970s, and earlier?



Listen to Paul Graney (1908-1962) discuss his methods of capturing a record of everyday life through recording live folk music and interviews with working class people in Lancashire.

Click the link or scan the QR code to listen
<https://soundcloud.com/archivesplus/sets/paul-graney-sound-essay>



Discuss Graney's techniques and ask what is an archive? What types of material we should keep for future generations to look at?



Reflect on how the groups ideas, are there any common themes?



Activity



Discuss with the whole group, nominate someone to write (this can be the facilitator) and take it in turns to note in spider diagram what you would each record about today. Then consider how you could record this moment. If you wanted an archive of the day, what would you sound record, film, photocopy, draw, collect, photograph or even capture from the internet?



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What you will need:

Large sheets of paper, pencils, pens or markers.

5 Ways of Wellbeing



- Connect
- Be active
- Take notice
- Learn
- Give