



Queen Street Townscape Heritage Project Volunteer Newsletter



Intro to Oral History

We were very fortunate to welcome back the fantastic Julia Letts to deliver an 'Introduction to Oral History' training session. Our volunteers picked up lots of useful skills which they will put into practice over the course of several dedicated oral history gathering days.

Many of our volunteers grew up in Wolverhampton and have fond memories of Queen Street. It would be wonderful to also capture some of these memories along with any new memories formed through involvement with the project.

If you are interested in being an 'interviewee' or 'interviewer', please do get in touch. Similarly, if you know of any family or friends who might like to be interviewed, please do pass on their details.



Welcome to the January issue of the Queen Street Volunteer Newsletter. I hope everyone had a lovely break over the festive period and that you are all keen to get back into the swing of things.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who participated in one (or both) of our training sessions this month. Hopefully, you picked up lots of useful skills.

These training sessions have also helped generate lots of additional content for the project and we'll be working together over the coming months to maximise engagement.

In this month's issue, we'll also be reviewing research practices, sharing updates on the progress of our digital platforms, and announcing some new volunteer roles.

If you have any suggestions for future content, please do get in touch.

Ashleigh

Community Engagement Officer

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Digital Updates

- **Queen Street App** - We've received the official go ahead to proceed with the Queen Street App. We've reached out to the developers and had some exciting preliminary discussions regarding content. As we progress, it is increasingly important that you keep me updated on the progress of any research. We'll be submitting research samples to the developers shortly.



- **Queen Street Facebook Page** - We've had a great response to some of our Facebook posts this month. [Wolverhampton Art Gallery](#) and [Wolverhampton City Archives](#) were kind enough to share one of our posts which generated a spike of interest in our own page. Thank you to all of the volunteers who take time to promote our page. It is through constant 'liking', 'sharing' and 'tagging' Queen Street content that we will continue to grow our audience.
- **Queen Street Blog** - I can report that our first blog post has finally gone live! We'll be using the blog space to share volunteer research under the title '[Queen Street Through Time](#)'. We'll also be using the space to share community engagement activities, events & training.

Heritage Photography



Thank you to all of the volunteers who attended the Heritage Photography training session delivered by the wonderful Dawn Jutton.



Dawn shared some of her expertise with our budding photographers and in the afternoon, we visited Queen Street to put some of our newly acquired skills into practice. Volunteers were encouraged to stop and consider before taking a photograph and also to try and interpret the street in a new and exciting way.

We'll be publishing a more in-depth feature of the day on our blog page later in the month. If you'd like to see a sample of some of the photographs captured on the day, head over to our Facebook page.

Key Dates and Upcoming Events (January - February)

- **Queen Street Volunteer Forum**
Tuesday 16th January, 11:00, Art Gallery
- **Heritage Photography Training**
Monday 22nd January, 11:00 - 15:30, Art Gallery
- **Intro to Oral History**
Monday 29th January, 10:00 - 16:00, City Archive
- **CV Workshop - Marie Copper**
Friday 6th February, Art Gallery
- **Volunteer Recruitment Session**
Tuesday 13th February, 11:00 - 13:00, Art Gallery
- **Queen Street Volunteer Forum**
Thursday 15th February, 11:00, Art Gallery
- **Family Friendly Event**
Monday 19th February, 11:00 - 14:00, Art Gallery

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Research Update

This month, I've received a number of excellent research submission from some of our Queen Street volunteers. I'm very much enjoying reading through your work and I've already started to adapt some of it to feature on our blog. The Black Country Bugle have also expressed an interest in publishing some Queen Street content.

As we enter this new phase of the project, it is very important that you keep me updated on the progress of any research!

All volunteers have been asked to produce a referenced timeline and a summary document or essay. I'd like to remind you to please submit text and image files separately. I've provided various guidelines and example documents but if anybody is unsure, please do get in touch.

New Volunteer Roles

Archive Assistant - We need a volunteer to act as an 'Archive Assistant' and assist the CEO with sourcing archive images, fact checking & ad hoc research. The position will be based primarily at City Archives and require regular communication with the CEO.

Digital Image Assistant - We need a volunteer to act as a 'Digital Image Assistant' and assist the CEO with sourcing images, editing images and working with the photographs captured during the Heritage Photography training day.

Social Media Contributor - We are looking for numerous 'Social Media Contributors' who are interested in producing additional content for our blog and Facebook page. Contributions can include: 'Document of the Month', 'Volunteer Interviews' and reporting on QS events.