

Oral History Workshop

The 123 communicate programme, supported by Objective 1 ERDF and WAG funding, provides friendly and informal workshops on a range of information and communication technologies. We aim to assist voluntary groups and community organisations to communicate more effectively.

Oral History for Websites Workshop

As part of the website content creation workshops, oral history can be used to provide a different dimension to information on your website—whatever your type of group.

- the most obvious for any community or local history website is short stories from local people
- Sports clubs could record accounts of wins or how that all important goal was scored (or saved)!
- Performances of poems or snippets of shows for cultural websites
- Even experiences of people who have used a service or help group

This workshop will cover what oral histories are and how they can be used in your group, provide practical advice and tips and allow you to exchange ideas with other local groups. We will also be showing how to use the equipment to record and edit interviews.

Useful Websites

www.bbc.co.uk/history/your_history/oral/oralhist_1.shtml

Oral History site from the BBC with simple steps and advice.

www.bbc.co.uk/education/20cvox/audio.shtml

Excellent examples

www.diabetes-stories.com

<http://www.diabetes-stories.com/index.asp>

Audio recordings of the life stories of 50 people diagnosed with diabetes between 1927 and 1997

www.bbc.co.uk/devon/outdoors/moors/dartmoor_oral_history.shtml

In Devon the people who lived and worked there are telling their stories as part of a unique oral history of Dartmoor.

www.be-me.org

BE-ME has recorded over 100 audio/video interviews with respondents from

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Summary of Terms

Oral History

Historical information, usually tape-recorded or videotaped, obtained in interviews with persons having firsthand knowledge.

Windows Sound Recorder

Free software recorder supplied with Windows which allows you to simply edit sound files and compress them for use on the internet.

Real Player

A media player, created by RealNetworks, that plays a number of multimedia formats including multiple generations of RealAudio and RealVideo codecs as well as MP3, MPEG-4, QuickTime, etc

QuickTime

Developed by Apple Computer, QuickTime is a method of storing sound, graphics, and movie files.

.wav

File extension, defines the format of the file.

MP3

An MPEG standard used especially for digitally transmitting music over the Internet.

Codec

Technology used to compress and decompress files (audio, video and etc)

Podcast

A digital recording of a radio broadcast or similar programme, made available on the Internet for downloading to a personal audio player.

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