

Archives for Learning and Education Section (ALES) Useful Links & Resources

This document is for archives practitioners involved in teaching and delivering learning outcomes to a wide range of users. It contains:

- A list of learning organizations and networks, including organizations outside the archives profession that offer scope for collaboration and professional development;
- Links to free online educational resources;
- Links to teaching tools, guides and training for members' professional development, covering theoretical and practical aspects of learning;
- Links to resources with information on finding funding and funding providers.

This document has been compiled by the ALES Committee with input from its members. It is not a definitive list of organizations and resources. New suggestions are always welcome. Please contact the committee at ales@archives.org.uk if you have any comments or suggestions. We hope you find it useful!

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Our blog <https://arallearning.wordpress.com/> features regular posts about learning with archives and contains more information about the ALES and its activities.

For more information on the Archives and Records Association (UK & Ireland), please visit the website <https://www.archives.org.uk/ara-sections>

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1. Curriculum Links

The National Curriculum for England

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/teachingandlearning/curriculum>

The Curriculum in Scotland

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/schools/school-curriculum/>

The Curriculum for Wales

<https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales-2008/>

Information on the 2022 updates can be found here: <https://hwb.gov.wales/curriculum-for-wales>

Northern Ireland Curriculum

<https://ccea.org.uk/>

Irish Curriculum

<https://www.curriculumonline.ie/Home/>

2. Learning Organizations & Networks

Organisation	Link	Description	Learner
Arts Award	https://www.artsaward.org.uk/site/?id=64	Arts Council England supported initiative to provide an arts based qualification for young people aged 5-25. Opportunities to train as Arts Award Advisor and register your organisation as an Arts Award Centre, which unlocks access to the <u>Arts Award Access Fund</u> .	All
Arts Council – Bridge Organizations	https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/children-and-young-people/bridge-organisations	Funded regional hubs aimed at connecting the cultural and educational sectors for the benefit of children.	Primary Secondary
Association for Citizenship Teaching	https://www.teachingcitizenship.org.uk/ @ACitizenshipT	The professional association for those involved in citizenship education.	Primary Secondary FE
Campaign for Learning	https://www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk/ @CForLearning	Policy and advocacy organisation for lifelong learning. Website has a useful definition of learning.	Lifelong Learning
Digital Learning Network	http://digitallearningnetwork.net/ @DLNET	Shares ideas and good practice in using digital technology to support learning in the cultural heritage sector	All
Education Scotland	https://education.gov.scot/	Scottish Government agency for supporting quality and improvement in education.	Primary Secondary FE
Group for Education in Museums (GEM)	https://gem.org.uk/resource/ @gem_heritage	Promotes education as a core function of museums and encourages the exchange of information, ideas and research relating to the practice of museum education. Website includes a wealth of information on all aspects of education, including CPD and funding.	All



HE Academy	https://www.advance-he.ac.uk/	Promotes quality teaching in higher education. Offers training events and an online 'knowledge hub' featuring a range of specialized resources.	HE
Historical Association (HA)	https://www.history.org.uk/ @histassoc	An independent charity that advises on curriculum issues at all levels and campaigns for access to specialist historical knowledge and collections.	All
Home Education UK	https://www.home-education.org.uk/	Information, resources and contacts for home educators.	Primary Secondary FE
Institute of Historical Research	https://www.history.ac.uk/	UK's national centre for history, dedicated to supporting historians of all kinds	All
Learning Arc	https://www.ncl.ac.uk/library/services/education-outreach/partners	North East based network of Archives Educators.	Primary Secondary
Learning Disability	https://learningdisability.co.uk/	Organisation promoting information and professional qualifications for those working with adults with learning disabilities.	SEND
Learning and Work Institute	https://www.learningandwork.org.uk/ @LearnWorkUK	A research and policy organization dedicated to lifelong learning, full employment and inclusion. The website includes a useful tool to assess text for its reading level: https://www.learningandwork.org.uk/SMOG-calculator/smogcalc.php	Lifelong Learning
National Association of Special Educational Needs	http://www.nasen.org.uk @nasen_org	Provides training and resources for SEND practitioners.	SEND
Scottish Council on Archives, Education Committee	https://www.scottisharchives.org.uk/resources/education-learning/ @ScotsArchives	Comprised of archives practitioners and educators. Their website has toolkits and case studies to support those working with archives in schools.	Primary Secondary
Schools History Project (SHP)	http://www.schoolshistoryproject.co.uk/	Supports and advocates innovative history teaching.	Primary Secondary

	@1972SHP		FE
Skills for Life Network	http://www.skillsforlifefnetwork.com/ @SfLNetwork	Information and resources for teachers of English, Maths, ICT, life skills and SEND in Further Education.	FE SEND
STEM Learning	https://www.stem.org.uk/ @STEMLearningUK	Provides training and careers support for teachers of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Website offers CPD resources, and the ability to share educational resources.	Primary Secondary FE HE
Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) Collective	https://tpscollective.org/	Online hub bringing together resources, professional development and support for those who teach with primary sources (US-based)	All
The Black Curriculum	https://www.theblackcurriculum.com/ @Curriculumblack	Social enterprise delivering arts based Black history programmes and professional development training.	Primary Secondary
Workers Educational Association	https://www.wea.org.uk/ @WEAdulted	Largest voluntary sector provider of adult education in England and Scotland	Lifelong Learning

3. Online Educational Resources (selected)

Note: Visit our blog and vlog to explore online educational resources relating to specific collections, locations or subjects. Available at <https://arallearning.wordpress.com/>.

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45 Next Generation Learning Tools That Kids Will Love	https://www.ireviews.com/next-gen-learning/	Wide range of tools designed to support curriculum and help teachers and students achieve their goals.	Primary Secondary
Explore your Archive: Arch'Ive Learnt	https://www.exploreyourarchive.org/learning/	Educational videos on what archives are, and downloadable document analysis templates for use in lessons	Primary Secondary HE
My Learning	http://www.mylearning.org/	Free learning resources from museum, library and archive collections. Originally a Renaissance Yorkshire Hub initiative, the website has expanded to include resources from the North West, East Midlands and London.	Primary Secondary
Society of Genealogists	http://www.sog.org.uk/learn/help-getting-started-with-genealogy/	Online guides designed to aid people approaching genealogy for the first time.	Lifelong Learning
UK Data Service	http://ukdataservice.ac.uk/use-data/teaching.aspx	Resources on teaching data collection and analysis. Features examples of real-life data collection, allowing students to engage critically with methods and methodologies.	FE HE

4. Teaching Tools, Guides and Training

What	Link	Description	Learner
Accessible Learning Tool Kit (ALES)	https://www.archives.org.uk/resources	This toolkit can either be used as a step-by-step process to follow, or selected sections can be used to re-think how you can make your service or certain activities more accessible. It also contains case studies to showcase the benefits of working with children	All



		and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as practical information for you to tailor to your own setting, and pointers to other resources.	
AE pro Lifelong Learning Programme courses	https://www.ae-learning.eu/	Free online CPD courses aimed at adult educators. Includes course on using technology with under-represented adults.	Lifelong Learning
Dementia Toolkit	https://www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/in-practice/2015/10/01102015-dementia-toolkit-launched-small-museums/	Designed to support small museums to create wellbeing programmes around learning with collections for users with dementia.	Lifelong Learning
Developing formal learning: The National Archives	https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/advice-and-guidance/talking-to-your-community/developing-formal-education/	Guidance on developing a formal learning offering in the UK archives sector, with links to further information and support	Primary Secondary
Digital Guide: Getting started with online learning	https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/publications/digital-guide-getting-started-online-learning	Free online advice and resources from Heritage Fund designed to support the heritage sector share their resources online.	All
FutureLearn	https://www.futurelearn.com/	Free online resources from HE institutions. Includes modules on blended and remote learning, inclusive education and subject areas.	All
Disability Bibliography January 2020 Visual Version	https://www.slideshare.net/heatherdawson/disability-bibliography-january-2020-visual-version	Slideshare, covering HE, teaching and learning	SEND
A Guide to Oral History for Schools and Youth Groups	https://www.ohs.org.uk/advice/how-to-do-oral-history/	Prepared by the Oral History Society, a practical guide on running oral history projects with young people.	Primary Secondary
Guidelines for Accessible Archives for People with Disabilities	https://www2.archivists.org/sites/all/files/SAA_Guidelines_for_Accessible_Archives_for_People_with_Disabilities_2019_0.pdf	Produced by the Society of American Archivists	SEND
Guidelines for Primary Source	https://www2.archivists.org/standards/guidelines-for-primary-source-literacy	Produced by the Society of American Archivists, these guidelines lay out different levels of	All



Literacy		understanding in relation to primary sources.	
HEAcademy - Blended Learning	https://www.advance-he.ac.uk/knowledge-hub/blended-learning	Guide to combining face to face teaching with online interactions.	HE
Information learning: The National Archives	https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/advice-and-guidance/talking-to-your-community/informal-learning/	Links to resources to support provision of informal learning in the UK archives sector.	Lifelong Learning
Learning with the Past: Racism, Education and Reparative Futures	https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000374045.locale=en	UNESDOC (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) Digital Library programme and meeting document	All
Let's Talk About: Empire and Conflict	https://www.iwm.org.uk/learning/lets-talk-about-empire-and-conflict	Imperial War Museum, free CPD films support teaching the experiences and legacy of the British Empire and conflict	Secondary
Reclaiming Digital Futures	https://digitallearningpractices.org/	American 'toolkit' intended to support best practice in provision of informal digital learning for young people.	Primary Secondary FE
Send Excellence Gateway	https://send.excellencegateway.org.uk/	Website of resources and training intended to support educators working in Further Education contexts	FE
Special Schools and Museums Toolkit	https://southeastmuseums.org/special-schools-and-museum-toolkit/	A practical guide to accessible and inclusive museum experiences for special schools and SEND families.	SEND
Teaching Black British History: a Teacher Training Guide	https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/teaching-black-british-history-a-guide-for-teachers	Online course from FutureLearn	Primary Secondary

5. Guidance on finding funding

What	Link	Description
Advanced Bid Writing Course	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snGwGtUOR_4	YouTube video, produced by The National Archives
Arts Award Access Fund	https://www.artsaward.org.uk/site/?id=1975	Funding of up to £1500 available for arts based learning and development programmes, awarded only to registered Arts Award Centres. For more information see the Arts Award Website .
Better World Books literacy grants	https://cares.betterworldbooks.com/grants/	Funding opportunities for projects intended to raise literacy within communities
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust	http://www.doylycartecharitabletrust.org/	Funding opportunities of up to £5000 for projects including education in the arts
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation	https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/	Provider of funding for arts projects
Finding Funding (TNA)	https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/finding-funding/	Information on archives sector funding opportunities from The National Archives and general guidance on fundraising
Funding Finder (Arts Council)	https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding	Funding opportunities for projects relating to creative arts
Grants Online: Education and learning	https://www.grantsonline.org.uk/news/education-and-training/	List of grant providers for projects relating to education and learning
Help with finding funding (CAHG)	https://www.communityarchives.org.uk/content/resource/help-with-finding-funding	Guidance on fundraising from the Community Archives and Heritage Group, with links to some external providers
Heritage Fund	https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding	Home page for Heritage Fund, which offers grants of £3,000 and upwards.
Paul Hamlyn	https://www.phf.org.uk/	Provider of funding for projects to enable disadvantaged people to



Foundation		engage in creative arts opportunities
Prince's Trust: Community project funding	https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/who-else/employment/grants-funding/community-projects	List of funding providers for community projects
STEM Learning: funding providers	https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/community/collecion/134293/funding-stem-related-activities	List of funding opportunities for STEM learning projects