

Local and Family History Together

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Family history is inextricably tied to local history.

This workshop will explore the value of local history for our research and how it can inform our understanding of past lives. As we learn about the historical environments and communities of our ancestors we gain a richer sense of their lifetimes, putting colour and context into our family trees.

Local history is a wonderful thing in its own right but with family history in mind it is a very useful tool, an exciting set of resources and a particular lens through which to view the past.

This session will first of all outline what local history is, its history and why we do it, secondly why it is so important for family history and lastly how we do local history and trace the communities of your ancestors.

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