

Workshop: Making the 'Merrie City'

Pupils will explore places in Wakefield over the past 200 years. They will build up a picture of the city using archival documents.

Duration: 90 minutes Audience: KS2 Location: WYHC

Learning Objectives:

- To introduce archival material and Archives as a source of information about the past
- To explore the local history of Wakefield through historical enquiry and discussion
- To use archival material to research the history of Wakefield
- To have fun

Workshop Overview

Activity	Content	Timings and resources
Welcome and introduction	Meet and greet Why are you here? What are we going to do today? Housekeeping	5 mins
Introduction to archives and session	What is an archive and what do we do at WYHC? Show handling collection	15 mins
Archive Tour	Tour of building to include searchroom, conservation and store	10 mins
Activity 1: Map of Wakefield	Explore the floor map of Wakefield Discuss what buildings/places they can see/recognise	15 mins
Activity 2: What was here in the past?	Investigate two places in Wakefield Answer questions on the clues in the bag Bring resources to the map and discuss each place starting with the oldest Chn place props on map in correct place	30 mins
Activity 3: Timeline	Explore and discuss timeline In their groups chn will match their places to the correct date on the timeline	15 mins
Plenary	Recap session asking questions about archive and activities What have you learnt? What have you enjoyed?	10 mins