

Workshop: Dig for Victory: A Child's Life in WW2

Pupils will explore life on the Home Front in Wakefield during World War Two. They will learn what life was like in Wakefield during the war using archival documents.

Duration: 75-90 minutes Audience: KS2 Location: WYHC

Learning Objectives:

- To introduce archival material and Archives as a source of information about the past
- To explore life on the Home Front in Wakefield through hands on activities and archives
- To use archival material to research the Home Front, including what it was like to go to school, in 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?	5 mins
Activity 1: Log book	Log book entries from WW2 and children have to guess missing words. Discuss how WW2 effected going to school, differences/similarities to now	20 mins
Activity 2: letter writing	Write a letter as evacuee who went to Sandal Magna Primary in response to letters in the archives	15 mins
Activity 3: Draw and label air raid shelter	Draw and label a school air raid shelter from description and pictures.	20 mins
Plenary	Recap session asking questions about archive and activities What have you learnt? What have you enjoyed?	10 mins

Tables will come up in groups throughout the session to look at the WW2 archives in the cabinet.