

## Doctoral Open Day

### Exploring the Collections at Boston Spa and beyond

### 29 January 2020

**Travel to Boston Spa:** A coach will leave York station to take delegates to the Library's Boston Spa site at **09.45**. A coach will leave the Boston Spa site at **16.30** to take delegates to York station.

#### British Library doctoral Open Day:

The day will:

- Introduce you to the range of research materials available in the British Library
- Introduce you to Library experts
- Give you an opportunity to meet other postgraduate students from across the UK
- Provide a platform for you to discuss your research interests and practice using the Library's catalogues to search for relevant materials

Times	Topic	Speaker	Location
10.30-11.00	Registration & refreshments <i>Opportunity <a href="#">to register for a Reader Pass</a></i>		
11.00 - 11.30	<b>The British Library: A brief introduction</b> An overview of the Library's collection and research resources	<a href="#">James Perkins</a> Research and Postgraduate Development Manager	Conference Suite
11.30 - 12.15	<b>Using our catalogues and reference services</b> Practical tips and guidance on using the British Library catalogues and reference services	Reference Services Team	Conference Suite
12.15 - 12.20	Comfort break		
12.20 - 13.15	<b>Group networking and discussion</b> (Chaired and facilitated by British Library staff):  <i>This is an opportunity to discuss your research interests with other delegates and BL experts and find out more about specific BL collections, content and resources that might be relevant to your research. Followed by collective feedback and a Q&amp;A session.</i>		Conference Suite
13.15-14.00	Lunch <i>Opportunity to register for a Reader Pass</i>		
14.00 - 15.00	<b>Digital Research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What is the UK Web Archive and how can I use it for my PhD?</i> – Nicola Bingham (Lead Curator, UK Web Archive)</li> <li>• <i>Digital research: Collections, data, tools and methods</i> – Adi Keinan-Schoonbaert (Digital Curator)</li> </ul> <i>Followed by Q&amp;A</i>		Conference Suite

15.00 - 15.30	<b>Collaboration and partnership working as a PhD student and beyond</b>	Caryn Douglas Manager, WRoCAH	Conference Suite
15.30 - 16.10	<p>Refreshments and networking</p> <p>During this session you will have the opportunity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign up for a tour of <b>The Digital Preservation Lab</b> used for the Library's <a href="#">Flashback project</a>. Places allocated on the day on a <i>first come first served</i> basis.</li> <li>• <b>Search the catalogues</b> for material relevant to your research – BL References Services staff will be on hand to offer guidance and help with any queries. Please note you will need to bring your own laptop/tablet for this and should register as a Reader (in advance or on the day) to get the most out of this session.</li> </ul>		
16.15	Visit the Reading Room – David Clayworth		
16.30	Coach departs.		