



Doctoral Open Day: Introducing the Collections

British and European Collections after 1600

17 February 2020

The day will:

- Introduce you to the range of research materials available in the British Library
- Introduce you to specialist curators at the Library
- Give you an opportunity to meet other postgraduate students from across the UK

Draft programme

Time	Topic & areas to cover	Speaker	Venue
10.15 – 10.30	Welcome		Theatre
10.30 – 11.30	Introduction to the British Library collection		Theatre
11.30 – 11.50	Tea & Coffee Break		Foyer
11.50 – 12.20	Reference Services Session	Reference Services Team	Theatre
12.25 – 13.05	Round Table Discussions and Networking Up to 2 curators & 1 CDP student per room to facilitate and encourage, Cabaret style tables. Students allocated a workshop		
13.05 – 14.00	Lunch		
14.00 – 14.35	Digital Research at the British Library	Digital Research Team	Theatre
14.35 – 15.15	Meet the Curators OR Finding resources for your research Handling Collection Items		Boardroom Suite Chaucer Bronte
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16.00 – 16.30	Tea and Cakes Networking		
16.30 – 17.00	Building Tour (optional)		

Round Table Discussions

This is an opportunity to discuss your research interests with other delegates and PhD students working closely with the Library. Ask questions to find out more about specific BL collections, content and resources that might be relevant to your research. Followed by collective feedback and a Q&A session.

Exploring the British Library's Early-Modern and Modern Collections

Meet the Curators

An interactive session giving you the opportunity to view specially selected items from the British Library Collections. This is also an opportunity to speak individually to Curators and ask them questions.

Handling and conserving collection items

A chance to meet the Library's conservators who will provide advice on using the Library's physical collections, demonstrating the formats you may encounter as well as the tools and techniques available to assist you in your research. Additionally you will gain an understanding of the work and tools involved with conservation work – such as bookbinding, repairs and cleaning.

Practical Reference Session

An opportunity to search Explore and other BL catalogues, to identify holdings relevant to your research interests, with our Reference Services team on hand for any queries.