

Digital Preservation for London and AIM25 and HARG Meetings

Venue: London Metropolitan archives

Date: 7 December 2018, 10-30-16-30.

List of attendees:

Chris Olver (Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability)

Geoff Browell (King's College London)

Benjamin Barber (King's College London)

Chris Bennett (Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies)

Sandra Black (Bart's Health NHS Trust)

Kat Harrington (Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew)

Sarah Lawson (University College London)

Kate Jarman (Bart's Health NHS Trust)

Sian Prosser (Royal Astronomical Society)

Angela Whitecross (NHS at 70, University of Manchester)

Peter Mitchell (NHS at 70, University of Manchester)

Nick Baldwin (Great Ormond Street Hospital)

Kevin Mulley (The National Archives)

Claire Frankland (London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine)

Caroline Simpson (The National Archives)

Gary McKay (Appii)

Morning session: digital preservation, 10:30-13.00

10-15: Arrival, refreshments and welcome

10-30: Arkivum (Matthew Addis)

11-20: Preservica (Tracy Broadhurst)

12-10: Max Communications (David Cordery)

13-00: Working lunch

Afternoon session, 14:00-16:30

- 1. Caroline Sampson (TNA) presented on the Higher Education Archive Programme and History UK guide to collaboration for archives and higher education 2018.**
- 2. Gary McKay (Appii) demonstrated a system for verifying credentials using Blockchain technology and its applications for students and employers.**
- 3. Angela Whitecross (University of Manchester) and Peter Mitchell (University of Manchester) presented on the NHS at 70 project.**
- 4. Minutes and matters arising relating to last meeting.**

No actions required.

- 5. HARG Committee report and upcoming plans (Administration, website, future meetings) (Chris Olver)**

CO presented the HARG committee report summarising our activities, membership and website statistics for 2018. A copy of the report can be found on the group website.

CO requested new hosts for future HARG meetings, especially for members willing to host a meeting outside of London.

He also announced that a membership survey will be circulated in early 2019 in order to review the aims and activities of the group.

Finally, a request for new volunteers to join the HARG committee. We are looking to recruit volunteers to help contribute and manage HARG

social media and web presence and provide support and guidance on record and information governance.

6. Update from the National Archives (Kevin Mulley)

KM provided an update on the progress of the transition to 20 year rule for transferring public records; the responsibility to NHS records management has now been taken over by NHS England from NHS Digital and updated the group on ongoing public enquiries (e.g. infected blood inquiry and the IICSA Independent inquiry into child sex abuse).

7. Member news

London Metropolitan Archives

A new 18 month cataloguing project on the papers of Mollie Hunt, educational psychologist had recently begun. Cataloguing of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry collection was due to begin in January 2019. The LMA is one of the ten regional hubs for the British Library's Unlocking Our Sound Heritage and will be digitising 5000 sound recordings from across the Greater London area.

Great Ormond Street Hospital Archives (Nick Baldwin)

Nick reported that they are currently in the process of moving the archive office and reading room. The archive service was involved in the hospital's celebration of the NHS 70 anniversary and the chapel armistice centenary. The wider trust is implementing electronic patient records in the spring of 2019, and our digitising all records dated after 1985.

Kew Botanical Gardens (Kat Harrington)

The archives have begun a Wellcome funded cataloguing and conservation project on miscellaneous reports on British colonial botanical gardens. This is a 2 year project and also includes an attached collaborative PhD student from the University of Roehampton.

Bart's Health Trust (Kate Jarman)

It was reported that the Trust had two Wellcome funded projects shortly ending relating to the treatment of STIs in East London and the cataloguing of St Mark's Hospital collection. The Trust had recently appointed an interim Deputy Archivist and were interviewing for a new archivist for the Royal Free Hospital. A new records manager, Sandra Blake, had recently been appointed.

Royal Astronomical Society (Sian Prosser)

It was reported that preparations were underway for the bicentenary of the society in 2020.

Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability (Chris Olver)

The archive service will be opening to the public in late 2019. To launch the service a one-day disability history conference on the 4th October 2019.

Queen's Square Archives (Sarah Lawson)

A new history book about the Queen Square Institute for Neurology has recently been released. An NHS at 70 exhibition was held in the autumn and the service also featured in a shellshock documentary broadcast on BBC2 in November 2018.

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (Claire Frankland)

The digital gap intern was working on the in-house digital asset management system, Assetbank, and creating a digital preservation policy. The archives had received new accessions relating to guinea worm, sleeping sickness and cot death. The School was also celebrating its 120th anniversary in 2019.

- 8. Close of meeting followed by a tour of the London Metropolitan Archives child health exhibition by Geoff Pick.**