

MY PLACE



Working with the young people of Bradford and Keighley to bring local history alive for the whole community



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HAPPY NEW (school) YEAR!

Whilst the Summer holidays may seem a distant memory, the My Place team are raring to go with Year Two of the project. Rachel and Hayley are in the midst of signing-up schools to the next 9-month programme of exploring local heritage, celebrating our communities and identifying the important role that young people play in writing histories for the future.

We are delighted with the success of our first year. We want to thank all the schools, teachers, staff, and oral history participants but, most importantly, the 800 young people who took part. We hope that you all got a lot out of the project as you certainly taught us a thing or two! **Take a look at the My Place films of what we've been up to in Year One on our YouTube channel [here](#).**

YEAR TWO - WHAT ARE WE OFFERING?

Similar to our first year, this is what is on offer to schools taking part in My Place:

- Five days of local heritage workshops in school (spread over a half term). Teachers are able to pick which three topics they would like their workshops to focus on from a wide selection including Homes & Buildings, The World of Work, Clothes as a Clue, and many more.
- Participation in four drama interpretation workshops to develop a story of the local area/a local figure, which will culminate in a performance at the My Place Celebration Event in July 2014. NB There are only enough spaces for eight schools to take part in this aspect of the project.
- Half a day of geophysical surveying in the grounds of Bolling Hall Museum (Bradford schools) or Cliffe Castle Museum (Keighley schools). NB There is only enough space for 4 schools to take part in this aspect of the project.
- One day of archaeology workshops in school to explore the concept of archaeology, what it is and why it is important to tell us about who lived in our area hundreds of years ago.
- One day taking part in a professional archaeological excavation in the grounds of Bolling Hall Museum (Bradford schools) or Cliffe Castle Museum (Keighley schools).
- Attendance at the My Place Celebration Event in July 2014 to showcase all of the hard work from young people including drama performances, personal archives developed from workshops and archaeological finds.

The My Place team are shortly going to be contacting all schools that took part in the first year for first refusal. However, we are starting the workshops earlier to accommodate more schools. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact either Rachel (for Bradford schools) or Hayley (for Keighley schools) via the details below. Remember that everything in the list above is offered free of charge!

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

You might think that the My Place team have spent all Summer relaxing and putting our feet up but you'd be wrong! We've been busy travelling around Bradford and Keighley showing off all the wonderful work produced by young people in the first year of the project. We've been dressing up for Medieval Day, talking to heritage professionals at the GEM Conference, displaying work to Council members at Bradford City Hall and setting up a display at Cliffe Castle Museum, which is on until November, so go and take a look.



WHAT HAVE TEACHERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE SAID ABOUT MY PLACE?

We keep telling people about how successful the My Place project has been but why believe what we say? Here is what some of our participating teachers and young people have said about us:

"It was so nice to see the students who are sometimes difficult to engage, fully occupied and engaged in the activities."

"The pupils were really engaged and, through discussion, have mentioned how important they believe today has been for finding out about how people lived in the past."

"Really clear, helpful adults that were patient and worked well with the children. Fantastic to have this experience."

"This has been the best school trip ever!"

"This session was the best I ever had! We learnt stuff that we would never so and learn in our normal lessons. It really motivated me. I think we should do more stuff like this more often."

"I really liked learning about work and different jobs. I tried really hard and did not distract others in my class."

The next My Place e-newsletter will go out in December. Please feel free to pass on to anyone who may be interested. If you would like to subscribe to this e-newsletter, please do contact one of the project officers below:

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