

Why Archives & Records Matter Conference



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Riddle's Court, Edinburgh

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About the conference:

Archives and records come in many forms—written, photographic, audio, visual, film and digital—influencing and improving almost every aspect of life. Their impact, economic, social and cultural, is wide-reaching. They can be used to promote mental wellbeing by building confidence, self-awareness and helping people with dementia. They attract visitors and boost the economy by supporting ancestral tourism. They underpin every aspect of education, science, health, culture, law and the historic environment. Archives and records inform the future by helping us to learn from the past. Why Archives and Records Matter will examine and highlight the importance of archives and records in different areas including nation-building; transparency and accountability; culture; communities; and personal histories.

Programme:

- 10:00-10:10 **Welcome**
John Pelan, SCA Director
- 10:10-10:20 **Setting the Scene**
Bruce Jackson, SCA Chair

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- 10:20-10:40 **Voices: The Community Story and Its Legacy**
Audrey Wilson, Scottish Council on Archives & Ashleigh Thompson,
City of Edinburgh Council
- 10:40-11:00 **Using Archives in Video Game Development: The Aberdeen Burgh
Records and the Making of Strange Sickness**
William Hepburn & Jackson Armstrong, University of Aberdeen
- 11:00-11:15 **COFFEE BREAK**

HEALTH & WELLBEING

- 11:15-11:35 **Archives and Mental Health**
Jacqui Eccles, University of Dundee
- 11:35-11:55 **Informing the Infected Blood Inquiry**
Louise Williams, Lothian Health Services Archive
- 11:55-12:10 **Who do we think we are? Public records - personal stories**
Meic Pierce Owen, Corporate Records Manager, Fife Council

KEYNOTE

- 12:10-12:45 **Building Forward: Recordkeeping in Support of Uncertain Futures**
Professor Anne Gilliland, University of California, Los Angeles
- 12:45-13:00 **Q+A**
- 13:00-13:45 **LUNCH**
- 13:45-14:15 **Workshop**

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

- 14:15-14:40 **The Importance of Ancestral Tourism to Scotland**
Noelle Campbell, VisitScotland
- 14:40-14:50 **COMFORT BREAK**

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- 14:50-15:10 **Using PRSA for Service Improvement**
Amy Cawood, NHS Forth Valley
- 15:10-15:30 **The Importance of Records to Transparency and Improvement in Scottish Public Services**
Rosemary Agnew, Scottish Public Services Ombudsman
- 15:30-15:45 **Plenary Session Q+A**
- 15:45-15:55 **Closing Remarks**
- 16:00 **END**



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The Scottish Council on Archives
is an advocacy and development body for the
archives and records management sector,
providing leadership and building capacity.

OUR VALUES

We are an independent and trustworthy organisation which responds to the needs of our members. By working in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders we strive to inspire the highest standards in collection management and service delivery.

OUR VISION

Scotland's documented past is valued, understood and shared.

OUR MISSION

Leading Scotland's archives, records management and conservation sector to inspire and inform the nation.

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