Partnership unlocking the UK's archives awarded



Liverpool Record Office.

This is one of our biggest investments into archives this century, made possible by National Lottery players.

We've awarded £5m to Archives Revealed, a long-running partnership between The National Archives, the Pilgrim Trust and the Wolfson Foundation.

More than five times more funding for increasing public access to archives in 2024–2027 will be possible with our investment than in the past three years. We're supporting new grants of up to £150,000 for collaborative projects over multiple collections, and a new skills development programme.

Equipping archives for the future

Archives Revealed helps make significant archival collections that represent the lives and perspectives of people across the UK more accessible to the public. It also shares skills and knowledge, fosters relationships and builds organisational resilience across the archives sector.

Through our support, more archives than ever will benefit, and public engagement and participatory work will be funded for the first time.



More support and larger grants for archives

New **Consortium Grants** of up to £150,000 will support projects spanning multiple archives and collections that can create a wider regional or thematic impact.

With our investment, Archives Revealed will continue to offer **Cataloguing Grants** of up to £50,000 and **Scoping Grants** of up to £3,000.

And our funding will enable a new **development and training programme** to build archive professionals' and volunteers' skills.

Getting the best out of the UK's collections

By investing in the archives sector, we're supporting our Heritage 2033 strategy for investing in heritage for the future as well as the present.

Eilish McGuinness, Chief Executive of The National Lottery Heritage Fund, said: “Our archives are home to our stories.



Jeff James, Chief Executive and Keeper of The National Archives, on behalf of Archives Revealed, said: “This is an exciting time to be involved in archives. This generous grant allows Archives Revealed to help more archives in the coming years, to get the very best out of their collections and make them more accessible, demonstrating that archives truly are for everyone.

“The addition of a new training programme allows us to continue to support the archive sector as a thriving, inclusive sector which places development and professionalism at its heart."

Explore more

For more information about Archives Revealed, including how to apply for a grant, visit The National Archives website.

Register for a webinar about the programme on 2 September 2024.

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