



Citizens

800 years in the making

Exploring the history of liberty, protest, power and rebellion

Background

Royal Holloway, University of London, is one of the UK's leading research intensive universities. Founded in 1886 by Thomas Holloway as a pioneering college for women, this progressive ethos remains very much part of our distinctive identity today.

The Project

Citizens explores the history of liberty, protest, rebellion and reform from Magna Carta to the Suffragettes and beyond. This encompasses such topics as de Montfort and the origins of Parliament, the Peasants' Revolt, rebellion in Tudor England, the Civil Wars, moves to reform Parliament in the eighteenth and nineteenth century, the emergence of trade unionism, workers' rights and the Labour party, the women's suffrage campaigns and post-war equality movements.

It is not just the national story we want to explore though. We want to discover and highlight local heroes and heroines and local struggles for our rights and liberty. Perhaps your town was home to a reforming Parliamentarian or a notable suffragette, or witnessed a Chartist demonstration or a popular uprising in medieval times. Whatever your local story of liberty, we'd like to hear from you.

You should apply if...

- You have an interest in history and are willing to conduct research at your local museum, archive or online
- You are happy to produce brief reports on your findings and for us to share these on our website for schools

What we offer:

- A local project briefing session, regular contact and support from a Royal Holloway advisor and assistance partnering up with your local museum
- The opportunity to see your research on a website promoted directly to thousands of schools
- An annual reception for researchers at Royal Holloway

Project period and meetings:

- At this stage we are looking for expressions of interest. The first project will begin early next Spring and run for 12 weeks. Other projects will follow in other locations across the South East.



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