**History UK Steering Committee meeting, 3pm, 23rd February 2022**

Location: online (Zoom)

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 819 3095 1843

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*Please insert any short reports/ comments below!*

**Part 1: Presentation on ‘Advocating for History’ (Gareth Brown and David Harvie)**

This will be followed by a Q&A from Steering Committee members.

**Part 2: Steering Committee business**

1. Apologies for absence

Sara Barker; Euryn Roberts; David Stack; Coreen McGuire

Attendance:

• Ruth Atherton (South Wales)

• Ross Balzaretti (Nottingham)

• Sarah Crook (Swansea)

• Christienna Fryar (Goldsmiths)

• Fabian Hilfrich (Edinburgh)

• Grainne Goodwin (Leeds Beckett)

• Tim Grady (Chester)

• Richard Hawkins (Wolverhampton)

• Sarah Holland (Nottingham)

• Adrian Howkins (Bristol)

• Karen Jones (Kent)

• Andrew Jotischky (Royal Holloway)

• Bronach Kane (Cardiff)

• Daniel Laqua (Northumbria)

• Tracey Loughran (Essex)

• Robert McNamara (Ulster)

• Heidi Mehrkens (Aberdeen)

• Simon Peplow (Warwick)

• Anna Plassart (Open University)

• Yolana Pringle (Roehampton)

• Tim Reinke-Williams (Northampton)

• Antonio Sennis (UCL)

• Elizabeth Tingle (De Montfort)

• Alex Titov (Queens University Belfast)

• Deborah Toner (Leicester)

• Manuela Williams (Strathclyde)

• Jamie Wood (Lincoln)

1. Minutes of the last Steering Committee meeting

Were agreed.

1. Co-Convenors’ Report (YP and JW)

* Charlotte Alston
* Secretary vacancy
* New Co-convenor
* Skills Passport
* Post-Pandemic Pedagogy
* Welcoming new member to SC: Sarah Crook (Swansea)
* Changes to constitution section 5 (link here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NAoEvneAc0zxwj-_WAwd4d1Xe5cmz0fq/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115994009712470279229&rtpof=true&sd=true>)

1. Any matters arising from the officers’ reports (SH, RH, SB, CM, MW, SP)

**RH - Treasurer’s Report:**

Updated History UK Accounts (link here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/12aJ3_7vZuV-kV652lz7JH-k4xCeC_a0eiQ9rtRhqGyA/edit>

**SH - Education Report:**

SH has organised the History Assessment Workshop: ‘Assessment in History – Reassessing the purpose and future of assessment in the study of history’ (scheduled for May 2022 - online). The event aims to bring together all those interested in the role of assessment in the study of history, including school teachers and HE employability/careers teams.

The CFP is now live and SH asks everyone to circulate widely as well as considering proposing a paper.

Further details can be found via the link: <https://www.history-uk.ac.uk/2022/02/08/call-for-papers-assessment-in-history-reassessing-the-purpose-and-future-of-assessment-in-the-study-of-history/>

SH also continues to work with Adam Budd on the HUK EDI pedagogy project.

As always, SH is always keen to discuss potential HUK events and projects relating to teaching, learning and assessment, so please do email if you have an idea ([sarah.holland@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:sarah.holland@nottingham.ac.uk))

**SKB - Research update**

After the last meeting, it sounded like there was interest in workshops on both grant applications and history and the media. I’ve had a few emails about this since, and there seemed to be more interest in a workshop on grant applications at the moment, so I am going to focus on putting together something on this to take place in the early summer, and then a workshop on historians and the media in the autumn. Please look out for further pleas for help and CfPs.

Any and all suggestions and feedback welcome ([s.k.barker@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:s.k.barker@leeds.ac.uk))

**SP - Academic Job Boot Camp**

I will shortly begin organising our Academic Job Boot Camp to run again as a virtual event in 2022. I am hugely indebted to Liz Tingle and Tim Grady, who stepped in at the last minute to run last year’s Boot Camp as my paternity leave suddenly began 5 weeks early when my son decided he didn’t want to wait any longer!

I will in due course be sending around messages to recruit some (as always) very greatly appreciated volunteers for this year’s Boot Camp! For those unfamiliar, the Boot Camp is a half-day event where ECRs/PhDs have the opportunity to get feedback on their covering letters and CV, experience a mock interview with two Steering Committee members, as well as delivering a job presentation. It’s always been a very popular event and one that is greatly appreciated – particularly with the job market being as it is, attendees often tell us how useful it is to have had a bit of experience with these things.

As previously discussed, some ‘silver lining’ benefits of doing this online will allow us to incorporate experiences of remote interviews and alleviate some issues faced previously, such as commuting to London events from elsewhere in the country.

1. Statement Regarding the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism
2. Reports from Northern Irish, Scottish, and Welsh representatives
3. Updates from other organisations and institutions
4. Any other business
5. Date of next meeting