

Course details

Course title

History: Discovering Victorian Nottingham

Course code

Q00016177

Course date

Start: 26/09/24

End: 17/10/24

Number of classes

4 sessions

Timetable

Thu 26th Sep, 10:00 to 12:00

Thu 3rd Oct, 10:00 to 12:00

Thu 10th Oct, 10:00 to 12:00

Thu 17th Oct, 10:00 to 12:00

Branch

Nottingham Branch

Tutor

Christopher Weir

Fee range

Free to £33.60

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

Nottingham Mechanics (Nottingham)
3 North Sherwood Street
Nottingham
NG1 4EZ

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

During Victorian times Nottingham was transformed from an elegant market town into a major industrial City. Industries like hosiery and Lace needed grand warehouses and offices, streets filled up the central parishes and countless houses soon spread beyond the traditional town boundary. This course will explore this evolution from town to City, discover why and how the urban landscape began to change, consider contrasting communities, including Narrow Marsh and the Park Estate and will pause to highlight characters like the 'firebrand orator' Feargus O'Connor who could be assured to rouse the crowds over justice and the right to vote.

Course description

Discovering Victorian Nottingham offers an ideal opportunity to use maps, old photographs and other historical sources to reveal the 19th century development of Nottingham. We will combine our knowledge to reveal key development factors and to find out what features survive in the present landscape from the Victorian period. Hosiery and Lace were certainly very important but what other industries attracted entrepreneurs and workers into the City? We will explore this through various sources and consider how local housing was influenced by these trends. How did the City Council of those days tackle overcrowding and related problems and what was done to provide open space in the forms of parks and gardens ? This part of the course will look at the 1845 Inclosure Act and consider how the Forest and Arboretum were created. A City is more than its physical streets and buildings. But how did Nottingham connect with the wider world of culture; of science, education, music, literature, the arts and music? The course is in the Mechanics that was itself founded in Victorian times. We will explore the City's cultural development and discover how many institutions of the time still flourish and have a presence in the present day landscape and culture of Nottingham.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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