

## Course details

### Course title

History: How we used to Live – Social Housing

### Course code

Q00018368

### Course date

Start: 13/11/24

End: 04/12/24

### Number of classes

4 sessions

### Timetable

Wed 13th Nov, 14:00 to 16:00

Wed 20th Nov, 14:00 to 16:00

Wed 27th Nov, 14:00 to 16:00

Wed 4th Dec, 14:00 to 16:00

### Tutor

Katherine Croft

### 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.

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## **Venue**

St Olave's Church Hall (York)  
Marygate Lane  
York  
YO30 7BJ

## **Level of study**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

This course will give you an outline of the history of social housing in Britain over the last 200 years. Housing became a huge issue as a result of the Industrial Revolution as Britain's industrial cities expanded and thousands of low-paid workers looked for somewhere to live. We will look at a range of 'answers' to this problem from cheap housing that rapidly turned into overcrowded slums to model villages built by some factory owners to house their workforce. Then we will explore the development of slum clearance and council housing schemes in the 20th century, before looking at possible causes and solutions for the current housing shortages.

## **Course description**

The Industrial Revolution led to a huge influx of workers from the country to the city, and an explosion in the population. This put huge pressures on existing housing stock and led to overcrowding, poor sanitation and outbreaks of disease as people struggled to find somewhere to live close to work. Cities expanded rapidly, but much of the new housing was both poor in quality and expensive to rent. Local authorities and the government came under increasing pressure to take action, particularly on slum clearance. However, the problem was not really tackled until the 20th century, especially with the promise of 'Homes Fit for Heroes' after World War I.

This course will look at the housing problems of the 19th century through to today and see how individual philanthropy led the way in developing the idea of social/ affordable housing. We will examine the way private enterprise tried to meet the housing need and how governments took steps to help councils solve the problems of poor housing. After reviewing the successes of the housing boom of the 1930s and post-war period, we will consider the problems of modern social housing over the last fifty years and some possible solutions

## **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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