



## Course details

### Course title

History: Towards the Establishment of the NHS – investigating the background to the Act of 1948.

### Course code

Q00018745

### Course date

Start: 23/09/24

End: 14/10/24

### Number of classes

3 sessions

### Timetable

Mon 23rd Sep, 14:00 to 16:00

Mon 7th Oct, 14:00 to 16:00

Mon 14th Oct, 14:00 to 16:00

### Tutor

Guest Speaker

### Fee range

Free to £25.20

### 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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In venue

### Venue

Jubilee Hall Loddon (Loddon)

George Lane  
Loddon  
NR14 6NB

## **Level of study**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

Was the introduction of the National Health Service in 1948 a new and revolutionary model of universal health care, or the natural conclusion of a long process of growth in the understanding of illness and disease, and the development of professional skills and infrastructure to treat and support those who were sick? In this course you will discover the background to the decision to provide health care 'free at the point of delivery', and learn how we can trace the story from medieval charity to 20th century social investigation and political developments.

## **Course description**

This day course uses a variety of pictorial and written evidence to explore the expansion of interest and involvement in health care through such means as the development of professional skills, the establishment of institutions both private and through local authorities, and the use of self-help models. We focus on East Anglian sources, and relate these to the national picture, considering the building of hospitals and the provision of other medical facilities, the effects of industrialisation and urbanisation in forcing issues relating to disease and public health, and the growing interest in sociological surveys and statistical analysis. We look at the changing political and social scene in the 20th century, and then consider how all these strands lead to the decision, in the aftermath of the Second World War, to legislate for a health service 'from the Cradle to the Grave'.

You do not need to have any prior knowledge of the subject, and course materials will be provided by the tutor.

You will have opportunities throughout the course for discussion and questions, and your supportive tutor will help you to expand your knowledge beyond the course itself, if you wish to undertake further study.

## **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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