



## Course details

### Course title

Humanities: Trig point Charlie (a light hearted look at why we have concrete blocks on hill tops)

### Course code

Q00019849

### Course date

Start: 10/12/24

End: 10/12/24

### Number of classes

1 sessions

### Timetable

Tue 10th Dec, 14:00 to 16:00

### Tutor

Alastair Clark

### Fee range

Free to £7.40

### How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

Online

### Venue

Online

## **Level of study**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

This talk is of particular interest to people who have come across Trig Points on their walks and are curious to find out more about how they came to be there. We will cover some of the quirky stories relating to early map-making and then explore some even more quirky stories about the way that triangulation was introduced to Britain.

## **Course description**

Map making made huge leaps forward in the eighteenth century when ideas were shared between countries during the period of the Enlightenment. The Cassini family based in Paris pioneered the use of triangulation across France and Scottish military map maker William Roy adopted these techniques to form the foundations of the national Ordnance Survey mapping system we have today. This session will introduce you to some of the background to these development with a focus on the human stories and quirky anecdotes. The session is for anyone with a general interest in why we now have over 6000 concrete blocks on the tops of British hills.

## **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.

## **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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