

History with Hands on History...

What is Hands on History?

History is a major priority for the BBC over the next two years, with exciting new history programmes planned for BBC One, Two and Four.

To tie in with these programmes, BBC Learning has launched the Hands on History project. Hands on History aims to inspire adults and children to learn about history together using BBC programmes, rich online content, resources for schools, 'take-away' activities and live events.

Hands on History wants to get thousands of families actively engaged with history over the next two years and is forging strong partnerships in the heritage and community sectors to this end.

If you have activities that are aimed at engaging the public in history you may want to get involved and promote them on Things To Do under the Hands on History project.

What type of activities are suitable?

We ARE looking for activities that:

- have a direct link to Hands on History (History) programming on BBC television or radio (visible via the projects / promotions listed on Things To Do) and / or...
- link to the wider aspiration of the campaign i.e. to build history skills and / or deepen historical knowledge through hands on activities
- provide innovative, local and relevant opportunities to engage the public, especially families with children aged up to 12 years.
- facilitate learning through the history of place (house, street, village, city, town or country)

We are NOT looking for activities that:

- are static e.g. silent exhibitions
- do not have an interactive element e.g. a talk (although a talk with a Q&A session or other interactive element would be acceptable)

Coming up...

Going forward the Hands on History project will include more specific history themed promotions, all of which will link to past and future Hands on History programming, including:

- The Normans (experience life as a Norman)
- Turn Back Time: The High Street (the UK's high streets from the 1700's to modern day)
- The History of Ancient Britain (from Ice Age to the Roman invasion)
- Digging for Britain (discovering the past through archaeology)
- Reel History (discovering the past through archive films)

We'll upload details about these specific promotions onto Things To Do in the next few weeks. In the meantime, if you have activities that relate to any of these themes, just add them under the generic Hands on History project for now.

NOTE

BBC campaigns, such as Hands on History, often produce fantastic promotional materials and learning resources for partner use. You can find out what's available to support your activity by emailing: handsonhistory@bbc.co.uk, just put Resources into the subject line and let them know what type of activity you intend to run.