

## Brand new Nowthen website

The Nowthen website has undergone a make over and is being launched in October 2011. With a better design and more navigable features, the new site will help community groups to interact with one another and enable visitors to explore the many different cultures that West Yorkshire has to offer.



Visit [www.nowthen.org](http://www.nowthen.org) to see what's new, including the group profile pages, training resources, community collections and much, much more.

One of the **Nowthen** website features will be our community archives accreditation scheme, including the pack to download and information on how to sign up so that we can support you through this process. We are so pleased to say that we now have

nearly twenty groups from across the five districts signed up and counting.

Our accreditation scheme is one of a kind, and its benefits are far-reaching. We want to set a standard of best practice, and support and promote the great work that community archive groups do. If you would like more information, please contact us on (0113) 393 9775 or at [educationandoutreach@wyjs.org.uk](mailto:educationandoutreach@wyjs.org.uk).

# Archive Awareness



West Yorkshire Archive Service is celebrating this year's Archive Awareness Campaign, the theme is Culture & Diversity and here at WYAS we have organised a programme of events and activities celebrating our collections.

Throughout the month we will be adding new collections to our Flickr pages celebrating culture and diversity in our collections. Visit [www.flickr.com/photos/west-yorkshire-archive-service/collections/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/west-yorkshire-archive-service/collections/) to see what we are up to.

The [nowthen.org](http://nowthen.org) website is also being re-launched as you will have read on the front page.

You can attend a 'Get Your Group Online' drop-in event on the **8th November**, just call in at our Morley Office anytime between 10am and 4pm and get an introduction to the changes as well as an opportunity to add your group to the 'network section'. This section will allow groups to promote themselves and their events as well as sharing ideas. Come along and find out more.

**Events include;**

**ALL MONTH - 'Harvest Festival' Collections Exhibition** - All WYAS searchrooms.

**1st November - Dancers, Dames and Drama** - City Varieties Leeds, 1pm - 2pm FREE - Come and find out about theatre archives in Leeds and what we are doing to make them more accessible.

**2nd November - Oral History Training** - FREE but you must pre book - Bradford.

**8th November - Get Your Group On** - see above.

**10th November - From Choral to Glee Clubs** - Huddersfield Library, 1pm - 2pm FREE - Come and find out about our musical collections.

**12th November - Abbeys, Estates and Charters** - One-off exhibition of some of our medieval records as part of the Archaeology Day School at the Royal Armouries.

**19th November - Open Day for Local and Family History Groups**, hosted by Halifax Library - This event is invite only.

**21st November - 25th November - Community Religious Project Exhibition** - Brotherton Library, Leeds University with an **Open Morning on the 22nd November** - 9.30 - 12.30 - Drop in and have your questions answered and find out more about the collection.

Keep an eye on [www.nowthen.org](http://www.nowthen.org) or [www.archives.wyjs.org.uk](http://www.archives.wyjs.org.uk) for new events or details on how to book. Or call 0113 393 9774 or email [educationandoutreach@wyjs.org.uk](mailto:educationandoutreach@wyjs.org.uk)

# History to Herstory launched!

West Yorkshire Archive Service and the University of Huddersfield are delighted to announce the launch of the updated History to Herstory website [www.historytoherstory.org.uk](http://www.historytoherstory.org.uk), an online resource charting Yorkshire women's lives 1100 to the present day.



The project has digitised twelfth century land transfers and 1980s CND posters, Second World War recipe books and eighteenth century diaries reporting the events of the French Revolution.

There are musical compositions and artistic sketches, labour certificates, marriage licenses, autobiographies, accounts and reports, school exercise books, suffragette's scrapbooks, letters to Prime Ministers, even an O.B.E. grant... and much more!

We hope the site will be a valuable and unique resource that helps to promote interest and study in the often neglected field of women's history. With over 800 years and 80,000 images to explore we are certain there will be collections to interest everyone!

# The Treasures of WYAS

Our staff from the five offices here at the West Yorkshire Archive Service have been busy digging in the archives and have unearthed the top five treasures within their collections, and soon it will be up to you for the final vote.

history rooted in West Yorkshire, from the textile industry to social welfare, prominent citizens to long standing societies, and some others are just great to look at!

These treasures have been chosen because they display the broad range of rich

So keep a look out for updates to our website and in your local paper, and get ready to start exploring...

Looking for a 'tasteful' Christmas present idea?  
 Why not buy a 'Recipes Across the Years' booklet from the WYAS e-shop at <http://eshop.wyjs.org.uk>?  
 They're only £3.10 online or £2.00 from one of our offices.

# What's on

November		
2nd	Oral History training at Perkin House, Bradford 1pm-3:30pm	Part of the last cycle of FREE training. To book your place, please call (0113) 393 9775 or e-mail <a href="mailto:educationandoutreach@wyjs.org.uk">educationandoutreach@wyjs.org.uk</a> .
30th	Accreditation Scheme workshop at WYJS Morley 10am-12pm	Part of the last cycle of FREE training. To book your place, please call (0113) 393 9775 or e-mail <a href="mailto:educationandoutreach@wyjs.org.uk">educationandoutreach@wyjs.org.uk</a> .
December		
14th	Network Group meeting at Hudawi Cultural Centre, Huddersfield 10:30am-12:30pm	Come and join us for our Christmas meeting, with a chance to showcase your group's work for 2011 and hear about what others have in store. If you would like to come along, please contact Rachel on (0113) 393 9775 or at <a href="mailto:rtapp@wyjs.org.uk">rtapp@wyjs.org.uk</a> .
23rd	WYAS offices Christmas closure	All our offices are closed over the Christmas period from Friday 23rd December. <b>We will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January.</b>
February		
22nd	Network Group meeting at WYAS Bradford 10:30am-12:30pm	If you would like to come along, please contact Rachel on (0113) 393 9775 or at <a href="mailto:rtapp@wyjs.org.uk">rtapp@wyjs.org.uk</a> .
29th	Accreditation Scheme workshop at Huddersfield Library 1pm-3:30pm	Part of the last cycle of FREE training. To book your place, please call (0113) 393 9775 or e-mail <a href="mailto:educationandoutreach@wyjs.org.uk">educationandoutreach@wyjs.org.uk</a> .

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!**

**Look out for the next newsletter, which will go out on 27th February 2012.**



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