



## **BOLTON BOUND MOVERS MAKE HISTORY**

A montage of memories will be created when Bolton Archives and Local Studies Unit celebrates Bolton's History as part of a national archives awareness campaign. The service is hosting a day of activities on 1 November with the theme Moving Here, marking people's experiences of moving to Bolton and their life in a new town.

An exhibition will be open to the public between 10am and 4pm in the Archives and Local Studies search room, on the ground floor of Central Library. It will take a look at migration between 1337 and the present day; tracing the links between the availability of new skills through migration and the development of the town, using material from the collections.

And visitors are being asked to take part in a living history project by recording their own memories on tape or paper of moving to Bolton. It doesn't matter if they've moved to the borough from this country or the other side of the world, everyone is invited to join in - and there's a prize for the best account of an individual, family or group. People are also being asked to bring along photographs to illustrate their old and new lives.

Councillor Martyn Cox, Bolton Council's Executive Member for Culture, said: "We are hoping to capture the experience of people who have travelled from all over the world, as well as people who moved here from Scotland, London, Yorkshire or even Oldham. Everybody has something to contribute, whether it's a memory of returning to Bolton after a long period away; a relative or friend's experience of moving to Bolton; a journey from overseas for a job, to study or to join family or the story of a refugee. People can take part all through November and we will be giving away a book token to the best account."

Another highlight of the day will be a series of presentations in the Lecture Theatre also on the theme of Moving Here. Guest speakers will include Shahid Mahmood, father of Lancashire and England cricketer Sajid Mahmood; Ibrahim Kala, a local author, researcher and community worker who will speak about the Barbodhan community in Bolton; Ken Beevers whose theme will be Ballyhaunis to Bolton; and Dan Muir who will talk about The Scots in Bolton. These talks will be part of the Archives and Local Studies contribution to Black History Month, which will be celebrated nationally throughout October.

Anyone who can't go along on 1 November but wants to take part in the living history project is asked to send their memory on paper to Moving Here,

Archives and Local Studies, Central Library, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton by November 30th. Or alternatively there is a form on the website <http://bold.bolton.gov.uk/library/als.htm> (opens in a new window) which can be emailed to [archives.library@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:archives.library@bolton.gov.uk). Please phone 01204 332185 for further information.

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