

ORAL HISTORY MADE EASY

Week 2 Workbook 2 Researching definitions of oral history and memory as a process

1. Welcome to week 2

1.1 Welcome to week 2 of Oral History Made Easy. It was great to be with everyone in week 1 of Oral History Made Easy, your six steps to success training and mentorship programme to become transformed from novice to proficient oral historian. Now that you have successfully completed week 1, we are ready to begin week 2 of the training programme. Your journey to becoming an oral history is already gathering pace! We really hope you are enjoying the course. Please do get in touch if there is any aspect of the content we have covered so far you would like to discuss.

3. Key themes we cover in Week 2:

3.1 In week 2 ,we cover the following key themes:

Your reflections on hopes and fears; experiences, beliefs and values and Linda Shopes' paper

And your 'motivation hubs.'



The emergence of oral history and exploring definitions of oral history.



The emergence of modern day oral history practice: a note on narratives and defining oral history.



Memory as a process: the 'unreliable' witness; evoking our memories; the subjectivity of oral history; individual/collective memory



Your oral history challenges (i) Identify one resource which you think will be of valuable to everyone; (ii) Begin to think about who you would like to interview (iii) Explore the professional organisations which support oral historians in their everyday practices.



4. Your tasks for week 3

4.1 Find one oral history resource you like and think could be useful to the group. This can be in any format! Please email your resource to Angela for sharing with the group on or before **28th March 2024**.

The oral history resource I have chosen to share with the group is...

4.2. Begin to think about who you would like to record for your first oral history interviewee.

The person I have chosen to make my first oral history interviewee is...

4.3 Explore professional communities of practice: [Oral History Society](#); [Oral History Network Of Ireland](#); [Oral History Association](#).

Having looks at the web sites of key organisations involved in promoting oral history practice, the three things I have learnt are:

Have a great week and I look forward to seeing you in week 3!

Best wishes

Angela

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