

## Co-Convenors' Report, AGM 2019

Welcome to our AGM on 'Mental Health and Wellbeing', which is being generously hosted by London South Bank University.

2018-19 has been a busy year, during which we have sponsored and engaged in a wide range of activities across the country. These have included our annual teaching and research events, the New to Teaching History workshop (in collaboration with the Royal Historical Society, hosted at the University of Manchester), and the Academic Job Boot Camp. The teaching event, entitled 'Engagement for all in the History classroom' was hosted by Liverpool John Moores University. The research event focussed on impact and was held at the Institute of Historical Research. We would like to thank all of the participants in these events and the institutions that hosted them. We also sponsored a panel on digital approaches to the teaching of History at Heritage Dot, a digital heritage conference at the University of Lincoln. The details of all of these events, including the presentations of many of the speakers, can be found on our website, where you can also find blog posts about a number of the projects in which members of History UK have engaged.

In the first half of 2019 we continued our partnership with The National Archives (TNA) and contributed to a series of events on collaborative working between the academics sector and archivists. These events, which a number of members of the steering committee helped to organise and host, were held in Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Lincoln, Liverpool, and London. We sponsored a similar event in Cardiff alongside the Welsh Museums, Archives and Libraries Division (MALD). We are currently in discussions with TNA about how to develop what has been a very productive partnership in the coming years and in the new year Lucie will be speaking at an event organised by the Archives and Records Association on teaching in higher education.

At last year's AGM it was decided that History UK would launch a small funding scheme for projects and events of interest to historians in higher education. As part of this initiative and in response to the Royal Historical Society's report on Race, Ethnicity and Equality in the discipline, we joined together with the Social History Society and the Economic History Society to co-fund a scheme specifically dedicated to projects in Black and Ethnic Minority History, the first recipients of which are to be announced shortly. We also provided funding for a panel on inequality, underrepresentation, and discrimination in the field of U.S. History with secondary school teachers at the Association of British American Nineteenth Century Historians (BrANCH) conference in Edinburgh this month. We welcome future applications for funding for projects and events. The details of the funding scheme can be found on our website.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter D'Sena and Neil Fleming for their work for the past two years as the organisation's first Education and Research Officers respectively. Neil played an important role in organising our first two research workshops on funding and impact, while Peter has organised the annual New to Teaching Event for over a decade and co-organised our first two teaching workshops.

An number of longstanding members of the steering committee are standing down this year, including: Hannah Burrows (Aberdeen, 2016); Bill Aird (Edinburgh, 2013); Sarah Bastow (Huddersfield, 2013); Daniel Grey (Plymouth, 2013); Charles Insley (Manchester, 2013); Ariel Hessayon (Goldsmiths, 2014). Thanks to all of them for their work on behalf of History UK over the past few years.

We also welcome a number of new members to the steering committee, including: Yolana Pringle (University of Roehampton); Song-Chuan Chen (Warwick University); Elizabeth Tingle (De Montfort University); Dr Sarah Hackett (Bath Spa University); Inge Dornan (Brunel); Sara Barker (University of Leeds); Bronach Kane (Cardiff); Robert McNamara (Ulster); Tracey Loughran (Essex); Heidi Mehrkens (Aberdeen); and Christienna Fryar (Goldsmiths, University of London). We look forward to working with them over the coming years.

Finally, this is Lucie's last AGM as co-convenor. She has made an invaluable contribution to the organisation over the past few years, first as a member of the steering committee and then as co-convenor. During her tenure the profile of History UK has increased considerably and we have diversified the range of events and projects with which we have been involved. In large part this has been down to Lucie's energy and enthusiasm. We will all miss working with her, I'm sure.

We are keen to continue to develop our programme of activities and to think further about how we can expand our reach. More details of individual activities will be heard at the AGM and SC meeting. We are especially keen to extend History UK's activities into Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and are keen to hear your ideas about how we might do so.

Lucie and Jamie, October 2019