



MINUTES

of the Annual General Meeting of History UK, 19th October 2019, Keyworth 2 Building, London South Bank University.

1. Convenors' Report

Lucie and Jamie welcomed attendees to the AGM/Plenary event on 'Mental Health and Wellbeing', and thanked London South Bank University for their generous support in hosting the event.

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. Lucie and Jamie thanked all 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, along with 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.

Lucie and Jamie thanked 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.

Jamie reported that 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. Jamie and the Steering Committee expressed their thanks to Lucie for all her hard work.

Lucie mentioned how keen we are to continue to develop our programme of activities and to think further about how we can expand our reach – especially into Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. We welcome all ideas about how we might do so.

2. Confirmation of new Steering Committee members

A number of longstanding members of the steering committee are standing down this year. Bill Aird (Edinburgh); Sarah Bastow (Huddersfield); Charles Insley (Manchester); Daniel Grey (Plymouth) have all served two full terms; Hannah Burrows (Aberdeen) and Ariel Hessayon (Goldsmiths) have served three years and five years respectively. Members of the AGM expressed their thanks to them all.

Members of the AGM also confirmed the appointment of new members of the Steering Committee, and welcomed them. Yolana Pringle (Roehampton); Song-Chuan Chen (Warwick); Elizabeth Tingle (De Montfort); Sarah Hackett (Bath Spa); Inge Dorman (Brunel); Sara Barker (Leeds); Bronach Kane (Cardiff); Robert McNamara (Ulster); Tracey Loughran (Essex); Heidi Mehrkens (Aberdeen); and Christienna Fryer (Goldsmiths) all join the committee this year.

3. Treasurer's report

Richard reported that the process of chasing up invoices had been tricky this year as usual, but that nevertheless History UK's bank balance is healthy. Obviously we have commitments already for this year, including our teaching and research events, the New to Teaching workshop, and the Academic Bootcamp.

Richard thanked South Bank University who had kindly provided the rooms for the AGM and Plenary at no charge, so that we had only had to pay for catering.

The AGM discussed the ongoing boycott of Senate House, and the impetus to use spaces other than the IHR: it was generally felt that it was good to explore using spaces belonging to HUK member institutions in London.

4. Education Officer's report

There was not a report from Peter, who is stepping down. He had organized a range of successful teaching events this year though, including the New to Teaching event with

the RHS, and (with Lucie) the event on Inclusivity in the Curriculum – as well as representing us on RHS committees.

Sarah Holland (Nottingham) is taking on the role of Education Officer as of this year. She is beginning by organizing an event on alternative assessments.

5. Research Officer's report

The role of Research Officer is currently vacant, as Neil is stepping down. Neil organized a very successful event on impact for REF in September. He has also represented us in discussions on Plan S. **Anyone interested in taking on this role should contact Lucie and Jamie.**

6. Any Other Business / Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at Royal Holloway (11 Bloomsbury Square) on 25th January.