



Title

The History of my Community

Season

Any – an indoors activity

Time

30 to 45 minutes depending on the size of the group

Target groups

All ages

Objectives

To help young people know about how their community has changed and to give older people an opportunity to act as history teachers!

Resources

A power point presentation made by one or a number of the older people in the group.

Description

Most older people have collections of photographs of their community in the past and there is often one member of the group who is really keen on local history. The idea is to work with the older people to put together a presentation of their community in the past – using old photographs and maps. The old photographs could show “then and now”. The idea is to allow the older people to be teachers and for the younger people to learn from the older ones – and also for younger people to realise how their community has changed. Young people are often fascinated by how people lived even just fifty years ago!



There are lots of variations of this activity depending on the size of the group, their mobility and so on. When we did the activity, one member of the older people group made the presentation and the others contributed. Some brought in artifacts such as medals as well.