



KENDAL TO LANCASTER TOWPATH TRAIL

2019 Training Calendar

Introduction to Oral History – Weds 26th June

9:30am at Westmorland County Agricultural Society, Crooklands. Free to attend.

Dry Stone Walling Beginners' Course – Tues 2nd & Weds 3rd July

Two-day course. 9:30am at Dry Stone Walling Association training site, Crooklands. Free to attend.

Dry Stone Walling Beginners' Course – Mon 19th & Tues 20th August

Two-day course. 9:30am at Dry Stone Walling Association training site, Crooklands. Free to attend.

Dry Stone Walling Beginners' Course – Sat 28th & Sun 29th September

Two-day course. 9:30am at Dry Stone Walling Association training site, Crooklands. Free to attend.

Full details of all courses can be found below. Booking is essential. Email Carrie (Project Officer) to book: carrie.house@canalrivertrust.org.uk

COURSE DETAILS

Introduction to Oral History



This **free** course is ideal for anyone with an interest in conducting, recording and summarising oral history interviews. No experience required.

Date: Wednesday 26th June 2019

Time: 9:30am – 5pm

Venue: Westmorland County Agricultural Society, Lane Farm, Crooklands, Nr Milnthorpe. LA7 7NH

Trainer: Dr Rosalyn Livshin (Oral History Society, British Library)

Course content:

- What is oral history?
- Understanding memory
- Getting started: aims and objectives, who to interview, question approaches, ethical issues
- An introduction to audio recording equipment
- Interview techniques
- After the interview: summarising, transcription, copyright, archiving

Additional information: No equipment required, although you can bring your own voice recorder if you wish. Refreshments provided but bring your own lunch.

Background: Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership is gathering stories about the history of the Lancaster Canal, for a new National Lottery Heritage Funded Project. We will be conducting a series of reminiscence interviews with local people in 2019 and 2020. These interviews will help us to create signage and audio trails along the old line of the Lancaster Canal, as part of the Kendal to Lancaster Towpath Trail Project.

After the course, we hope you will consider volunteering a day (or more) of your time to assist Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership with reminiscence interviews. If you would like to get started in oral history, this is a fantastic opportunity – after receiving training, you can apply and develop your interview skills in a supportive environment.

How to book: Contact Carrie (Project Officer) at carrie.house@canalrivertrust.org.uk

Dry Stone Walling Beginners' Course (2 days)



This **free** course is perfect for anyone wanting to learn the basics of dry stone walling. You will receive training at the national office of the Dry Stone Walling Association, under the guidance of an accredited master craftsman and instructor. No experience required, but you must be able to attend both days.

Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership has received National Lottery Heritage Funding to regenerate infrastructure on the Northern Reaches of the Lancaster Canal. With the help of volunteers, we will repair and revitalise dry stone walls along the Kendal to Lancaster Towpath Trail route.

All Beginners' Course attendees will be given the opportunity to attend a third day of on-site training (dates TBC). This will be a supervised voluntary work day, assisting Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership with a dry stone walling project in the

local area (e.g. Crooklands, Stainton, Hincaster, Sedgwick). These volunteering sessions will be supervised by Canal & River Trust, and are an opportunity to practice your new skills in the field with the support of a nationally recognised environmental organisation.

Dates: 2nd & 3rd July; 19th & 20th August; 28th & 29th September

Time: 9:30am-5pm

Venue: Dry Stone Walling Association, Lane Farm, Crooklands, Milnthorpe, Cumbria. LA7 7NH.

Instructor: Philip Dolphin

Course content: The course will cover the basic principles of dry stone walling techniques. This will involve deconstructing a purpose-built training wall, and building the section up again under the guidance of an accredited master craftsman and instructor. Health and safety issues will also be covered.

Additional information: Bring own lunch and a hot drink. We will be out in the field most of the day, so refreshments are not guaranteed. Participants should come equipped with sturdy footwear (steel toe capped if possible), safety gloves, warm clothes and waterproofs. You might get dirty!

How to book: Contact Carrie (Project Officer) at carrie.house@canalrivertrust.org.uk
