

**CAL Undergraduate Research Scholarships Scheme 2017
Project Proposal Form**

Project Proposer/s:	Dr Chris Moores
School/Dept:	History and Cultures/History
Project Title:	Selly Oak Activism
Project Summary	
<p>We are close to submitting a Heritage Lottery Fund application to examine the history of social and political activism within Selly Oak from the 1960s onwards. We anticipate that the project will run between April 2017 and April 2018 with various different stages, with the CAL scholarship being used for its initial start-up phase. The project will identify archival material relating to Selly Oak's politics, it will map the range of organizations and individuals operating within the area, it will then seek to understand their interests and activities by placing these in the context of historical literature on activism, social movements, women's movements, party politics and community and voluntary action.</p> <p>The project will then share this information with a range of audiences including community groups and student organizations, academics and local historians via various creative channels such as walking tours, teaching visits, and short-term 'blue plaques' outside addresses of homes which were the hosts to organizations. It will also produce a 'retro' community newspaper to showcase archival finds and deliver these to students and residents. In so doing, the project hopes to bring historians into contact with activists within and beyond campus to find mutual points of interest increasing students' knowledge and sensitivity towards the spaces in which they live and the types of activism found there. The project is led by Dr Chris Moores alongside a group of postgraduate students associated with the Modern British Studies Centre and the Birmingham Research Institute for History and Cultures.</p>	
What the researcher will do	
<p>Identify and collect relevant archival material while working with the research team, especially images suitable for publication or promotion. Liaise between project team and student groups. Help plan and implement a dissemination strategy for the project.</p>	
Skills required by the Scholarship holder	
<p>Good organizational habits, happy to work in a team, archival research.</p>	
How will your Project benefit the Scholarship holder?	
<p>The Scholarship holder will be able to demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experience of planning and working on community, public history and outreach projects. - A capacity to communicate academic work outside of institutional settings. - Knowledge of the operation of external funding bodies in the heritage sector. - The capacity to work closely with a team with staff, MA and PhD students. - Experience in promoting and disseminating research outside of traditional channels. - A commitment to political, voluntary or community life alongside their academic interests. 	

How will the Scholarship benefit your Project?

A scholar will benefit the project in a number of ways:

- Ensure the project reflects the interests of students.
- Aid our liaisons between academics and community/student groups
- Help identify, collect and share relevant archival material in an appropriate manner.