

DELEGATE NOTES

SESSION TITLE : Forums and Cold War History

Session objectives

1. By the end of the module delegates will have an understanding of the importance of students carrying out oral history projects.
2. By the end of the module delegates will be provided with an example of how they can use internet forums to carry out an oral history project.

Introduction (5 minutes)

Before you start setting up your own oral history project you need some basic information about using forum software.

During the workshop we will be using Invision forum software. This requires the teacher to register students as members. This is password protected and therefore protects the posting integrity of the student.

The teacher will also need to start a thread where the students will post their work. For example, I started a section on our forum on an oral history of the Second World War:

<http://educationforum.ipbhost.com/index.php?showtopic=88>

Another thread started with a question: "What was it like to live in a communist country?"

<http://educationforum.ipbhost.com/index.php?showtopic=1743>

Workshop Activities

1. Tutorial (10 minutes)

Delegates will be shown how to organize a school based forum. This will include registering members, adding avatars, registering members, starting threads, making posts and uploading photographs.

2. Discussion (10 minutes)

Delegates will need to consider good subjects for an oral history project. Time will also be given to discussing the form that the oral history project should take.

3. Delegates Task: Creating a forum on oral history (15 minutes)

Delegates will be given access to Invision software in order that they can create an oral history project on the forum.

Feedback session (10 minutes)

Delegates will show their oral history project on the forum. Problems that delegates raised will be discussed. Attempts will be made to solve these problems.