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## **The 3Rs: Reading, Writing & Research**

Learning in London conference hosted by Archives for London,  
29 October 2011

Archives for London (AfL) is delighted to announce that bookings are now open for their 2011 conference, Learning in London, to be held on Saturday 29 October. Aptly hosted by University College London, one of London's oldest universities, this year's conference will explore some of the fascinating histories associated with the city's myriad educational institutions.

London has long held a reputation as a centre of learning, and the stories hidden within the archives of its educational institutions are as exciting as they are diverse. The AfL programme reflects this diversity with inclusive talks that will be of keen interest to historical enthusiasts and scholars alike. Sessions range from the history of community schools set up for working class families where Mahatma Gandhi once stayed and supplementary schools set up for London's black communities; to how engineering pioneers passed their knowledge onto their successors and the historic struggle to provide university education for non-conformists; and of course include the all important guidance on using the hidden wealth of information in school records for family and local history research.



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The keynote speech will be given by Jane Martin of the Institute of Education on the subject of political activism within the educational system in London, while attendees will be given the opportunity to take part in a thought-provoking panel discussion on using archives and historical records for life-long learning.

The conference is organised by Archives for London, the independent voice for archives in our capital city which brings historians and other users of archives in and about London together with the archivists who look after them, to get the most out of these amazing and precious resources.

The conference will take place in the Pearson Lecture Theatre, Pearson Building, University of London Gower Street campus, and will run from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Refreshments and a buffet lunch will be provided.

Visit [www.archivesforlondon.org/conference2011](http://www.archivesforlondon.org/conference2011) for further information and booking details.

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### **Notes to editors**

#### **About Archives for London**

Archives for London (AfL) was formed in 2005 and is the only organisation that brings together archive users and practitioners, to celebrate the documents, photographs and film in and about London.

Archives for London is a membership organisation and provides a successful events programme including a monthly seminar series, exclusive behind the scenes visits as well as an annual conference and topical meetings. For the full range of activities see [www.archivesforlondon.org](http://www.archivesforlondon.org)

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