

[AHRC Women's Grassroots Activism Archives Workshop \(online\)](#)

[Creation, Protection, Sharing and Celebrating Organisational Archives](#)

**Saturday 6 April 2024: 10am-1pm**

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Since 2003 I have worked right across the UK with every type of archive service in the public and private sectors including local authorities, museums, universities, libraries, businesses and collaborative ventures. I cover both technical and strategic issues. I also provide research, evaluation and advice to policy makers, sector leads and professional bodies on key areas such as Archive Service Accreditation and funding.

This online workshop is a unique opportunity for members of our AHRC funded international network **Women's Grassroots Activism** <https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=AH%2FX008606%2F1> participating organisations (the Irish Countrywomen's Association (ICA), the National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) and the Soroptimists International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI)) to learn more about looking after their archival heritage including:

- thinking about what types of records might be covered by archiving activity
- collecting archival material
- providing effective physical care
- simple cataloguing
- starting to manage digital archives
- how and why to make your archives accessible to your members, researchers, and the wider public

The workshop will include lots of examples and case studies to guide participants through these stages as well as identifying other resources for more information and examples. There will also be opportunities to ask questions. The workshop is open only to members of the ICA, NFWI and SIGBI and there will be opportunities for members attending to ask questions specific to their own archives and concerns regarding the archives of their local organisation. The workshop will be limited to c. 100 members attending. This workshop links directly to the aims of our project which is to make more **visible** the work of these three leading women's organisations, to foreground the **legacy** of each group in campaigning for **gender equality** and to help **safeguard** and **sustain** future activism and legacy through the preservation and innovative use of local archives.