

## **The Professor Sir Richard Trainor PhD Scholarships 2016-17**

**Project Title: 'Frontier Encounters': Class, Gender and Youth Work in East London, 1918-1984**

**Partner Organisation: Bishopsgate Institute**

King's is now inviting applications for one of the Professor Sir Richard Trainor PhD Scholarships in the Department of History at King's College London in collaboration with the Bishopsgate Institute. The scholarship will commence from October 2016 onwards and is open to new incoming PhD students only.

### **Project Description:**

Building upon the untapped archive of the Canning Town-based *Malvern College Docklands Settlement* (then *Mayflower Family Centre*) recently donated to the Bishopsgate Institute, this project will examine the changing character of Christian youth work across the twentieth century. Since its inauguration in 1894, the Docklands was at the forefront of local and national youth initiatives. This rich archive will underpin a broader enquiry exploring evolving ideologies of voluntarism and the 'professionalization' of Christian-inspired social work. Charting the continuing salience of Christian philanthropy and responses to poverty through the rise of the Welfare State and the challenges of neoliberalism, it will explore the expertise offered by the Mayflower and other Christian youth organizations to secular and psychologically-framed understandings of juvenile delinquency. Through excavating the ways in which religiously-inspired youth workers contributed and responded to new initiatives in State-regulated and funded youth work, the project will also draw upon other archives (LSE, LMA, MofL) to interrogate narratives about the gendered nature of social work, the 'rediscovery of poverty', state monopolies in post-war educational and training and consumptive shifts in youth cultures. Findings will also critically situate the Bishopsgate Institute's newly deposited material and inform its public engagement initiatives, therefore impacting upon outreach activities and the public history of London.

The Department of History was ranked 5th of all UK History departments in the 2015 REF, with 86% of our research activity assessed as 'world leading or internationally excellent'. It is a research-led department with a strong reputation for contribution to scholarship, teaching and practice. The Department is located on the Strand Campus of King's College London where the studentship will be based.

### **Supervisors:**

Lead Supervisor: Dr Alana Harris

Second Supervisor: Professor David Green

Partner Organisation Supervisor: Stefan Dickers

**Application documentation:** applicants must complete and submit:

- a CV
- a 5000-word writing sample
- personal statement explaining why they would be suitable

to [graduateschool@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:graduateschool@kcl.ac.uk) by 12pm (UK BST) on 29 February 2016. The subject line of the email should read 'RT Scholarship 1617 - [*include the relevant project title*]

**All documents should be submitted as a single pdf.**

Two academic references **must** be received by the deadline for the application to be eligible. Candidates are responsible for instructing referees to submit their references to [graduateschool@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:graduateschool@kcl.ac.uk) using the subject line 'RT Scholarship 1617 - [*name of applicant*]'.

**Selection:** Please note that as part of selection, short-listed candidates will be invited for interview.

**Funding Details:** The scholarship will provide an annual payment of £15,000 which can be used to cover tuition fees and/or living costs. In addition, £500 per year will be provided by the partner organisation.

**Length of Award:** 3 years (PhD)

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