'How do you know where you’re going if you don’t know where you’ve been?'

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Project photographs by Dee England
Background to the project

- Remit to foster community in a dispersed student population
- Extent of archive brought to light after an office move
- No suitable place to store it in Association offices
- Deterioration of photographs and documents
- Raise awareness of the Association with students and the OU
- To support student-led projects; form partnerships and collaborations
Challenger space patch - October 1984 mission
The Archive project begins...

Delve into 45 years of OU students history as a VOLUNTEER ARCHIVIST

APPLY NOW
Sorting the physical and digital archive...
Digitising...
Cataloguing and remembering...
Packing and preserving...
Learning...

• Stephanie Ostrich
  CITiZAN Project Officer, MOLA
• Ruth Cammies
  Open University Archivist
• Tour of the OU Archive
• Tour of St Michael’s church
The campaigning years...
The political years...
The fun years...
Presentation and handover...
Next...

- Ongoing volunteering opportunity for students, staff and graduates
- Use archive to raise awareness of the Association & its legacy
- Promote achievements of the Association
- Form a distinct part of the OU Digital Archive
- Form part of the OU’s collection, preserving the Association's identity
- OU’s 50th anniversary 2019
  - online exhibition curated by archive project participants
  - pop-up events around MK (library, history centre, Centre:MK, Stadium MK...) and OU campus
  - displays at OU and OU Students Association events