Nicci  Good morning everybody thanks for joining us here at Student HQ where we are about to hand over our OU Student Association archive to our friends in the library who are going to look after all of our materials. So some of you will know that we’ve been having a project over the last couple of weeks to mark 45 years of the Students Association history. One of our colleagues here when they arrived in the Association office and brought a whole lot of expertise from archaeology wanted to have a little lesson in what the Students Association was about and they had a good root through everything that we had here in the office. They discovered hundreds of photographs, campaign literature, lots of things from our past and they too that expertise and started a Students Association project. We’ve had 17 different volunteers working with us over the last two weeks archiving 1,200 of 34 separate items. What a coincidence, that's an easy number to remember, 1,2,3,4. So I would like to thank everybody who has taken part in the project. We have had students, we have had graduates and we have honorary life members here who have taken part and archiving all of the materials. I would just like to hand over to Ann from the library who’s going to share a few words.

Ann  Thanks Nicci. Yeah I mean this is a fantastic project and we’ve been really enthusiastic about getting involved with it. And particularly like to thank all the volunteers and I know that Ruth Cammies our archivist has been really excited about having an opportunity to work with students and has all sorts of interesting things to say about that. And I think we’re always looking for those opportunities so this has been a great opportunity to do that. And so what we'll do now is obviously continue to support you and offer advice on how to do the cataloguing and then we’ll find a permanent home for the archive in the vaults in the library and then we'll be looking for opportunities to use our Open University digital archive to make more of the stuff available and have exhibitions and special items and that kind of thing. So it’s really exciting and thank you all.

Nicci  Thank you. So the volunteers that have been here have been having a really good time looking through the photographs. For some of them there's been lots of information on the back, names of the volunteers and the people in the photos and the literature. But for others they’ve had to work really quite hard to try and identify who has been in those photographs because our record keeping in the past might not have been just quite as good as it should have been. So our volunteers have been using things from the images to try and identify what the events are that students were attending and who was in those. And I know some of our longer term volunteers were able to remember who everybody was and really, really help the process of figuring out who was in those. For others we’ve had to look back at old records about conference activities, about summer schools and see where people have been and even
using things that are available online to try and identify the very buildings that people were in through Google Earth and different platforms like that. So without further ado I would like to call for some of our volunteers to come up and have a symbolic handover of some of the materials. Obviously they all don't fit in this little box but it's the symbolism of the moment. And if you could hand those over to Ann.

Ann Okay thank you.

Nicci Thank you Patrick. So Patrick is one of our volunteers and who has been really leading in this project in the last couple of weeks and has really contributed a lot. Patrick is an Access student but as I said before we've had other students involved right through to alumni and to people who have honorary life membership who have been here. So a huge round of applause for everybody. Thank you very much for joining us and keep an eye on our website for more details about where everything is going to go next.