

# **Berwick – upon – Tweed Educational Association**

## **WHAT IS HISTORY?**

**An eight week course led by Dr Tony Barrow**

**Mondays 4<sup>th</sup> September - 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017**

### **AIMS OF THE COURSE:**

- 1. Explore the nature of History as an academic discipline and the various influences on historical writing.**
- 2. Increase awareness of the varieties of evidence available to historians and the methodologies used to interpret it.**
- 3. Introduce learners to some well known historical controversies and provoke some discussion of the issues they raise.**
- 4. Facilitate the further development of critical skills.**

**COURSE CONTENT: The course is divided into 2 parts.**

### **Part One: Influences on historical writing**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Sept Week 1    What is History?**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sept Week 2    How to invent your History – A case study of Dark Age History.**
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sept Week 3    Lenin, Stalin and the Problems of Russian History.**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Sept Week 4    Histories of the British Welfare State.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Week 5    The 'Origins' Debate – The causes of the Second World War.**

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**Part Two: Debates in 18<sup>th</sup> C. English History**

**9<sup>th</sup> Oct Week 6    The causes of the Industrial Revolution.**

**16<sup>th</sup> Oct Week 7    The American Revolution.**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Oct Week 8    The Great Mutinies of 1797.**

**SUGGESTED READING:**

**Detailed reading lists will be provided for each session.**

**The course will be accessible to all and no previous knowledge of the subject will be assumed.**

**The cost of the course is £48 including refreshments. Space is limited so early booking is advised.**

**The course will be held at the Berwick Voluntary Centre, Tweed St, Berwick. The course will be held from 10am – 12 noon on Mondays, 4<sup>th</sup> September - 23<sup>rd</sup> October.**

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**Cheque enclosed to the amount of £ \_\_\_\_\_ (What is History?)**

