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About Roger

Roger Kershaw joined The National Archives (TNA) in 1986 and is now the Head of Military, Maritime, Transport and Family records for the Advice and Records Knowledge department and Acting-Head of Editorial. He is also chair of TNA's User Collaboration Governance Board, actively engaging with the volunteers sector to further promote archives in austere times. Roger has over 25 years' experience in researching records at The National Archives and other archives. He has published five books: *Immigrants and Aliens - a guide to sources on UK immigration and citizenship*, *Emigrants and Expats - a guide to sources on UK emigration and residents overseas*, *Family History On The Move*, *New Lives for Old - the story of Britain's child migrants*, and *Migration Records*. He regularly appears at British genealogy fairs promoting the work of The National Archives and has previously presented international papers in the United States, Canada, and Australia.

His topics

[A history of British Child Migration Schemes](#)

Beginner to Intermediate

British child emigration schemes operated from 1618 to 1967 primarily to Canada and Australia. At its height, schemes were sending overseas on average 2,000 children per year to Canada between 1870 and 1914 with the support of the British government. Today this begs the question why and what records of this remain?

['For King and Empire: Services Rendered'. Opening up access to the records held in MH 106 \(First World War Representative Medical Records of Servicemen\) at The National Archives.](#)

Beginner to Intermediate

A rich source of underused, un-catalogued data relating to those treated at Casualty Clearing Stations and Field Hospitals mainly on the Western Front and elsewhere, regardless of nationality.

[Getting the most out of nationalarchives.gov.uk. Whatever your research interests, whether professional, academic or personal, TNA has documents that will bring you closer to history as it happened.](#)

Beginner to Intermediate

A practical guide to "best practice" when using the National Archives website in terms of both searching the archives and carrying out online research. The lecture will also include the latest developments on the site and plans for the future.

[Volunteering at The National Archives: The National Archives' approach to user participation. Identifying best practice when working with volunteers at archives.](#)

Beginner to Intermediate. For those working in archives and libraries

The National Archives has worked with volunteers for many years on a number of activities, from traditional volunteering activities (such as cataloguing and conservation) to a combination of onsite volunteering, remote cataloguing and online collaboration projects.

Tracing free emigrants to Australasia

Keynote address

European settlement of Australia began with the penal colony at Botany Bay on the east coast of Australia in 1787 but Australia also attracted free settlers through the Colonial Office as did New Zealand, which was never used as a penal colony.