



It's a huge memory box of millions of different people's stories. So all those unique archives and so on are held here in the Heritage Hub.

What I've been thinking recently is that, like with the lockdown and everything and not being socially close to people, you're being isolated. I think that you get an understanding of how important it is to have a connection with people, and that can be people that are alive today or that can be people in the past that you can relate to.

There's a very exciting story here, and it relates to Windrush. We actually had someone coming in, their mother was about to be deported. They were getting frantic, they didn't have the documents.

We therefore called up a school logbook because they said they went to school here. They weren't in the index, that was really sad. But a colleague said, "if they went to that school, they must be there, they must have just got missed out of the index, let's look through." They looked through every single page, found the entry related to their mother, and that made all the difference to that person's life.

I think one of the ways I enjoyed the archives is connecting to people from the past. And, you know, gaining an understanding of what makes us similar. As well as being mindful and like kind of grateful for what we have today.

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