The National Lottery Fund has supported a development project (running from September 2012 to May 2013) to develop and refine our plans to transform the University Archives service.

The University holds internationally significant archives and special collections, relating to contemporary British music, sport, politics, women's history and the arts.

The project will help us:

- To make the collections much more widely available
- To transform the accommodation and facilities for users and collections
- To transform the informational infrastructure and programming for the service
- To safeguard our collections for the future, creating a better legacy of collections information and knowledge
- To allow our own staff and students, as well as our audiences (locally and internationally), to experience our rich collections

The project team has made an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for stage 2 of the project; if successful the project will run from September 2013 and conclude in autumn 2017.