

# Remote oral history interviewing at the British Library during the Covid-19 pandemic

An update on National Life Stories projects

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## On teaching languages

Reference Specialist, Giulia Baldorilli, writes: The Direct Method, teaching a language by speaking it (Stray 1992: 12), was originally introduced by W.H.D. Rouse in the late 19th century and is part of the wider Applied Linguistic interdisciplinary field. Son of a Baptist missionary from India, Rouse attended Regent's Park College...

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## Recording of the week: the swimming songbird

This week's selection comes from Cheryl Tipp, Curator of Wildlife & Environmental Sounds. The White-throated Dipper (*Cinclus cinclus*) is a bird that just loves water. Normally found alongside fast flowing rivers and streams, this little songbird has evolved to dive, swim and even walk underwater. Though it's almost impossible to...

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## Recording of the week: A different kind of national anthem

This week's selection comes from Jim Hickson, Audio Project Cataloguer for Unlocking our Sound Heritage. The flag of the Sultanate of Maldives, as used between 1926 and 1953. When we think of national anthems, we usually have in mind grandiose compositions performed by orchestras or brass bands; epic

pieces based...

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## **Experiences of women in STEM: working in the scientific civil service**

For International Day of Women and Girls in Science Emmeline Ledgerwood discusses her research into the careers of women government scientists