

Charlie Hutchison Project

with Wadham College, Oxford and
the Marx Memorial Library



Introduction

An innovative research project in which you will have the opportunity to take part in webinars led by tutors at Oxford University and conduct archival research with the Marx Memorial Library, to uncover more about the life of Charlie Hutchison, the first black British volunteer in the Spanish Civil War. We will also visit Wadham College, Oxford, for a tour of the college, admissions talk and an opportunity to take part in a seminar led by an Oxford Phd student or tutor.

Further details

Charlie had a fascinating life which reflects many wider themes in British history and politics; these include the history of anti-fascist movements and working-class political radicalism in East London; racial identity in the 20th century; black involvement in the World Wars. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone with an interest in modern history, politics and racial identity, or considering making an application to study at Oxford or another research-intensive university. The project will also develop your study skills and give you something interesting to include in your personal statements. This is an ongoing research project, and you will be playing a big part in shaping our understanding of Charlie's life and the wider themes we are exploring. You do not have to be a humanities or social science student to make an application.

Timetable of events

The six sessions will all take place in person at Newham Sixth Form College on Wednesday at 4pm on the following dates:

- **26/1/22**
- **02/02/22**
- **09/02/22**
- **23/02/22**
- **02/03/22**
- **09/03/22**

On the 29th April, 2022, we will be visiting Wadham College in Oxford.

Who is eligible to apply?

We will give special consideration to students who meet some of the criteria below. However we will consider all applications. We would expect all students to have an interest in history, humanities or other subject areas relevant to the project.

Widening Participation criteria

- Is the first generation in the family to go to university
- The student is eligible for Free School Meals (or is Ever6 FSM)
- The student has been looked-after
- The student has caring responsibilities in the home (Young Carer)
- The student has a disability
- The student is from a low participation neighbourhood (POLAR4 quintiles 1 and 2, or ACORN 4 & 5: this will be calculated using the pupil postcode by Wadham College)

For further details please attend our online launch event on Wednesday 15th December, 2021 between 4 and 4.30pm. Application forms will be available following the event on newvic.ac.uk/african-studies-centre.

Applications close on Wednesday 12th January, 2022.

