



FAMILY HISTORY FEDERATION WEBSITE PODCASTS

We are now able to move forward with a series of podcasts.

The concept

- To promote awareness of the Federation and its member societies
- To generate new society members
- Continued support to the family history community as we are not able to have a physical presence at family history exhibitions and fairs
- To continue to assist family historians even when “normality” returns.

How the podcasts will work

We will produce a series of themed podcasts with a format similar to that used by Radio 4 Gardeners Question Time– **Family History Question Time**. These will be streamed on our website using standard recording media mpr3, mp4 etc. Podcasts will last about half an hour over Zoom and be set up at regular intervals remaining on our website once produced and initially broadcast.

The series will be promoted amongst our societies all of whom should be encouraged to participate. The number of panellists in each podcast should be three or four with a chairman/moderator. We would expect the participants to be “proficient” in the subject being discussed. We may invite experts from other organisations to participate.

A Chairman/Moderators would ask the questions.

Questions will be developed before the podcasts and circulated to enable the participants to prepare. All panellists are led by the moderator, should be disciplined enough not to hog the cast or talk over each other. We will provide guidelines and any training.

We will use Zoom initially without a video facility and participants would ideally use a headset rather than a built-in microphone. This will be purely for clarity. It also means that people can contribute from their own living rooms rather than meeting in a “studio”.

This way we can also rehearse the podcast before the final recording. There will be a logistic headache if we have to edit content. An introduction can be added and we can trim audio if needed.

We can also record PowerPoints with talk overs and then develop this to include live speakers

Getting the message out

Like all aspects of what we try to do we need to promote this to all our societies and the general public. **The success of the project depends on the participation from societies and everyone's help in promoting it.**

Themes

We have a series of themes ready to go but welcome ideas from societies. We are particularly interested in both regional and county themes as these will be of special interest to society members. We can work from "basics" through to specialist subjects.

The first podcast will be launched August/September with regular additions made to the programme.

What to do next

Please let us know if you have any ideas for niche themes and if you would like to participate. We want this to be a "Society based" programme rather than being a one-sided Federation initiative.

For further information please email admin@familyhistoryfederation.com