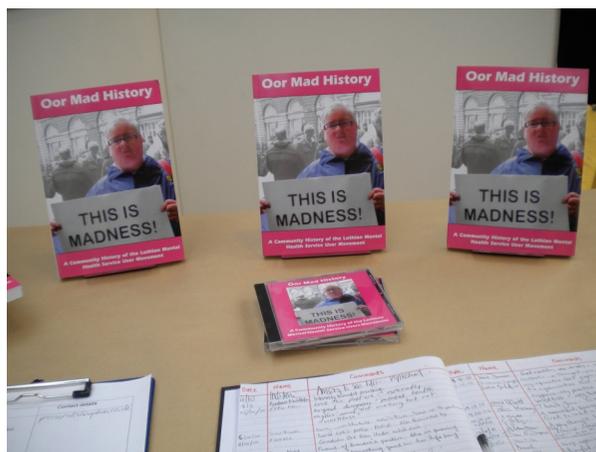


## Oor Mad History

We're a community history project based at CAPS. Set up in 2008, our aim is to reclaim and promote the history of activism and collective advocacy by people with lived experience of mental health issues.

### Find out about our

- Archive
- Oral History
- Books
- Mad People's History and Identity course
- Group meetings



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A community history project reclaiming and celebrating the history of 'mad activism' and collective advocacy in the Lothians

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## Archive

We've created an archive by gathering material from various people involved in collective advocacy and activism. The archive dates back to the 1980s and includes posters, leaflets, reports, notes and other written materials as well as t-shirts, badges and postcards.

## Oral History

To date, trained volunteers to carry out over 90 oral history interviews with people involved in collective advocacy and activism, and allies. These interviews have been recorded and transcribed and added to the Oor Mad History archive.

Some of the Oor Mad History archive has been lodged with the Lothian Health Services Archive for safe keeping. We are updating the archive at present. Contact us if you are interested in accessing the archive.

## First Book & CD

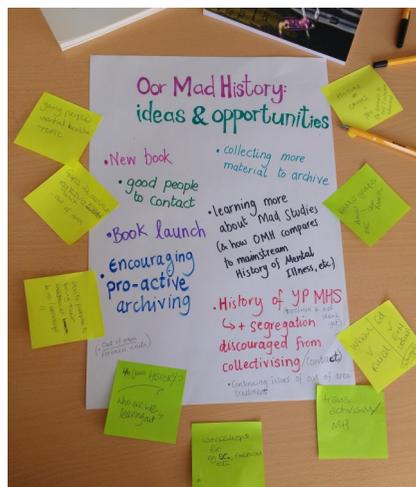
Our first book was launched in 2010 and captures peoples' memories and stories from the 1980s to 2000s. The book was created using quotes from the interviews and items from the archive. Contact us for the PDF. We also released a CD to accompany the first book, containing selected clips from the oral history recordings.

## New book

We have been working on a new book about the history of collective advocacy and 'mad activism' in Lothian from 2010 to 2020. Our new book is nearing completion and will be launched in December 2021.

## Group Meetings

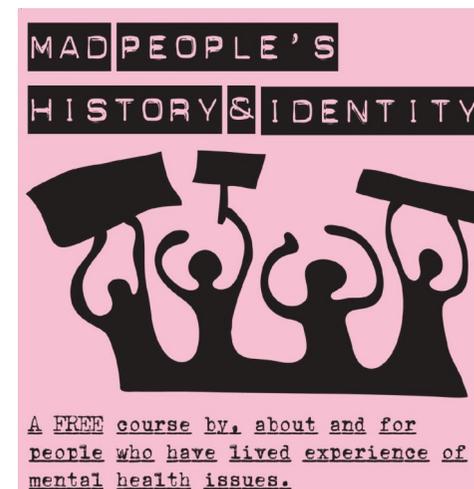
We are running regular Zoom sessions with people with lived experience of mental health issues to get involved with Oor Mad History.



There are lots of ways to get involved with Oor Mad History.

Get in touch with Lindsay at [lindsay@capsadvocacy.org](mailto:lindsay@capsadvocacy.org) for more information.

## Mad People's History and Identity



In partnership with Queen Margaret University and NHS Lothian Mental Health and Wellbeing Team, we have developed a course called **Mad People's History and Identity**.

This is a free course by, about and for people who have lived experience of mental health issues. It runs once a year.

Get in touch with Sarah at [sarah@capsadvocacy.org](mailto:sarah@capsadvocacy.org) or Lindsay at [lindsay@capsadvocacy.org](mailto:lindsay@capsadvocacy.org) to find out more about the course.