

## **Defining Lines: Evolution of the Archive Collection Policy in the UK Context**

This presentation will tell the story of how this type of policy first came onto the professional radar in the United Kingdom and of how it has subsequently evolved. By telling this story, other stories will also come to light; about increasing standardisation and accreditation of archival practice, about the interaction between theory and practice, and about a growing emphasis on management and leadership skills within the profession. The timeframe for this story will start in the early 1990s, with the publication of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts' *A Standard for Record Repositories*, and end with developments under the more recent Archive Service Accreditation Scheme (<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/archive-service-accreditation/>).

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