

Commemorating Josiah C. Wedgwood

Brief: Educational materials

Aim: to create supporting materials for teachers in Staffordshire and nationwide to use the life and campaigns of Josiah C. Wedgwood to teach the Key Stage Three (KS3) history curriculum, with a focus on Wedgwood's pro-democracy campaigning.

The [History of Parliament Trust](#) is marking the 75th anniversary of the death of its founder, Josiah C. Wedgwood, with the 'Commemorating Josiah C. Wedgwood' project. We will celebrate Wedgwood's passionate campaigning life and his fight for liberal democracy in a world threatened by totalitarianism in and around Newcastle-under-Lyme, the parliamentary constituency he served for nearly forty years. The project will include a touring exhibition on Wedgwood's life and campaigns against fascism and provide local schools with resources on Wedgwood and his campaigns. We will run a competition for local schoolchildren based on the resources. For more information about the project, please see [our website](#).

'Jos' was one of the famous pottery Wedgwoods, and dedicated to the history of Staffordshire and his parliamentary constituency of Newcastle-under-Lyme. His founding of the History of Parliament project in the 1930s was inspired by his interest in Staffordshire's history and his deep commitment to parliamentary democracy. The project is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The materials will help teachers cover the history KS3 syllabuses using materials from Wedgwood's archive, his speeches and letters to help pupils relate to the larger national and international events of the 1930s through the work of an important local figure.

They will focus on Wedgwood's career as a local Staffordshire MP, but place this in the wider national and international context of the 1930s and the campaign against fascism and for parliamentary democracy.

The materials should be created in the form of downloadable/printable packs and should include:

- Introductory materials on Wedgwood, his family and position
- Specific examples of his campaigns for the promotion of democracy and fight against fascism and anti-Semitism
- Resources including, where possible, some original papers and photographs
- Links to the curriculum and workshop/lesson plans for teachers, including activities such as interrogation of contemporary documents or creative writing tasks
- An idea for a competition to be organised by the History of Parliament Trust during the autumn term 2018

We estimate that this should take roughly 8 days to prepare. The HPT will be able to provide resources on Wedgwood's life and will work with the consultant to source relevant contemporary documents (e.g. personal papers, *Hansard* debates, extracts from memoirs).