



## Mile End Group Assistants, 2014-15

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To qualify, candidates must have a BA Honours degree (2.i or above) in modern and/or contemporary British history or a related subject. They must have an interest in and knowledge of British Government. They must also be able to demonstrate effective communication and interpersonal skills.

Candidates should apply for a place on the MA in Modern and Contemporary British History and for the Mile End Group Assistantship simultaneously (see [how to apply for the MA](#)) In addition to the normal application materials (outlined on our webpage under 'Application Checklist'), candidates are required to submit a 300-word statement outlining their suitability for the post.

**Application deadline: 4pm Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**Interviews: late June, date to be confirmed**

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### **Further particulars**

#### **The Post**

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#### **The Mile End Group**

The Mile End Group is Queen Mary University of London's forum for history, government and politics. Created in 2003 by doctoral students of Lord Hennessy, it holds regular lectures, seminars and other events to bring the worlds of academia, government, business and media together. MEG cooperates with various institutes and think tanks and has partnerships and links with the Attlee Foundation, the British Academy, the Cabinet Office, Churchill College, Cambridge, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Houses of Parliament, the Ministry of Defence, the National Archives, the Prime Minister's Office, the Royal Society, the Royal United Services Institute, the Science Museum, the Treasury and the Young Foundation. More information about [MEG](#)

#### **The School of History**

The School of History at Queen Mary University of London has amongst its 40 members of academic staff an unequalled team of modern and contemporary British historians. Over ten scholars with leading reputations in their fields offer postgraduates a bespoke MA core course, an array of specialist modules, and dissertation supervision by experts. Queen Mary's historians have expertise from the Victorian era to the present day and research specialties ranging from the history of government and politics, foreign affairs and war to gender, emotions, medicine and psychology. More information about the [School of History](#)

#### **The MA in Modern and Contemporary British History**

As a reflection of its strength in British history, the School of History offers a dedicated [MA in Modern and Contemporary British History](#). This programme is unique in the UK and

offers postgraduate students a core course, skills training, specialist modules and the opportunity to write a research dissertation with a leading expert in their field.

The MA produces postgraduates who can present themselves to employers as highly qualified and skilled individuals who have prospered at the UK's most advanced centre for the study of Britain's recent past. They are not only well versed in British history from the late nineteenth century to the present, but also in varied historical research approaches and methods. The MA's graduates can study and think about challenging historical problems and amass and analyse diverse and vast historical sources. They can also argue and persuade orally and on the page at tempos which make them ready for high-level employment or further postgraduate historical research.

Postgraduates have gone on to work in the civil service, government, major media organisations, political parties and leading companies. They have also gone on to doctoral studies and it is a mark of Queen Mary's British historians that they have produced so many of the School's very successful PhD students, many of whom have been in receipt of doctoral funding.

More information about the [MA in Modern and Contemporary British History](#)

### **Requirements of the MEG Assistant Post**

MEGAs will carry out their MEG duties while also studying full time on the School of History's [MA in Modern and Contemporary British History](#). Their fees will be paid and they will receive a studentship of £4,000. There are two conditions: (i) that they write their MA dissertation on a Whitehall or Westminster related history topic, broadly-defined; and (ii) that they fulfil their specific duties for MEG under the management of the Director, [Dr Jon Davis](#). All MEGAs are expected to be on duty for the various MEG events, many of which will be held in the evenings, as well as three days per week based in the Mile End Group Office. At these events, MEGAs will in effect run them, ensuring their smooth delivery.

The role of each MEGA will include:

- liaising with the various elements of QM which handle media relations; invite specific VIPs to events; and assist in the delivery of the MEG newsletter.
- liaising with the various elements of QM which handle events; book venues and hospitality; and hold overall responsibility for the MEG events.
- liaising with the various elements of QM which deal with computer services; film MEG events and VIPs on 'The New Labour in Government' MA module; and assist in the delivery of an up-to-date MEG website.

### **Application Requirements and Procedure**

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