

Before you start the interview can you record your name, their name and the date. This will help us later indicate the start of each interview. Remember to keep quiet and let the interviewee tell their history in their own words (I will edit your questions out so you need to try and get the interviewee to almost say the question in their answer).

Interview Questions

1. Would you mind **introducing yourself** and telling me when and where you were you born, and what age you were when you left school?

2. **Can you tell me about when you left school?**

For instance were you still living in the same area as where you were born and did you have any qualifications? Did you have a career in mind and go onto further training or education?

3. **Can you tell me in your own words about your first job on leaving school?**

For instance upon leaving school how long did it take you to find work and how did you find this job? What was your job title and what did the work involve? How did you get to work and was it far/did it take long? And do you remember how much you were paid and whether there was a dress code?

4. **Did you stay at this company for long and did your job change?**

How long did you stay in this job for? Did your job change (was this a promotion or did you move into a different department? Did you have to undertake any training for this job i.e. day release or night school? Did you get a pay raise?

5. **Was this job suitable or had you other ambitions/careers in mind?**

If they did not stay in this job for very long, why did you leave and what did you go on to do? OR Did you have to give the job up because you got married or had children?

Once the interviewee has talked about their first job you can continue and discuss other jobs they might have done.

6. Did you have to move home to suit your work?
7. What job did you enjoy the most in your working career?
8. Is there anything else you would like to add about leaving school and your first job(s).

Thank you for your time. We will be contacting you once the exhibition is ready to go up at Poole museum.