

Bound by Clay Education Pack: Suggestions for Higher Education

❖ SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORY; GEOGRAPHY; SOCIOLOGY; SOCIAL POLICY

Overview: The film can be used to explore the impact on women and men's lives of the environmental, economic and political decisions made at key stages of the 20th Century and early 21st Century. Content could be used as a basis for student investigation and enquiry-based learning.

Themes could include: Urban and Industrial structures and quality of life; Human Geography; The impact of WW1 and WW2; Social Policy and Social Justice; Human Rights; Working Class culture; Economic and Political Globalisation policies; Social Capital.

❖ GENDER

Overview: Aspects of diversity such as gender and class are important considerations within Higher Education programmes which have a focus upon people. The film presents personal reflections and experiences from women employed within the pottery industry in the past and currently. Together with evidence from researchers and contributors from local museums the role and identity of women in work and wider society is explored.

Themes could include: Social Construction; Roles in work and family; nursery places; empowerment; pay; identity; inequality; environment and society; women's history.

❖ HEALTH

Overview: Students in Medicine, Nursing, Social Work and Public Health will be interested in material relating to the experiences of people who have worked and lived in a locality with high levels of health inequality. The legacy of the pottery industry is far from one dimensional in relation to health. In addition to the impact on physical health of some materials used in the industry, the film explores the importance of other factors upon the health and well being of people working in the industry such as identity, pride, economic security and social capital.

Themes could include: Health in industrial communities; Impacts upon mental health and wellbeing; Public Health – social, economic and political challenges to improving health in the local population; The economics of health.