

## Course details

### Course title

History: An Introduction to Criminal Profiling and Crime Scene Analysis

### Course code

Q00015251

### Course date

Start: 22/06/24

End: 22/06/24

### Number of classes

1 sessions

### Timetable

Sat 22nd Jun, 10:00 to 16:00

### Branch

Norwich Branch

### Tutor

Kerry Heathcote

### Fee range

Free to £30.00

### How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

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## **Venue**

Norwich Millennium Library (Norwich)  
Millennium Library  
The Forum, Millennium Plain  
Norwich  
NR2 1AW

## **Level of study**

Advanced

## **Course overview**

The origins of criminal profiling in the UK can be traced back to Dr Thomas Bond in the 1880s. This course will explore the evolution of applications and techniques over time, using top-down and bottom-up techniques to profile three case studies from the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s, respectively. Each photoset exercise will incorporate an analysis of the crime scene and associated criminal investigation, discussing the importance and limitations of eyewitness testimony and other significant factors. In order to maximise learning opportunities, this course will feature complex crimes involving multiple references to substance misuse, extreme violence, and use of weapons. This course assumes no prior knowledge.

## **Course description**

The main aim of this course is to introduce criminal profiling and crime scene analysis, with the opportunity to participate in three related practical activities. Using a photoset related to each event, group discussion, analysis, and evaluation will be actively encouraged, whilst recognising that some participants may wish to work alone at times.

Intended learning outcomes are focused on discussing the strengths, limitations, and application of the Canter (2011) Investigative Psychology Framework. Canter believes that a scientific framework for drawing inferences about offender characteristics from actions involved in the planning and execution of a crime, (possibly before, during, and after the event itself), can be used to inform successful offender profiling outcomes expertly and systematically. This course will explore the strengths and limitations of the framework when applied to three different types of criminal activity.

The main objective of the course is to inform a concluding discussion, based upon the perceived advantages and disadvantages of different criminal profiling techniques, comparing and contrasting those preferred by crime agencies in the United Kingdom, compared with those

preferred by their United States of America counterparts.

Key questions around the relative merits of crime scene analysis and criminal profiling in solving crimes swiftly, to prevent any further victimisation, will be considered throughout.

## **What financial support is available?**

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## **What other support is available?**

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