



**The UK Archival Thesaurus:
Setting the standard for
subject indexing!**

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Project Overview

The project was initiated to develop a thesaurus that would:

- provide a standardized, controlled vocabulary for subject indexing in the UK archive sector.
- ensure that subject terms incorporated into the National Archives Network were consistent and meet the needs of archive users

Project Overview (2)

The thesaurus aims to provide archives and archive users with:

- terminology specifically relevant to the archival sector
- a subject indexing standard, to facilitate effective subject searches across the whole network
- a standard which actively promotes social inclusion

Project Partners



Project Contributors (1)



Project Contributors (2)

- Modern Record Centre
- Warwickshire County Record Office
- UNESCO

Progress to date

- 6751 UNESCO terms
- 2,792 terms have been added to the database
- Mundus and CASBAH completed (165 terms)
- A2A and GASHE awaiting approval (195 terms)
- AIM25, NDAD and Modern Record Centre terms currently being edited (2195)

Moving on

- Another 1000 terms are expected to be added when the PROCAT and ArchivesHub terms are imported.
- Over 33% expansion of UNESCO.
- Further term submission via the website

How can you help?

To make the thesaurus relevant to archives we need you to send us your non-UNESCO terms

These could be from:

- LCSH
- In-house subject indexes
- Other thesauri

www.ukat.org.uk

- Currently being developed
- Online searchable thesaurus
- Downloads
- Guidelines for contributors
- User-friendly and *user-centred* interface

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Welcome ... The UK Archival Thesaurus (UKAT) project is a one-year project to create a subject thesaurus for the UK archive sector. We aim to create a controlled vocabulary which archives can use when indexing their collections and catalogues.

The key goals of UKAT are: to improve access to archives by subject; to ensure that users of archives can carry out effective subject searches of the National Archives Network; and to promote the involvement in archives by groups which are currently under-represented among archive users, by providing subject terms which reflect their histories and experiences.

UKAT is being built from subject terms contributed by individual archives, archive projects and users of archives. This website allows you to [search UKAT](#), browse UKAT [by A-Z](#) and [by hierarchy](#), [register as a contributor](#) and [submit terms](#). [Further information](#) about the project is also provided. We look forward to your contribution.

This is an interim website providing details of the project but without access to the Thesaurus. It is anticipated that the Thesaurus will be available in November 2003.



Getting Involved...

Contributor Registration

[Register online](#) to become a contributor to UKAT

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Contributor Submissions

Once registered, you can [Login](#) here to submit terms and manage your account

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Getting involved

UKAT currently has:

- a discussion forum
- an advisory panel
- a user group

If your interested in joining any of the above, or just want to know more about the project you can email us on.....

support@ukat.org.uk