



The NDA Heritage Strategy

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How I got here...

- 20 years as Local Authority Archivist for Cumbria Archive Service
- 4 years Consultant Archivist for NDA
- 1 year as NDA Heritage Officer, now Chief Archivist and Heritage Officer





David Peattie CEng HonFNucl
Group Chief Executive Officer

I am delighted to present the Heritage Vision and Strategy for the NDA group.

This strategy has been created in collaboration with NDA group heritage specialists, and in consultation with others from the heritage sector, to maximise our ability to identify, safeguard and celebrate the history and cultural heritage of the nuclear industry.

The benefits of preserving, safeguarding, and celebrating nuclear heritage are many, ranging from learning lessons of the past so we can support decommissioning and future nuclear developments, to realising significant social value potential by connecting with local communities and other stakeholders.

The scope covers all UK civil nuclear establishments from the early 1940's through to the present day, with provision for future additions and focuses on both tangible and intangible assets, objects, and memories. Nucleus, the Nuclear and Caithness Archives in Wick, Caithness provides an opportunity and focal point for preserving and safeguarding these, whether directly or through a hub and spokes approach.

Capturing the legacy of the nuclear industry will enrich the NDA mission and help us to deliver our outcomes more effectively.

Our strategic objectives are grouped around three key areas:

Identify - heritage assets that have historic significance.

Safeguard - heritage assets.

Celebrate - our nuclear heritage through engagement with communities.

Heritage Working Group

NDA Heritage Officer
NDA Heritage Lead

Sellafield Limited
Nuclear Restoration Services
Nuclear Waste Services
Nuclear Transport Solutions
National Nuclear Laboratory

Community of Practice

Coming soon...

A graphic with a black background and a pink-to-white gradient. It contains the text:

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///HERITAGE:
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RESPONDING
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Heritage Panel



Historic Environment Scotland
Historic England
RCAHMW
National Museum of Scotland
Science Museum
National Records of Wales
The National Archives
CADW
Dalton Nuclear Institute
Sellafield limited
Nuclear Restoration Services
Nuclear Waste Services
Nuclear Transport Solutions
National Nuclear Laboratory
University of York
Keele University

Lindsey Gallacher
More Than A Half-Life



A creative project that investigates the current position of the local community in decommissioning

Multi Media Art Exhibition

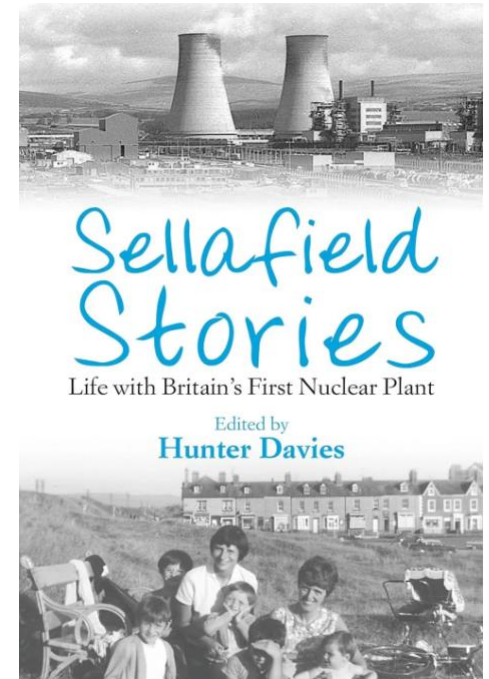
1st - 22nd June 2024

Thurso Art Gallery (library)

Mon-Wed (3pm-6pm)
Thu (10am-1pm)
Fri (4pm-8pm)
Sat (10am-1pm)

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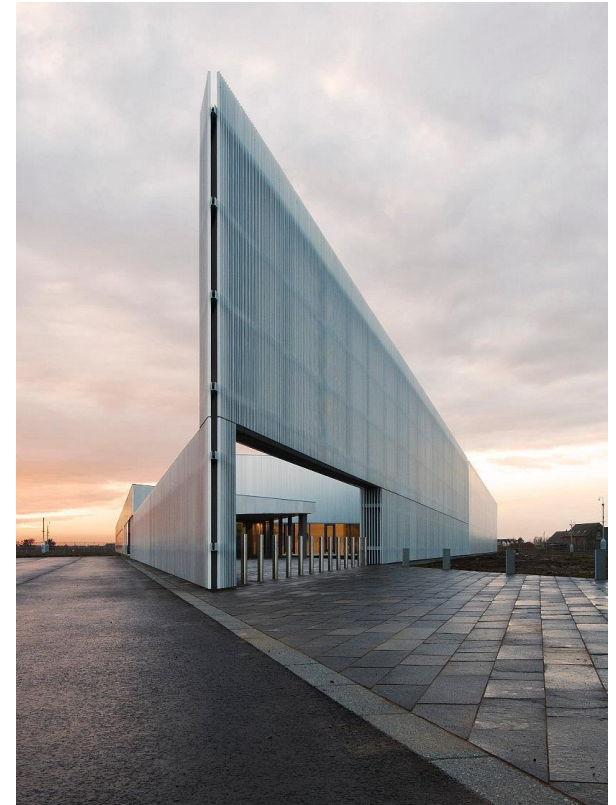
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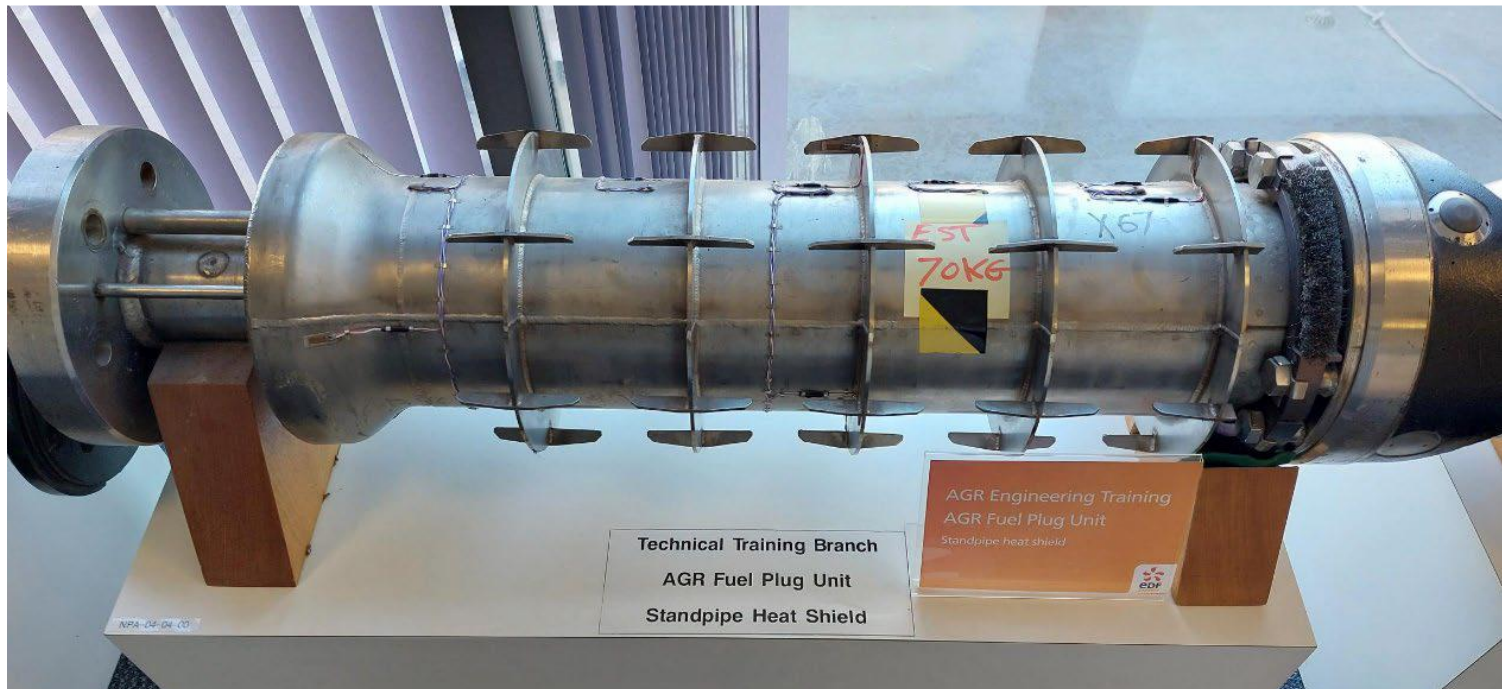
Identify: The Public Records Act; OSP 57; Appraisal Report

Safeguard: The National Archives; Nucleus; local archives

Access via Axiell Collections
- searchroom and digital access



“The problem with nuclear objects is that they are either very big, very contaminated, or very boring.” Bob Radford 2023



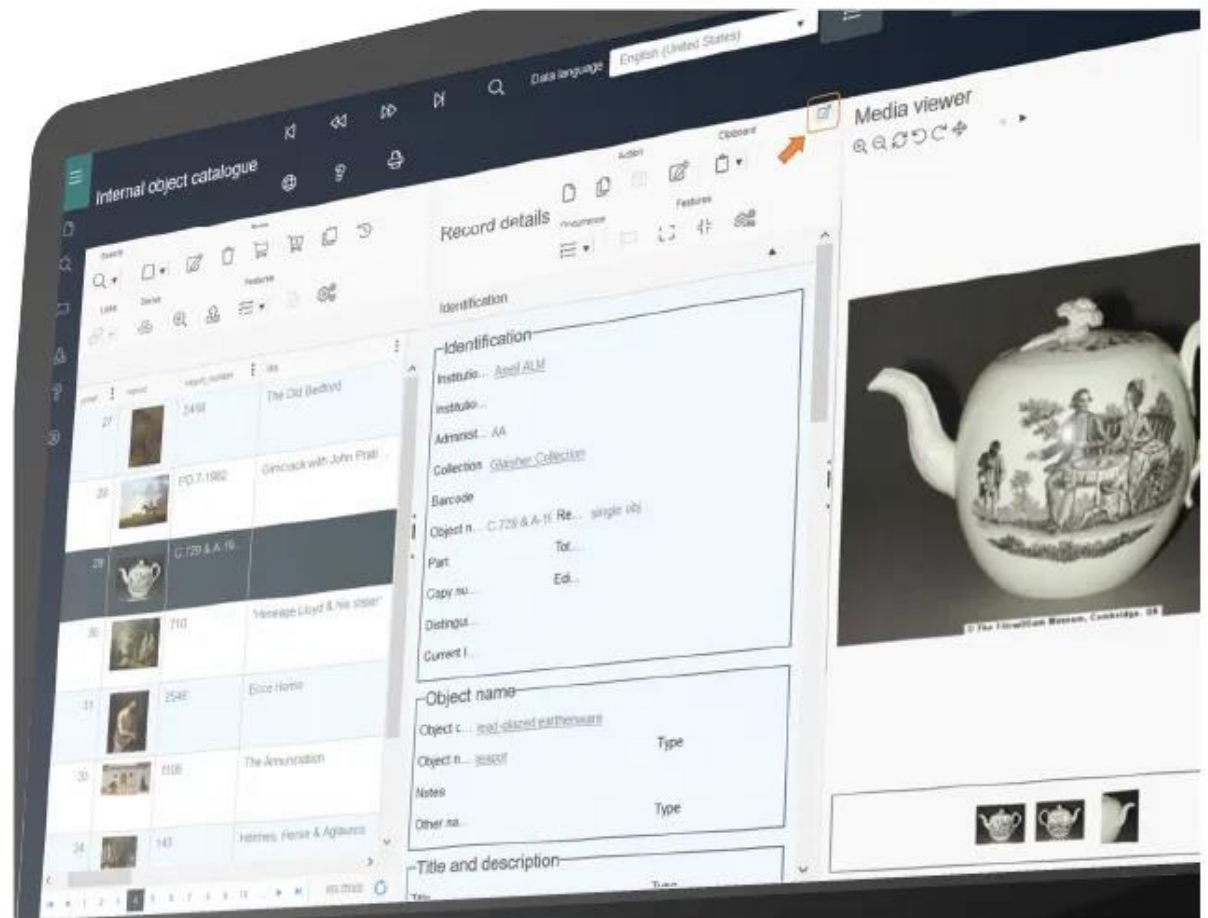
Safeguard and celebrate

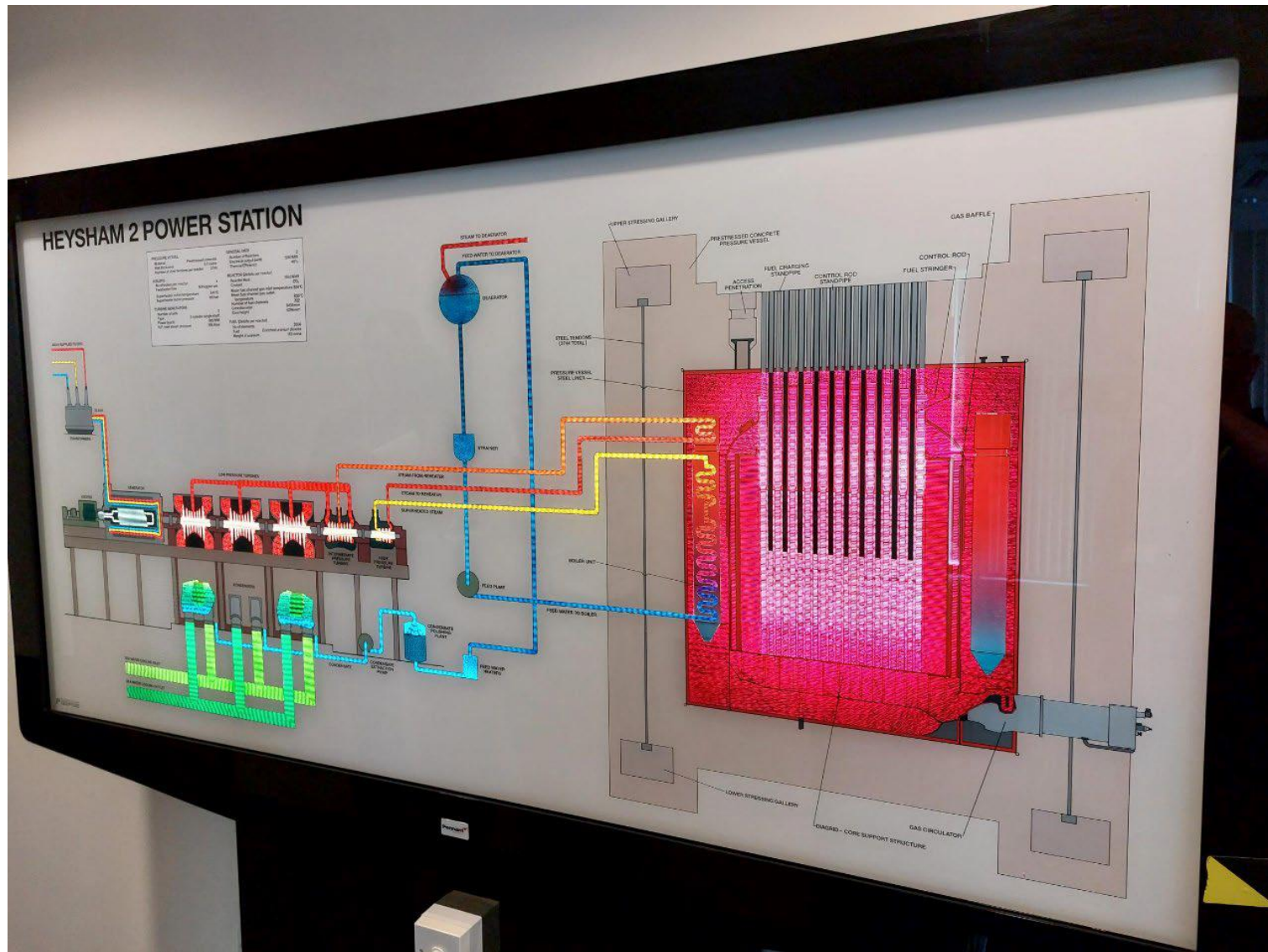
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Collections Policy

Axiell Collections

3D object gallery







Objects at DIDO, Harwell

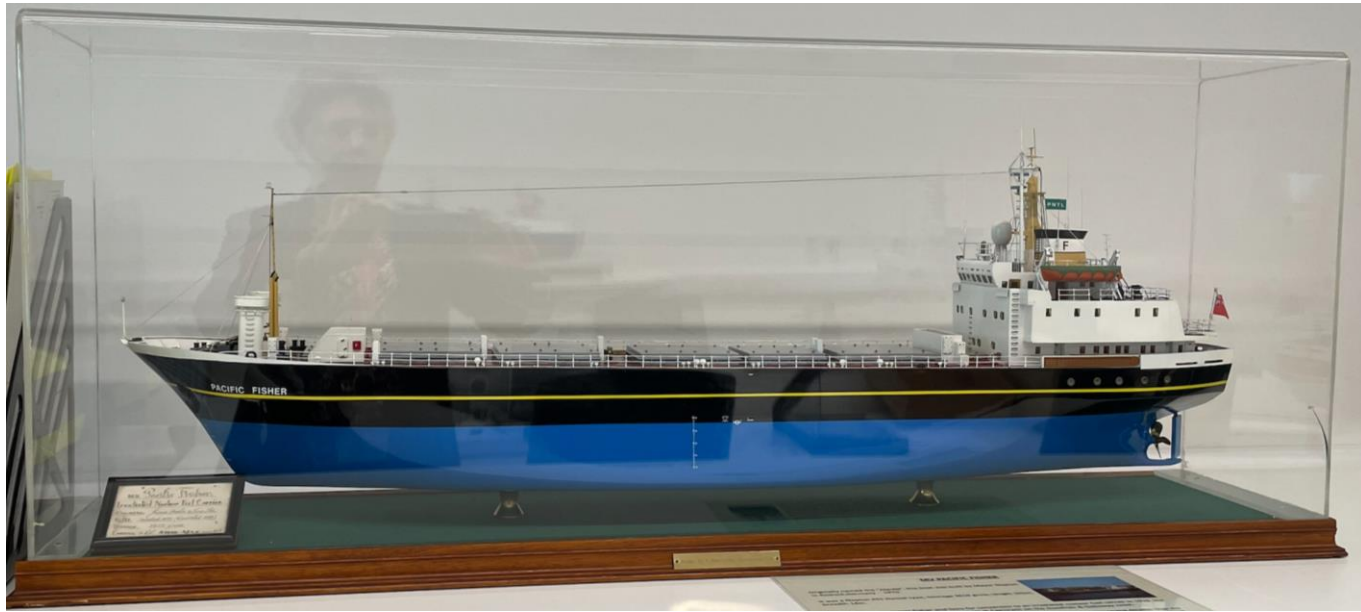




Objects at Herdus House

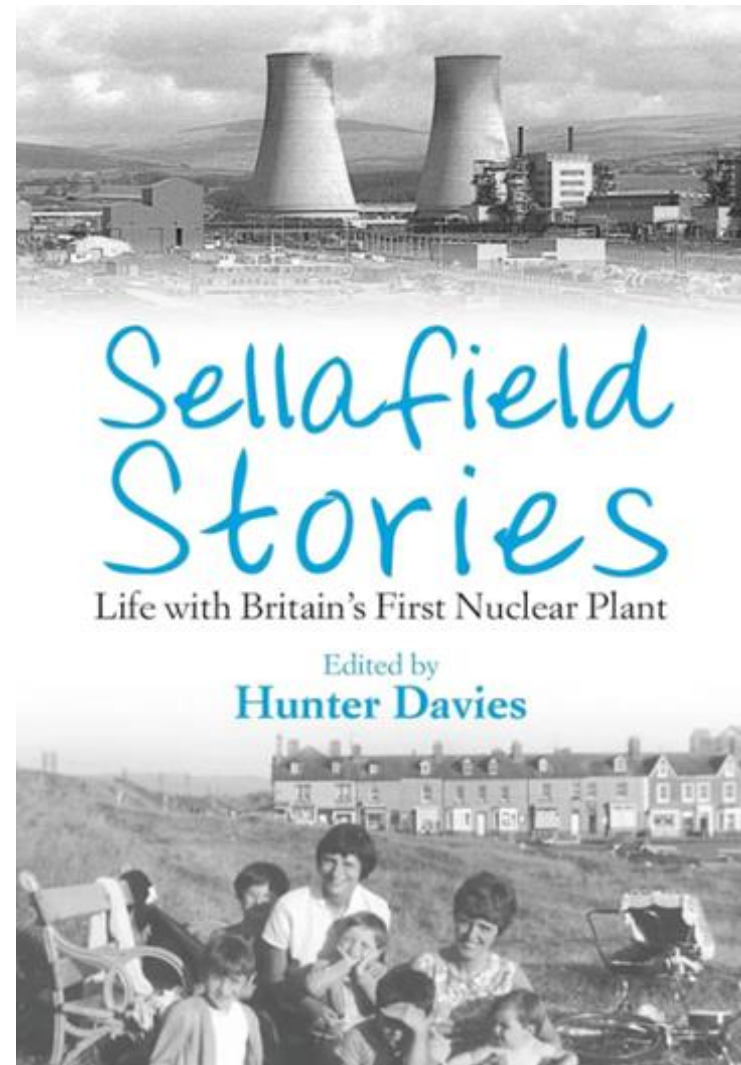


Objects at Nucleus



Oral histories and memories

- Collaboration with local groups?
- Knowledge capture
- Using new technology
- PhD call



Buildings and Landscape



Building Recording Group

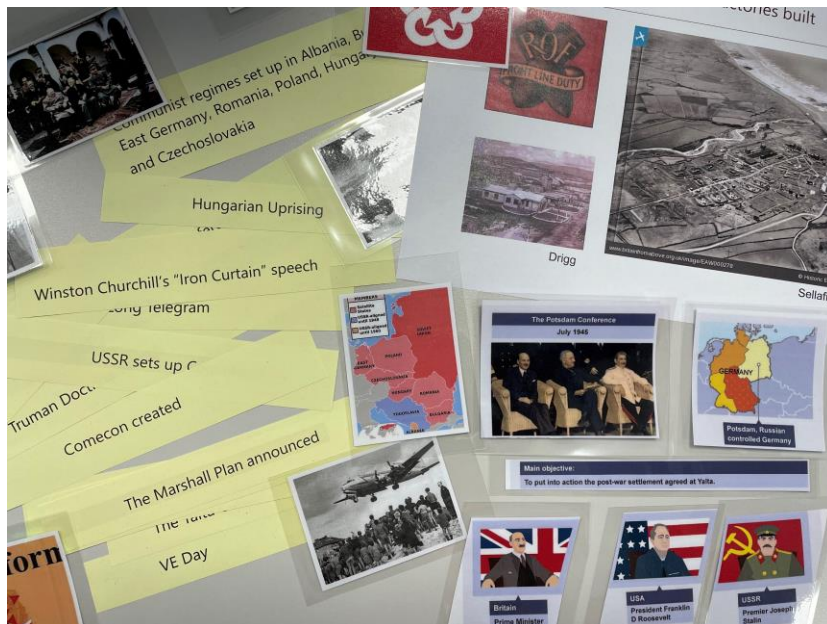


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Sellafield

Nucleus Heritage panels

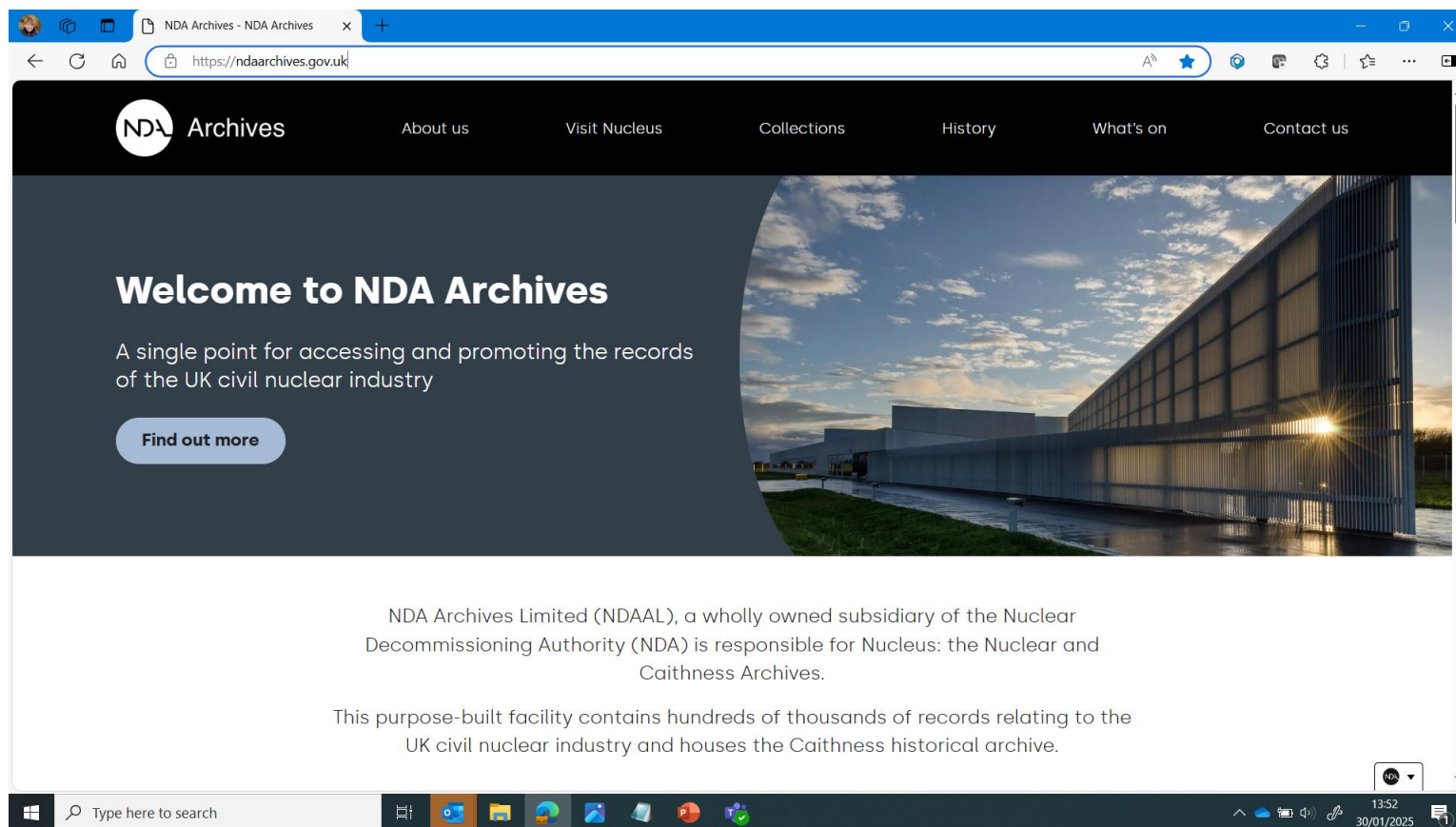
GCSE Workshop on Cold War



Celebrate



<https://ndaarchives.gov.uk>





Making a difference

