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Your chance to immortalise the North-east on video tape

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WOULD-BE "history makers" in the Aberdeen area are being offered the chance by a new charity to record their own video project — with equipment and training laid on.

The city has been chosen as one of the places to launch the British Video History Trust, which was set up jointly by the BBC and the British Universities Film and Video Council.

They hope, by encouraging people to film their pet projects, to build up an archive accurately reflecting life in Britain — as it is today and as we remember it in times gone by.

This will provide raw material for film-makers and historians in the future and a valuable supplement to the professional documentaries held in other national archives.

The trust say they will lend video gear free to

any group with a worthwhile project and teach them how to use it.

Said a spokesman: "Any ideas are welcome, whether from a group of enthusiasts wanting to film a day in the life of a bookie, or people collecting memories of the early days of women's institutes.

"Historic moments are of particular interest, such as the launch of a new business or the dying of an ancient craft."

Two historians will advise on which projects go ahead.

The trust store the unedited material for posterity, but they will give videomakers their own copy.

Local libraries will have posters about the project and anyone interested should send a stamped addressed envelope to the the British Video History Trust, c/o BUFVC, 55 Greek Street, London W1V 5LR.