



Wellcome Library

An introduction



Who we are

The Wellcome Library helps to give context to the changes that can affect human health.

Scientific developments continue to improve our quality of life but equally important in the history of health and illness are ideas involving faith, belief and culture.

It could be argued that far more lives have been and are being saved by books than by instruments.

Content

2.5m items in a collection that:

- **is truly international in scope;**
- **holds works in Caddo, Igbo, Twi, Pali, Dhiverhi, Swahili, Lao among many other languages**
- **includes the art collection & archives of individuals, families and groups**
- **Contains rare and historic manuscripts and books**

Many varied media:

- **Video, cassette tape, wax cyclinder**
- **Book bound in human skin**
- **Posters, miniature paintings**
- **Cigarette cards, stamps & flyers**
- **Embroidered banners**
- **Decorated lab coat**
- **Glass plate negatives & toilet paper**

Subject range

Philosophy

Witchcraft

Alchemy

Air Conditioning

Dangerous Marine Creatures

Capital punishment

Stem cell research ethics

Patient experiences

Architecture

Plants

Food

History of printing

Swearing

Childbirth

Science Fiction

Psychology

Menopause

Gender

Grief

Tattooing

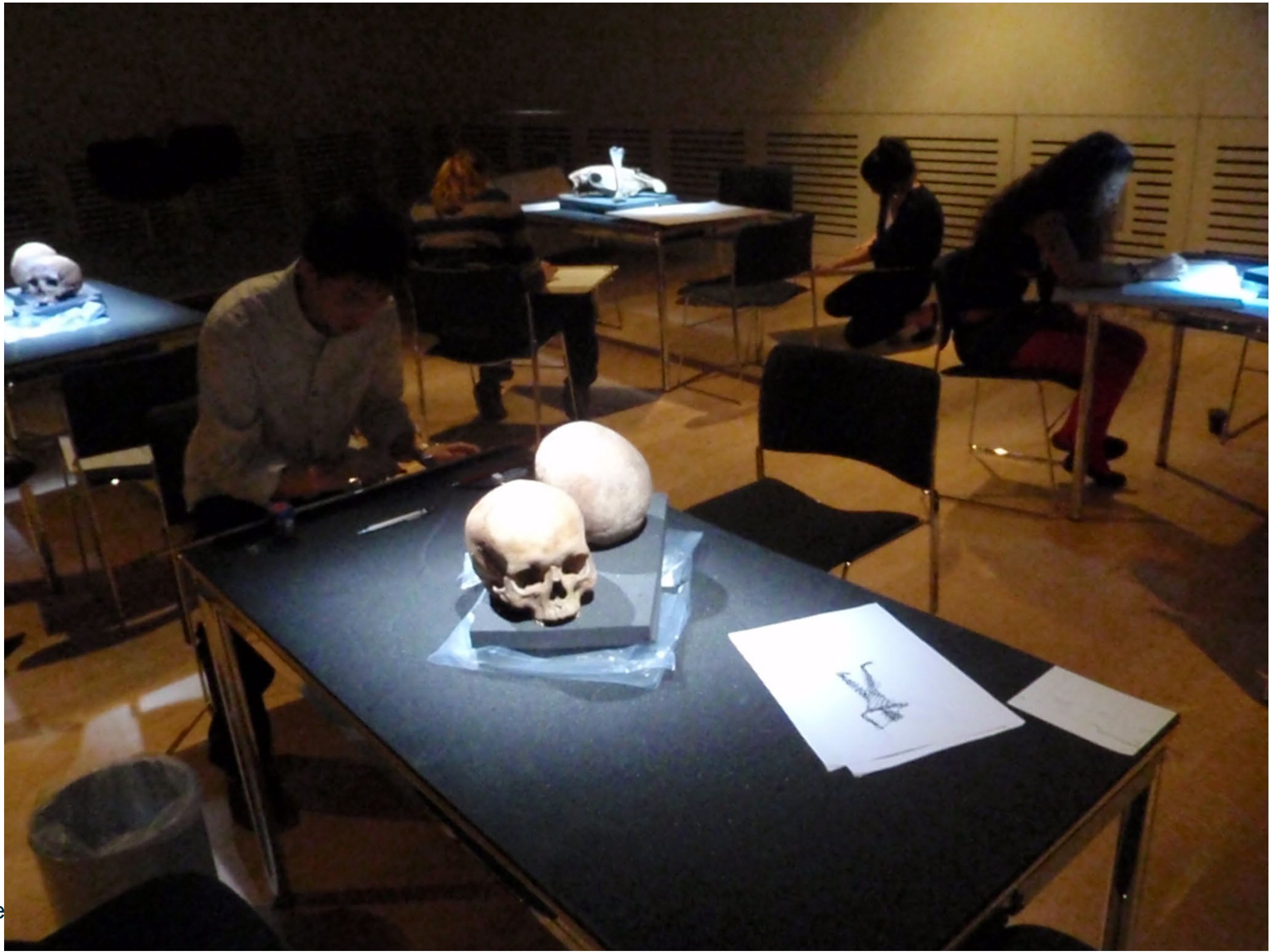
More than a study space

We are part of an active events programme that brings members of the public, schools and professionals together.

We create engagement activities to raise questions and discuss wide ranging issues.

We are host to the world's TV and radio companies and have collaborated on joint broadcasts with BBC.













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Some examples



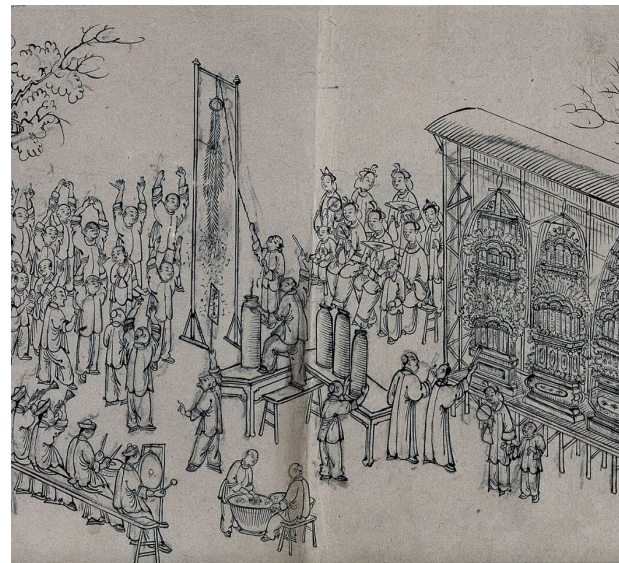
Some sensitive interpretation required?



‘China’ – some examples



Plague
innoculation



Festival of Tu-Ti



Nuclear self help



Selling birds

The Mental Health of Chinese Women in Britain 1945-2000

Date:

1999-2000

Reference:

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The Mental Health of Chinese Women in Britain, 1945-2000, was a project run by Professor Gill Green who hypothesised that the low uptake of mental health services by Chinese women in Britain was due to issues such as long working hours, a gendered division of domestic labour, racist social exclusion, language barriers and migration stresses. The project also aimed to explore the use of alternative means of support, including traditional Chinese medicine and informal social support networks.

Please note that this archive is largely made up of patient data that is highly sensitive in nature. When the archive is catalogued, the patient data will require closure for the lifetime of the data subjects in accordance with the 1998 Data Protection Act. We anticipate that it will not be possible to make patient records from the archive available for research before 2085 at the earliest.



Any questions?

Thank you