

Durham Miners Heritage Group Information and Activities Package

Preface

'Language is a Virus', William Stewart Burroughs

It is not possible to consider history without being inadvertently influenced by one's personal background, teaching, education or other prejudices. Even by one's vocabulary. What Burroughs was implying in the quotation above was the very real possibility that one's use of language can prejudice not merely one's own views but also the received views of others.

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