

Latest Grant Recipients

We are delighted to announce NIMC will be supporting some exciting projects after their successful applications to our grant programmes last month.

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Playful Museums Festival Grant Programme

These grants are to support activity to create playful museum spaces and programming for children under 5 their parents, carers, and teachers. Grants of up to £500 have been allocated to support activity planned to take place during February 2022.

- Causeway Coast and Glens Museum Service
- Mid Antrim Museum
- F.E. McWilliam Gallery
- Armagh Robinson Library & No. 5 Vicars' Hill
- NI War Memorial
- Tower Museum

Museums Collections Care Grant programme

The Museum Collections Care Grant programme is funded by the NI Museums Council. Collections Care Grant supports museums to fund goods and services which will enhance collections care. This grant will support local museums in maintaining their accreditation status and support work that focuses on 'areas for improvement'. The Grant will enable museums to maintain standards and ensure their collections are maintained, protected and sustainable.

The following projects will receive funding to improve the care of their collections.

- Armagh Robinson Library and Number 5 Vicar's Hill, Title: Conservation of Significant Publications including *Gulliver's Travels* (1726), containing handwritten corrections by the author, Jonathan Swift.
- RPSI - Whitehead railway Museum, Title: All Mode Cons Collection Management Purchase a suitable laptop to run MODES collection management software. Which will then allow the museum to better organise the collection and create a conservation plan for items.

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The Museums Challenge: Climate Change Grant Programme supported by the Department for Communities Climate Change Fund and The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

There was a great response to our ground-breaking Climate Change themed grant programme. We are looking forward to supporting a wide range of projects from the successful museums. These include:

Tower Museum- aims to capture, record and present climate stories through engaging and empowering local people focusing on stories of flooding, landscape/agricultural change, food, heritage and culture.

Florence Court- installation of environmental monitoring in the basement of the property to inform decision making on appropriate low energy technologies to stabilise the environment.

Springhill- to implement smart environmental control in Springhill Mansion House and costume display as well as providing a training and demonstration opportunity for energy efficiency interventions.

North Down Museum- rethatching the monks cell and to making changes to reduce energy consumption such as low energy lighting. The project will include a booklet, exhibition and engagements projects to raise awareness on both biodiversity and sustainability.

Mid-Antrim Museum- creating a sustainable cottage garden on a 19th century homestead.

Armagh Robinson Library and Number 5 Vicar's Hill- creating a garden and upgrading to low energy lighting.

Whitehead Museum- insulating the oldest shed/workshop on site which will promote sustainability and reduce energy consumption.

The Museums Connect Grant Programme.

These grants will support Fermanagh County Museum, Milford House and Coleraine Museum, better connect with their audiences. Projects include photographing and videoing displays and using images online to develop and attract new audiences.

The Collecting for the Future Grant Programme -supported by Esmé Mitchell Trust

Supporting Mid-Antrim Museum to acquire two portraits by Samuel Bell Waugh, 1814-1885, oil on canvas of William and James Raphael. These portraits will play a central role in telling the story of the Raphael family, their links, and industrial influence in the area.

NIMC's latest round of Grant Programmes opened on Monday 27th September and close on Friday 22nd October. For more details see <https://nimc.co.uk/grants/>.