



Museum Forum: The Inclusive Museum

Venue: Northern Ireland War Memorial

Date: 4th December 2018

Time: 10am – 3.30pm

Overview:

The Museum Forum offers the opportunity for museum staff to come together to discuss key development areas, assess where the sector is and the direction for going forward. This year's Forum focuses on museums as inclusive and accessible spaces through consideration of 3 themes Accessible Museums, Dementia Friendly Museums and Playful Museums. The Forum seeks to be inclusive through good practice examples from NI, UK and RoI but also through the inclusion of the voices of those living experiences. The session is designed to offer a spotlight on key themes and through the discussions highlight priorities for further in-depth focus

10-10.15am

Welcome and Introduction

Respond to the question 'What does an inclusive Museum mean to you?'

10.15-11.30am

Accessible Museums

- Access Mornings, HMS Caroline, Emelia Regattieri, Learning and Volunteer Coordinator 10.15-10.30
- Early Birds and Night Owls, Science Museum, Jessica Sashaw, Events Programmer 10.30-10.45
- JAM Card and supporting those with communication needs, NOW Group, Jenny Potter, Community Development Manager 10.45-11
- Parent of a child with additional needs and founder of FunDays- Nadine McCullough Heron 11-11.15
- Discussion and Q&A 11.15-11.30

11.30-11.45 Noon

Break

11.45-1pm

Dementia Friendly Museums

- Dementia Friendly Programming, NI War Memorial, Jenny Haslett, Museum Manager 11.45-12
- Azure Network, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Caroline Orr, Curator: Education and Learning 12-12.15
- Partnership Working, Dementia NI, Tara Collins, Programme Manager 12.150-12.30
- In my words, Allison Batchelor, Dementia NI member 12.30-12.45

Discussion and Q&A 12.45-1

1.00-1.15pm

Together, Building a United Community (T:buc)

- T:buc – District Council Good Relations Programme, Gavin King (Programme Manager, the Executive Office)

1.15-2pm

Lunch will be provided

2-3.15pm

Playful Museums

- Beyond the pilot year, Irish Linen Centre and Lisburn Museum, Gillian Topping and Emma Breadon, Assistant and Casual Education Officers 2-2.15
- 0-3s development needs, Early Years organisation, Dr Siobhan Fitzpatrick CEO 2.15-2.30
- Partnership working, Stranmillis University College, Catriona Rogers 2.30-2.45
- In their words, Lisa Passmore, Coordinator and preschool children from Belmont Playcare 2.45-3

Discussion and Q&A 3-3.15

3.15-3.30pm

Evaluation and close

Return to the question, 'What does an Inclusive Museum mean to you?'