



## **'Spilling the Beans on Caring for Collections'**

### **NIMC Peer Learning Forum**

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Museum of Orange Heritage, Belfast**

'Spilling the Beans' is an annual event organised by the Northern Ireland Museums Council that offers the opportunity for museum staff and volunteers to share experiences and insights into recent work. It takes the form of a series of short presentations on the opportunities and challenges faced when delivering particular projects. Presentations are followed by questions and answers and then group discussions. This year's theme is **'Caring for Collections'**.



## **Programme for the day**

**10.00- 10.30am**      **Registration and tea/coffee**

**10.30-10.45am**      **Welcome and Introduction**

Welcome – Sinéad Mc Cartan, Director of Northern Ireland Museums Council

Introduction to Spilling the Beans topic – Triona White Hamilton, Development Officer at Northern Ireland Museums Council

**10.45am – 11.50**      **Session 1: New spaces for collections**

- 'Moving Collections, Representation, and Preventative Conservation' - David Orr, Conservator, Hillsborough Castle
- 'New Storage Facilities - Challenges and Opportunities' – Roisin Doherty, Curator, Derry city and Strabane Museum and Visitor Service
- 'Planning and Delivering on a Museum Revamp' - Noreen Cunningham, Curator, Newry and Mourne Museum

Q and A

**11.50 – 13.00**      **Session 2: Engaging the Public with Collections Care**

- 'Artificial Sunshine: Engaging the Public with the Conservation of an Historic Light Fitting at The Argory'- Claire Magill, Regional Conservator, National Trust
- 'Save an 80s Class Train: Crowdfunding and Social Media Campaign to raise funds for Restoration' - Robert Gardiner, Chairman, Downpatrick and County Down Railway,
- 'Collections Care, Conservation and the Public' - Susie Bioletti, Chair of ICRI and Head of Preservation and Conservation at Trinity College, Dublin.

Q and A

**13.00 -13.45**      **Lunch**

**13.45 – 15.00:**      **Session 3: Assessing Collections Needs**

- 'Collections Care in partnership with the Pilgrim Trust and ICON' - Emma Chaplin, Director of Association of Independent Museums.
- 'Secrets in the Attic: An assessment of Mid and East Antrim Museum Collection Stores' - Jayne Clarke and Elaine Hill, Mid-Antrim Museum.
- 'Springhill Costume Collection Review' - Catherine Byrne, Registrar at National Trust

Q and A

**15.00 – 15.30            Group Discussions/ Workshop**

**END**

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