

Future of Museums: Learning and Engagement
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0930 - 1030	Registration and coffee
1030 - 1040	Welcome Gordon Rintoul , Director, National Museums Scotland
1040 - 1050	Introduction Dhikshana Pering , Young People's Producer, London Borough of Culture 2020
1050 - 1100	Learning and engagement Update on the Museums Association's work on museums learning and engagement Sharon Heal , Director, Museums Association
1100 - 1120	Keynote David Anderson , Director General, Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museums Wales Twenty years after the publication of A Common Wealth, its author will reflect on changes in museums, and the current position of museum learning
1120 - 1140	Q&A with David Anderson and Dhikshana Pering
1140 - 1240	Panel discussion: State of the nations Where are we now, and how are we working with communities around the UK? This panel will examine the current situation and raise questions for discussion Stephen Allen , Head of Learning and Programmes, National Museums Scotland Dominique Bouchard , Head of Learning and Interpretation, English Heritage Colleen Watters , Head of Learning and Partnerships, Ulster Museum Charlotte Morgan , Museum Manager, Cynon Valley Museum
1240 - 1310	Keynote and Q&A Melissa Highton , Assistant Principal and Director of Learning, Teaching and Web Services, University of Edinburgh Melissa Highton, a digital specialist and member of the Centenary Commission on Adult Education, will reflect on the ways in which digital delivery is changing learning and outreach activities in cultural, heritage and knowledge organisations
1310 - 1410	Lunch

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Panel discussion: New models of practice

What lessons can museums learn from organisations doing effective work inside and outside the sector? This panel will discuss innovative models of learning and engagement and how they could be applied more widely

Lorna Cruickshank, Independent Museums Support Officer, High Life Highland

Kate Fellows, Lifelong Learning Manager, Leeds Museums and Galleries

Wendy Gallagher, Head of Learning and Engagement, Manchester Museum

1500 – 1550

Panel discussion: The future of learning and engagement

What should be the focus for the next 20 years of learning and engagement?

David Anderson, Director General, Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museums Wales

Siobhan McConnachie, Head of Education, National Galleries Scotland

Mark O'Neill, Museum Consultant

1550 – 1600

Final thoughts and close

1600 – 1700

Drinks reception

The launch of a Museums Association research project into the future of museum learning and engagement. The aim of the research will be to understand what audiences and communities need from museum and to share what innovative learning practice looks like and how it might be applied.