

Future of Museums: Learning and Engagement
27 March 2019, National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh
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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
- 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

Charlotte Morgan, Museum Manager, Cynon Valley 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.