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
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
1410 – 1500  **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.