**Associateship of Museums Association (AMA):**

**Self review (SR)**

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The AMA is your opportunity to take ownership of your professional development and your career. It helps you to think about the future, your interests and aspirations.

While every AMA journey is different the overarching development framework is the same – clearly communicated competencies focusing you on your professional development, with a mentor, support group and others to guide you on your way.

The first step in your AMA journey is to reflect on your current professional practice and competence. Reflecting on where you are puts you in a better position to know where you want to get to, what you need to develop, and who might help you get there.

To begin your AMA journey, you must demonstrate **an emerging level** of professional competence in each of the four competency headings. An emerging level of professional competence means that you have a clear awareness and understanding.

Follow the steps below as a guide to completing your self review:

1. Allocate a fixed amount of time, for example 30 minutes per competency heading. The four competency headings are shown below:
2. Reflect and summarise **your awareness, understanding and experience** that you feel demonstrates **an emerging level** of professional competence. You may have greater or more in-depth experience. If this is the case you can include examples of leaders or good practice in the sector or your own personal examples.
3. Don’t over-think it and keep to the word count for each competency heading.
4. Email your completed self review to [cpd@museumsassociation.org](mailto:cpd@museumsassociation.org)

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| **Understanding the sector**  The museum sector is diverse and evolving, responding to changing thinking and values in society. Developing a thorough understanding of this context enables you to deliver public benefit through sharing collections with communities. |
| 1. Why museums develop, manage and protect collections to enable inspiration, learning and enjoyment 2. How museums have changed over time, including the social role of museums. 3. The potential impact of issues facing the sector, including issues for our communities. 4. The role and impact of sector related bodies, groups and networks. 5. The importance of effective relationships within and beyond the workplace and the sector. |
| **Please summarise your awareness, understanding and any experience relating to this competency heading– 400 words.** |

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| **Public engagement and benefit**  Museums can use their collections and spaces to enhance health and wellbeing, create better places for us to live and work, and inspire learning, engagement, debate and reflection. Engaging with people from different backgrounds, enabling participation and co-curation increases this benefit. |
| 1. How museums and galleries use their collections to inspire learning and enjoyment. 2. How museums develop, represent and engage the public they serve. |
| **Please summarise your awareness, understanding and any experience relating to this competency heading – 400 words.** |

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| **Stewardship of collections**  Collections and the connections that they can make are at the heart of what museums do. Museums work with their communities to make their collections relevant and dynamic. |
| 1. How museums develop, manage and protect their collections. 2. How museums develop knowledge of collections. |
| **Please summarise your awareness, understanding and any experience relating to this competency heading – 400 words.** |

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| **Individual and institutional integrity**  Everyone who works in and with museums can contribute to the sector. We are each responsible for keeping up to date with the latest developments, best practice and current thinking to deliver public benefit. |
| 1. The ethical responsibility of museums and galleries. 2. Why different types of museum governance exist and how they influence delivery of services. 3. The importance of self-, -time-, people-, project- and resource- management |
| **Please summarise your awareness, understanding and any experience relating to this competency heading – 400 words.** |

Now look over your completed self review:

* underline the competency heading you feel you need to most develop.
* tick the competency heading in which you feel you have the most expertise.

The self review helps us to support you by…

* understanding your background and experience to date
* sharing insights about your AMA journey as a function of the breadth and depth of your experience
* supporting and signposting you where you have demonstrated **an emerging level** of professional competence and guide you in your resubmission, if applicable

The self review helps you…

* to reflect on your strengths and development needs
* to choose a mentor based on this reflection
* to develop your CPD Plan.

The self review helps your mentor…

* to understand your background and experience to date
* to support you appropriately based on this information
* to support you in the development of your CPD Plan.

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