

Museums Association Members' Meeting – Northern Ireland
Wednesday 10 June 2020, 1400-1530 – Zoom meeting
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- 1400 Introduction by chair**
 Simon Stephens, Head of Publications and Events, Museums Association
- 1405 Facing the future**
 Maggie Appleton, President, Museums Association, on how the challenges facing the sector during the coronavirus crisis and how the Museums Association is responding
- 1415 Support**
 Sharon Heal, Director, Museums Association on how we are supporting our members and the wider sector during the crisis through advocacy, funding, practical advice and professional development
- 1425 Advocacy**
 Alistair Brown, Policy Manager, Museums Association on the work we are doing to advocate for museums during the lockdown
- 1435 Questions**
- 1445 BREAKOUT ROOM 1 Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund**
 Sally Colvin, Programmes Manager, Museums Association on Sustaining Engagement with Collection grants, a new £350,000 strand of the Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund designed to support museums in the current coronavirus shutdown.
- 1445 BREAKOUT ROOM 2 Professional development support**
 Tamsin Russell, Professional Development Officer, Museums Association, discusses the workforce support that we are offering during the coronavirus crisis, including the benefits of the AMA, Museum Essentials and our mentoring programmes.
- 1500 Panel discussion and Q&A**
 Four speakers discuss how museums in Northern Ireland are dealing with crisis and the work being done to stay connected with communities
 Jenny Haslett, Museum Manager, Northern Ireland War Memorial and Museums Association rep
 Elaine Hill, Heritage Development Officer, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council and Museums Association rep
 Sinéad McCartan, Director, Northern Ireland Museums Council
 Kathryn Thomson, Chief Executive, National Museums NI

- 1525** **Final thoughts**
Simon Stephens, Head of Publications and Events, Museums Association
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