

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS 2012-2013

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UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS GROUP CONFERENCE

In March 2013 the Oxford University Museums hosted the 25th Anniversary University Museums Group Conference, up for discussion “What are University Museums for?”

In one of the groups most well attended conferences to date, 100 delegates from across the UK and parts of Europe descended on Oxford for the two day event.

Keynote speakers included:

Lord Chris Smith, former Culture Secretary

David Sweeney, Director of Research Innovation and Skills, HEFCE

Hedley Swain, Head of Museums for Arts Council England.

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

We worked with the MUSEUM OF OXFORD, continuing to second two members of staff to deliver their community engagement and reminiscence programmes

We worked with BANBURY MUSEUM on the expansion of the reminiscence service and on delivering training to their new shadow Board ahead of their move to Trust

We worked with POWELL COTTON MUSEUM on an HLF application that culminated in an exhibition of Angolan artefacts which we supported through services and training in conservation, mount making, display and the delivery of educational activities

ASPIRE ADVICE

We've given advice to museums and cultural organisations on subjects such as 3D Imaging, Collections Management, Conservation, Education, Exhibitions, Fundraising, Human Resources, Lighting, Merchandising, Print on Demand, Publishing, Venue Hire and Visitor Experience.

We are currently providing mentoring relationships to colleagues from Chiltern Open Air Museum and the Russell-Cotes Gallery on Fundraising and Philanthropy.



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ASPIRE KNOWLEDGE SHARING EVENTS PROGRAMME

From November 2012 to March 2013 ASPIRE delivered 6 knowledge sharing events for museum and cultural professionals around the areas of Fundraising and Philanthropy, Digital Thinking for Museums, Commercial Enterprise and Managing Museums

Events were attended by 129 delegates from 76 different organisations.

70% of attendees were from organisations in our key Berkshire-Oxfordshire -Buckinghamshire (BOB) region, to whom we offered priority places.

Delegates also came from as far afield as Glasgow, Leeds, Sheffield, Derby, Plymouth, Exeter & Norwich.

103 delegates returned evaluation forms & their feedback was overwhelmingly positive. 99% of delegates rated both their overall experience and the speakers positively.



THANKS TO ALL OUR COLLEAGUES WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO PLAN & DELIVER THESE EVENTS:

Jossie Austen, Senior Campaigns Executive, Oxford University Museums & Collections

Susie Billings, Senior Development Manager, Ashmolean Museum

Helen Bottomley, Development Officer, Heritage Lottery Fund

Sarah Casey, Development Officer, Ashmolean Museum

Yvonne Cawkwell, Retail Manager, Museum of Natural History & Pitt Rivers

Jeremy Ensor, Commercial Director, Ashmolean Museum

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