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GEMS Networking Day: Focus on Fa.m.ily Audiences Perth Museum & Art Gallery Friday 18th January 2008

An informal day exploring the different ways museums are providing activities and resources for family audiences.

Case Study 1: Perth Museum & Art Gallery: Strategic Change Fund project

Barbara Hamilton, Principal Officer Learning and Margaret Forbes, formerly Family Learning Co-ordinator, Learning & Access will speak about *Family Learning: From pre-school to senior citizens* including:

- Family Activity Times
- *Perth - Past, Present & Future* inter generational family Competition
- Making galleries and exhibitions more family friendly
- Community Loan Kits

Case Study 2: National Museums Scotland Discovery Zones

Christine McLean, Access & Outreach Manager and Alison Rae, Learning & Programmes Assistant will talk about the development and use of 4 new interactive Discovery Zones in the National Museum of Scotland galleries: Early People (Picts, Romans, Vikings) Kingdom of the Scots (Medieval/Renaissance), Riddle's Court (18th century) and Emigration (19th century).

Case Study 3: Dumfries Museum Talking Toys & Family Trails

Fiona Wilson, MA/SMC Development Officer (Scotland) and Siobhan Ratchford, Museums Officer at Dumfries Museum will give suggestions for the development of low cost Family Learning Activities in a small museum, using Dumfries Museum's Talking Toys as an example, followed by an introduction to different kinds of low cost trails that can be developed in-house.

The day will include a **Practical Activity**. Delegates will work in groups to develop family trails for Perth Museum & Art Galleries. There will be guidance on choice of galleries, objects, collections and themes *and* family audiences for this activity.

Focus on Family Audiences: A GEM Scotland Networking Day

10.30 a.m. – 4p.m.

10.30-11 a.m.	Registration, Coffee Welcome & Introductions	Christine McLean	GEMS Joint Convenor
11.00 a.m.- 11.45 a.m.	Case Study 1: Perth Museum & Art Gallery: Strategic Change Fund project	Barbara Hamilton Margaret Forbes	Principal Officer Learning and Access
11.45 a.m.- 12.30 p.m.	Case Study 2 Discovery Zones at National Museum of Scotland	Christine McLean Alison Rae	Access & Outreach Manager, NMS Learning & Programmes Assistant, NMS
12.30 p.m.- 1.15 p.m.	Case Study 3 Talking Toys & Family Trails Dumfries Museum	Fiona Wilson Siobhan Ratchford	MA/SMC Development Officer Museums Officer, Dumfries Museum
LUNCH 1.15 p.m. -2.00 p.m.			
2.00 p.m.- 2.45p.m.	Practical Activity: develop a trail for the host museum	Fiona Wilson Siobhan Ratchford	
2.45 p.m.- 3.15 p.m.	Test Out trails around Perth Museum & Art Gallery		
3.15 p.m.- 4.00 p.m.	Feedback results of trails & FINISH		