



Engaging Your Community/

Putting words
into practice

A major national training
seminar focusing on
partnership work with
adult community groups.

Causeway
Museum
Service

24-26
April 2008

What does community engagement mean for your museum?
Is it about chasing the latest funding agenda or does it represent a real opportunity for museum practice? How do you translate ideas about being open, responsive and inclusive into your management structure, strategic planning and programming? How can you show that working with your community is worthwhile?

This major national training seminar focuses on partnership work with adult community groups. You will have the opportunity to learn from best practice across the UK and Ireland and, more importantly, how to put ideas into practice in your own context.

Thursday 24 April

6.00pm **Registration at Causeway Hotel**
7.00pm **Drinks reception** sponsored by Moyle District Council
Buffet dinner

Friday 25 April

9.00am Coach departs for GADDA Community Centre, Garvagh
9.30am Registration/Coffee

10.00am **Chair** Mark Robinson, Heritage Lottery Fund
Welcome Mayor Cllr. Maurice Bradley, Coleraine Borough Council
Opening Address Gemma Reid, Causeway Museum Service
Keynote Address Alec Coles, Tyne and Wear Museums

11.15am **CHOICE OF 3 WORKSHOPS**

History and Outreach - a beautiful friendship

Using Tyne and Wear Museums as a model for exploring practical approaches to the development of interdepartmental working.

Zoe Brown, *Tyne and Wear Museums*

Out there/in here

Engaging managers and funders to support engaging our communities. From 'one-off' projects to core function - can sustainability be more than a buzz word?

Helen Perry, *Causeway Museum Service*

Who is my community?

Defining your role in community life; identifying and recruiting community partners; relationship-building; and reconciling different goals.

Gemma Reid, *Causeway Museum Service*

12.00pm **Community archives were made for me**

Robert Heslip, *Belfast City Council* and Ian Oxley, *Commanet*

1.00pm **LUNCH**

1.45pm **CHOICE OF 4 WORKSHOPS**

Teaching the teachers

Learning Outside the Classroom is not just for children - do teachers know how your resources can help them deliver the curriculum?

Nicky Morgan, *MLA Yorkshire*

A story that binds us all

Using the new London, Sugar & Slavery Gallery at the Museum in Docklands as a case study for enabling community engagement in the development of permanent exhibitions.

Lucie Amos and Lynda Agard, *Museum of London*

Exploring different faiths

Using stories and objects to engage with diverse faith communities. Do your collections, exhibitions and programmes reflect the diversity of our changing population?

Jenny Siung, *Chester Beatty Library*

Representing the travelling community

Do museums have a role in addressing community relations? How can you develop relationships with settled and travelling communities and how do you present their experiences to your local community?

Marie McMahon, *South Tipperary Museum*

3.00pm **COFFEE**

3.15pm **How do we know if they are learning?**

How to identify learning outcomes, measure and analyse them. Then test out some tools by evaluating your own learning experience during the day.

Alison James, *Evaluation Consultant*

4.45pm **Closing Address - Gemma Reid**, *Causeway Museum Service*

5.00pm **Finish**

6.30pm **Drinks reception** sponsored by Coleraine Borough Council
Dinner at the Ramore Restaurant, Portrush

9.30pm **Return to Causeway Hotel**

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Saturday 26 April

Choose from 3 guided tours of community-led projects across the Causeway Area.

9.30am Buses depart from Causeway Hotel

Tour 1 AM – Balnaree Mill Tour, Balnaree Community Association. LUNCH – Community Archives, Ballymoney Museum. PM – Clachan Project, Glens of Antrim Historical Society

Tour 2 AM – Language & Dialect in North Antrim, Mosside Community Association. LUNCH – Our Lives, Green Lane Museum. PM – North Sperrins Heritage Trail, Feeny Community Association

Tour 3 AM – Limavady Workhouse, Limavady Community Development Initiative. LUNCH – Bringing the Cows Back, Coleraine Town Hall. PM – Boyd's Ballycastle walking tour, Ballycastle Historical Research Group

5.00pm Buses return to Causeway Hotel

7.00pm **Drinks reception** sponsored by Limavady and Ballymoney Borough Councils
Dinner at Stranocum Hall

Causeway Museum Service

The Causeway Museum Service represents a partnership between the four local authorities of Coleraine, Ballymoney, Limavady and Moyle. This seminar is a key milestone in developing innovative practice in community engagement, which to date has been supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.


For more information or to make a booking:

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For more information about the Causeway Area log on to www.northcoastni.com



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