

Challenging History

Learning practitioners from the heritage and museum sector are invited to apply to take part in **Challenging History** from June-October 2009. The programme will explore the role, aims and outcomes of heritage and museum learning programmes in relation to difficult and controversial subjects.

Challenging History aims to support participants to:

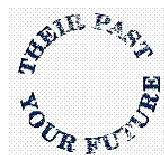
- articulate the value of delivering learning programmes in their institutions around difficult and controversial subjects;
- identify suitable approaches to different types of subjects;
- inform their own practice.

The programme will comprise of four half-day seminars for 20 heritage and museum sector learning practitioners and university academic staff on the **16th June, 2nd July, 16th September and 12th October 2009, 1.00-5.00pm, at the Tower of London.**

Challenging History draws on experiences from the Imperial War Museum Their Past Your Future (TPYF) InSite programme www.theirpast-yourfuture.org.uk and is a partnership project between Historic Royal Palaces Tower of London, MLA London and City University funded through the MLA TPYF phase 2 grants programme, supported by big lottery.

Seminars

The seminars will include a presentation of research to date, case studies from across the sector and time for in depth discussion. Culture Policy and Management at City University will document the seminars and produce a summary that will include an overview of discussion and questions arising from the sessions, an overall reflection on the issues raised and how they might be taken forward.



The four seminars will cover:

16 th June	The role of learning programmes in delivering difficult and controversial subjects
2 nd July	Approaches to difficult and controversial subjects
16 th September	The impact of audience on role and approaches
12 th October	Organisational, community and individual outcomes of learning programmes build around difficult and controversial subjects

Commitment

Staff taking part in the programme commit to:

- attending four half day workshops at the Tower of London on the June, 2nd July, 16th September and 12th October 2009;
- disseminating the seminar findings either within their own organisations or through local museum/heritage learning networks with support from MLA London.
- completing an evaluation of the impact of the programme on their work.

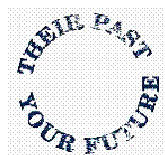
Cost

Funding from MLA's Their Past Your Future Phase 2 Programme and in kind support from Historic Royal Palaces Tower of London and MLA London allows the programme to be offered for free.

Applying to take part

Please complete the application form and send to Sarah.Preece@hrp.org.uk. Applicants will be selected on the following criteria:

- existing or planned activity delivering difficult or controversial subjects in a heritage environment;
- capacity to take part in the programme;
- demonstrable benefit to the applicant and their institution.



Deadlines

Applications need to be submitted no later than 15th May 2009; applicants will be notified if they have been successful by the 22nd May 2009.

Further information

For further information about the programme please contact:

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