

## **‘Use It or Lose It’**

Natural Sciences Collections Association  
Conference & AGM  
29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
Horniman Museum and Gardens and  
Grant Museum of Zoology, UCL



### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012: Horniman Museum and Gardens**

*Please note that the Horniman Museum is approx 1 hour from Euston*

**10:00 – 10:30** Registration and coffee

**10:30 – 10:35** Introduction: Paolo Viscardi, Jack Ashby

**10:35 – 10:50** Welcome from Janet Vitmayer, Director of Horniman Museum

**10:50 – 11:10** “Gaining young Children’s Perspective on Natural History Collections”

Elee Kirk, School of Museum Studies, University of Leicester, and independent museum researcher and educator

**11:10 – 11:30** “The Giant Squid – the Making of an Iconic Specimen”  
Jonathon Ablett, Zoology Department, Natural History Museum

**11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break**

**12:00 – 12:20** “How Museums can support Higher Education: Engaging Universities with Museums”

Jack Ashby, Grant Museum of Zoology, UCL

**12:20 – 12:40** “400 years of Collection: The use of Bryozoans for environmental and biodiversity research”

Mary Spencer Jones, Zoology Department, Natural History Museum

**12:40 – 13:00** “Gorillas, graffiti and Dolly Parton: An A-Z of audience engagement through Natural Science”

Liz Knight and Esther Amis-Hughes, Leeds Museums and Galleries

**13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH**

**14.00 – 14.40 AGM**

**14:40 – 16:10** A selection of guided tours at either;

1) Crystal Palace Dinosaurs (numbers limited – info to follow)

Or

2) Horniman Museum, visiting:

- Gardens
- Aquarium
- Natural History Galleries

*Travel back to Bloomsbury / Euston*

**17:30 – 19:00** Reception at Grant Museum of Zoology, UCL

**19:30 – 21:30** Conference Meal

**Friday 30<sup>h</sup> March 2012: Grant Museum of Zoology, UCL**

**09:30 – 10:00** Registration and coffee

**10:00 – 10:15** Welcome from Sally MacDonald, Director, UCL Museums and Public Engagement

**10:15 – 10:40** “A bit of a pickle: Reassessing the spirit preserved specimens at Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery.”

Jan Freedman, Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery

**10:40 – 11:05** “Connecting the dots: Natural Science Collections and the Web”

Ed Baker, Entomology Department, Natural History Museum

**11:05 – 11:30** “Acquiring and reviewing collections for HE teaching”

Hannah Russ, Archaeology Department, University of Sheffield

**11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break**

**12:00 – 12:25** “How to teach with objects – a guide for convincing lecturers to use your collection”

Rosalind Duhs, Centre for the Advancement of Learning and Teaching  
Leonie Hannan, UCL Museums

**12:25 – 12:50** “How to get grant funding”

Sally Colvin/Gina Evans, Museums Association

**12:50 – 14:00 LUNCH**

**14:00 – 16:30** Two tours and a workshop, in three groups (repeated):

Workshop: Collections Review Toolkit for Natural History  
Mark Carnall and Jayne Dunn, UCL Museums

Tours of Wellcome Collections and one of UCL’s Museums

**16:30 Conference end**