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GEM North East One-Day Event Programme 2013

### **Museums as Partners in Learning**

#### **Developing Enquiry Based Practice in Museums**

*In association with Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums (TWAM)*

**11am – 4pm, Friday 1 February 2013**

**Great North Museum: Hancock, Newcastle**

Over the last decade investment has supported a sea-change in the way museums have been able to serve primary schools. However, both the education and cultural sectors have now entered a time of unprecedented change. This training is designed to ensure that museums have the opportunity to work through that change in partnership with teachers, in order to ensure that the sectors can continue to work together in new and exciting ways.

The aim of the event is for participants to take away an understanding of the opportunities and challenges of approaching schools as equal partners to co-construct enquiry based practice in museums, and the confidence to undertake this approach. Using TWAM's ongoing *Dare to Enquire* programme as a stimulus for discussion, the day will focus on the 'who', 'what', 'where', 'when', 'why', and 'how' of wanting to work in equal partnership with teachers, and whether such a concept exists in reality.

The day will be facilitated by Ian Patience, co-director of Thinkwell, a consultancy dedicated to working with organisations to develop cultures that inspire and support better thinking, learning and living. Ian is experienced at developing 'Creative Enquiry' with museum educators in the NE, Wakefield Museums, the Ashmolean and the Museum of London.

Participants will unpick ideas around enquiry and partnership and turn their ideas into a series of actions to explore in their own venues. Participants will be encouraged to disseminate their experiences at the 'Museums as Partners in Learning Conference' on 1 March.

**Cost: Free to GEM members. £10 for non-members.**

**To book your place please contact:**

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## **Museums as Partners in Learning**

### **Talking Objects**

*In association with Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums and the British Museum*

**12.30 pm – 4pm, Friday 15 February, 2013,**

**Great North Museum: Hancock, Newcastle**

Talking Objects National uses pre-established methodology to support partner museums in developing sustainable relationships with under-represented audiences within their visitor profiles. Projects are undertaken in collaboration with youth groups, community organisations, art practitioners and museum curators. Sessions stem from a dialogue around a chosen object and build on the development of creative responses to the object, with participant's ideas and opinions at the heart of the process.

Current partners museums are: Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums, Bristol's Museums, Galleries and Archives, Colchester and Ipswich Museum Services, Newark and Sherwood Museum Service, Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery, and Royal Pavilion and Museum, Brighton.

In this session we will hear from Maria Bojanowska from the British Museum about how the approach has worked with current museum partners. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss potential opportunities to explore how this approach can be explored back at their own venues. We will support participants to disseminate their experiences of using comparable approaches at the Museums as Partners in Learning Conference on 1 March.

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**Museums as Partners in Learning – Conference  
Embedding Enquiry Based Partnership in Practice**

*In association with Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums*

**9.30am – 4.30pm, Friday 1 March 2013,  
Great North Museum: Hancock, Newcastle**

This conference aims to place enquiry learning and museums on the map. Find out about innovative approaches to enquiry based learning and its potential to develop powerful learning experiences in museums.

This conference follows on from the two 'Museums as Partners in Learning' training days – 'Developing Enquiry Based Practice in Museums' and 'Talking Objects.' Participants are not required to have attended the training days to attend this conference.

It will provide the opportunity to share ideas and experiences from those training days, setting enquiry based learning in the museum context. The day will also provide an opportunity to share practice and new models of working, with the aim of bringing together a sustainable community of practice to embed the enquiry approach across museums and schools.

A full programme of the day will follow.

GEM NE events take place in exciting venues with speakers who are experts in their field, exploring national issues in education and museums through a regional lens. Sessions are practical, and include presentations, Q&A sessions and a chance to exchange ideas with other GEM members.

**Cost: £25 to GEM members. £50 for non-members.**

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