
Curating Human Remains In Museums

Career Development Seminar

Details of the Seminar



Many museums and institutions within the UK hold remains as part of their collections, however outside the large institutions such as national museums and major universities the collections are usually cared for by non-specialist curation staff.

These seminars aim to provide career development training to those who are museums professionals but do not have specialist skills in the area of human remains by using the skills and expertise of the Human Remains SSN members who are trained in all aspects of the care of human remains from curation to the legal and ethical requirements of holding these remains.

The seminar will cover major issues, such as documentation, access, ethics, the law, display and conservation. The morning session will be presentations on each of the areas above and will also aim to show how existing curation skills are also applicable to human remains and highlight any areas of difference. The afternoon will concentrate on case studies which participants will discuss in small groups and feed back to the whole group. These case studies will be based on real life problems that curators in other institutions

have faced. The actual outcome of each case will be presented after the group presentation and be discussed and compared to each group's decisions.

Tea and coffee and lunch will be provided. There are bursaries available to cover the cost of the course and travel to the venue. Applications for places will be on a first come basis but please state if you wish to apply for a bursary. It is also possible to pay to attend and this cost will be very small to cover expenses, details of both the bursaries and full cost will be available soon.