Programming Excellence

We worked with 58 local partners to deliver Curating Cambridge, diversifying our offer and reaching new audiences.

The Art & Science of Curation project is stimulating national debate about curating and curation across the sector.

Over 45 exhibitions attracted over 670,000 visits.

Care and conservation staff provided specialist expertise for our museums and the regional and national sector.

More than 1,000 objects were loaned to other venues nationally and internationally.

Young People helped to curate the I Come From a Place exhibition at Kettle’s Yard.

Bedwyr Williams, Artist in Residence at the University’s North West Cambridge Development explored our museums through film in Century Egg.

Artist Paul Rooney created The Seven Heads of Gog Magog, a digital artwork inspired by our collections.

Engaging Audiences

692,771 people visited our museums.

99% of visitors rated their visit as ‘good’ or ‘very good’.

Curating Cambridge attracted over 16,400 visits to events and over 38,800 visits to exhibitions.

Audience research is improving our understanding of audiences.

A record 12,668 people participated in nearly 100 events at 20 venues across the county, during Summer at the Museums 2014.

We engaged with local residents by attending 5 community summer fetes and festivals.

Over 1,000 visitors participated in Museums at Night 2014, 36% of who were first time visitors.

More than 10,600 people visited during Twilight at the Museums 2015.

15,985 participants engaged in 413 outreach activities throughout the year.

Our Try Your Hand programme is encouraging new adult audiences to engage and respond to our museums.

Communities, Children & Young People

We are an Arts Award Good Practice Centre, offering all 5 levels of the Award.

195 young people achieved an Arts Award.

1,254 visits were made by schools, with 33,937 students engaging with the collections.

17 young people participated in our annual Young Carers project.

We are working in partnership with Cambridge City Council’s Children and Young People’s Participation and Traveller education teams; 747 young people took part in our events in the ChYpPs Summerdaze programme.

We support cultural education through our pioneering strategic relationships with secondary schools and partner primaries.

164 GCSE, A Level and BTEC Art Students were supported through our SOURCE programme.

Student Museum Ambassadors developed resources to encourage their peers to visit the museums.
Building Knowledge

Over 410 volunteers supported the museums contributing more than 24,200 hours of their time

Our Staff exchange expertise through the East of England SHARE regional training and support programme

Museum staff shared their passion for their favourite objects in the My Museum Favourite trail

Our Get Involved webpages promote workforce opportunities to diverse audiences

A rolling programme of Creative Apprenticeships is providing young people opportunities to get on-the-job training whilst working towards an NVQ

73 young people participated in work experience taster days

2 paid internships have provided early career experience for young people

12 young people took part in a Conservation Work Experience gaining an insight into careers in conservation

Our ongoing programme of staff training ensures all staff have relevant and up to date skills

Behind the Scenes

Our Green Museums project is exploring issues of environment and sustainability in our collections

We are exploring the use of mobile technologies in museums, using Bluetooth LE Beacons

Curating Cambridge provided an opportunity to develop and consolidate our relationships with local partners

We are taking a lead role in the Cambridge Arts and Cultural Leaders Group, supporting a city-wide cultural strategy

We are engaging audiences with the care of our collections through our Conservation Conversations events

We are improving conservation and collections care standards across our museums and sharing our expertise through masterclasses and study days

We have over 49,000 followers on twitter and 35,000 likes on facebook across our museums

We published over 240 posts on the blog receiving 50,565 views and over 1,000,000 visits across our museum websites

University of Cambridge Museums

We are proud to be an Arts Council funded Major Partner Museum

Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (MAA)
Museum of Classical Archaeology
Museum of Zoology
The Fitzwilliam Museum
Kettle’s Yard
The Polar Museum
Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences
Whipple Museum of the History of Science

working with our key partner Cambridge University Botanic Garden

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