



That Belongs in a Museum!

Local heritage symposium

Saturday 24 September

10.30am-3.30pm

Aberdeen Art Gallery

Free, booking essential



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That belongs in a museum ...! Or does it?

Join us for a day of presentations and discussions exploring how artefacts end up in museums, who puts them there and why – and what it all means once they're part of a collection.

We've invited a fantastic range of people who work in many different areas of heritage management locally and nationally. They'll be sharing insights into their own areas of work, from excavating skeletons under Aberdeen Art Gallery, to repatriation and ethical ownership and the idea of being 'good ancestors'.

Our panelists want to hear from you – come along and tell us what you think actually belongs in a museum. And what do you think about who decides? How do we identify what kinds of heritage are worth preserving, and how do those objects come into museums? What about cultural heritage outside of the museum?

You don't have to work in a museum to enjoy this event – everyone is welcome.

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Programme

10.30am Welcome

Jenny Brown, Lead Curator (History),
Aberdeen Archives, Gallery & Museums

10.40am Keynote

Treasure Trove in Scotland

Emily Freeman, Treasure Trove Manager

11am Panel

Who decides what belongs in a museum?

Sue Taylor, Alford Heritage Museum

Steven Watt, Project Officer,
AOC Archaeology Group

Joan Bruce, Gallery Review Team Leader,
The Garioch Heritage Society

Lesley Anne Rose, Culture Collective
'Safe Harbour: Open Sea' project in Fittie

Chair: Patricia Weeks, Museums Development
Officer, Live Life Aberdeenshire

12.15pm Panel

Making the most of museum collections

Dr Anthony Schrag, Artist and Senior Lecturer
in Cultural Policy & Arts Administration,
Queen Margaret University

Derek Jennings, Vice Chair,
The Book of Deer Project

Neil Curtis, Head of Museums & Special
Collections, University of Aberdeen

Chair: Bruce Mann, Regional Archaeologist,
Aberdeenshire Council Archaeology Service

1.45pm Breakout discussions

Choose to attend two 20-min sessions:

Do you see yourself or people like you represented in the museum? How can we improve the breadth of Aberdeen City residents past and present represented in our collections?

Energy, economy and the environment: we live in interesting times. What should we be collecting now to preserve for the future?

Should human remains be part of museum collections? When and how is it acceptable to keep human remains and display them?

Museums exist for the public benefit, in many cases with vast collections. How can we make best use of these resources for everyone?

3pm Feedback from breakout groups, reflections and discussions with all speakers

3.30pm Close

