

Conference Bursaries

Bursaries worth up to £250 each are available to GEM members.



GEM Conference 2010

Tuesday 7 September – Friday 10 September

Hampton Court Palace & St Mary's University College, Strawberry Hill, London

Young People & Heritage



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This year's GEM conference takes place from 7 to 10 September 2010 at the magnificent, world-renowned Hampton Court Palace and St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, London.

Young people are an important audience for heritage organisations. What do we want our children to become, what expectations do they have of themselves and what are the big issues which will influence their lives?

We will look to the unique role of heritage organisations in helping young people to understand and interpret these issues; investigating the contribution of creative learning, live interpretation and digital resources.

We will explore how learning in the UK helps prepare young people for a changing world. For example, skills-based vocational learning (such as diplomas), new ways of working with early years and an ambitious agenda for lifelong cultural learning.

We will debate what works and identify the opportunities and potential pitfalls for heritage organisations in supporting the education and welfare of young people in the twenty first century.



Tuesday 7 September

15.00 Conference registration

16.00 First timers' tea and cake

18.30 Depart (by coach) for evening meal at the Naked Turtle jazz restaurant.

21.30 Return to Strawberry Hill

Wednesday 8 September

What can heritage offer young people in a rapidly changing world?

As formal education is just one element in nurturing a child we explore the holistic role of heritage organisations in a multi-dimensional, multi-agency approach to childhood and ask what is their unique role and potential.

MORNING PROGRAMME

Hampton Court Palace

08.30 Registration for day delegates
Refreshments

09.00 Welcome & Opening Address
John Reeve, Chair, GEM

09.15 Keynote address
Children today: the forces shaping young people's lives and learning
Andrew Gilyard, Director of Business Development, Children's Society

09.45 Keynote address
Heritage organisations at the heart of a healthy childhood
Sandy Nairne, Director, National Portrait Gallery and Chair of National Museum Director's Conference

10.15 Q&A with keynote speakers

10.30 Refreshments

11.00 Breakout Sessions
These sessions will explore in more detail some of the issues raised in the morning's keynote speeches.

a) *Facilitating skills-based learning in heritage organisations* – **Mandy Westcott**, Formal Education Officer, National Museums Wales

(b) *Heritage organisations promoting active citizenship and community cohesion* – **Pollie Shorthouse**, Galleries of Justice Museum, NCCL

(c) *Listening to young people* – **Claire Adler**, Heritage Learning Consultant

12.15 – 14.00 Lunch (& time to look around Hampton Court Palace)

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

Hampton Court Palace

There are four options to choose from. Options (a) and (b) consist of two short sessions.

(a) *Supporting the study of A-level in museums and heritage sites - best practice through partnership working, and The White Tower and the Chance of a Lifetime project: conservation learning case study*
Historic Royal Palaces education team

(b) *Artist residencies: The benefits of a different perspective on our heritage, and Culture Shock: A welcome challenge. Exploring the social value of the museum experience for young people.*
Historic Royal Palaces education team

(c) *Initial Teacher Education* **Caroline Marcus**, National Gallery

(d) *Into Work Skills for Young People*, **John Bull**, London Transport Museum

16.15 Coaches return to Strawberry Hill

18.00 Members' presentations
Short presentations from GEM members on a wide range of case studies, best professional practice and good ideas. (See panel)

19.15 Leave (on foot) for evening meal and networking opportunities at the riverside pub, the Anglers.





Members' Presentations

Wednesday 8 September 18.00
GEM members attending the conference who would like to present a case study (ten minutes) should email the title, 100 word synopsis and details of any audiovisual equipment that they will need, to office@gem.org.uk by 9 July.

The main criteria for selection will be how relevant the "lessons learned" from the case study are to enhancing young people's learning and development through heritage.



Thursday 9 September

How is education changing and how does that affect us?

The future of heritage education not only in the context of curriculum change but also in the face of budget cuts and reduced public spending. To what extent can heritage organisations be a force for shaping as well as supporting the delivery of the education of young people?

MORNING PROGRAMME

St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill

08.30 Registration for day delegates
Refreshments

09.00 Welcome & Opening Remarks
Vicky Woollard, Deputy Chair, GEM

09.15 Keynote address
How is education changing?
Prof Peter Mortimore, former Director, Institute of Education & Education Guardian columnist

09.45 Keynote address
Bridging the gap - the potential of intergenerational learning. **Dr John Stevenson**, Director, GEM

10.15 Q&A with keynote speakers

10.30 Refreshments

11.00 Breakout Sessions
(a) *Supporting the learning and development of very young children* – **Jo Graham**, Learning Unlimited

(b) *Digital technology and young people* – **Martin Bazley**, Online Experience Consultant

(c) *Opportunities for vocational learning through heritage* – **Norma Rosso**, Visual Roots Project, Engage

12.15 Lunch

13.00 – 13.45 Optional special preview tour of Strawberry Hill House before it opens to the public. Maximum 30 people. £5 donation required on the day.



AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

14.00 Coaches depart

Delegates may choose one of the following four options:

(a) *Digital learning at the National Archives, Kew*, led by the National Archives education team.

(b) *Climate change and the environment at Kew Gardens*, led by the Kew Gardens education team.

(c) *Working with vulnerable young people at Orleans House*, led by Miranda Stearn.

(d) *Providing for special education needs at the Holly Lodge Centre*, led by Pat Ealey.

16.15 Coaches return to campus

EVENING PROGRAMME

18.30 Coaches depart for evening meal at Hampton Court Palace

19.00 AGM

19.30 Annual dinner
Guest Speaker (tbc)

22.00 Return to Strawberry Hill



Friday 10 September

Focus Study & Network Day

Delegates have the option of either going to a practical workshop on performance techniques or exploring the Tower of London and the learning that takes place there. This day is an excellent opportunity to improve your practical skills and find out more about best practice in heritage education as well as to network with others passionate about learning.

Learning, performance and storytelling

Hampton Court Palace
09.00 – 15.00

This practical workshop led by Adrian Tissier, National Trust, will provide a practical introduction to performance techniques - including use of voice and body, movement and working with text.

Delegates will have the opportunity to explore how they can use these techniques to enhance the delivery of everyday learning activities; as well as understanding whether, when and why outside expertise is necessary.

They will also receive practical training in storytelling – one of the most transferable live interpretation techniques and often the most effective at bringing learning for all ages to life.



Learning at the Tower of London

09.00 – 15.00

Delegates will be accompanied by Historic Royal Palace education staff to the Tower of London.

They will spend the day exploring the site and the learning projects and programmes that take place there.

For delegates staying at Strawberry Hill, transport to Hampton Court Palace and the Tower of London will be provided, but delegates will need to make their own transport arrangements for the end of the day.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

There are only 50 places for each of these events, so book early! Priority for these places will be given to delegates attending the whole conference.



St Mary's University College, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham

Breakfast and all residential accommodation will be at St Mary's University College. The second full day of the conference (Thursday 9 September) will also be based at the college.

The site is set in some 35 acres of lawns adjacent to the River Thames. It is built around the recently refurbished eighteenth century villa at Strawberry Hill, which was the home to Horace Walpole and later the Waldegrave family. The campus is easily accessed by public transport with mainline trains running from London Waterloo to the nearby Strawberry Hill train station and Heathrow airport about ten miles away. All residential accommodation at Strawberry Hill is en suite.

Access

If you have specific access or other needs, please tell us well in advance.

Fees

Full details of fees are on the booking form. There is a reduction of £25 for GEM members if booked before 23 July and fees paid by 13 August.

Conference Bursaries

Details of conference bursaries are on the website: www.gem.org.uk.

General Enquiries

For general enquiries about the conference please contact GEM at 54 Balmoral Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 4PG. Tel/Fax: 01634 853424. Email: office@gem.org.uk

While GEM hopes to run the conference according to this programme, changes at short notice are possible.