

**DIPLOMAS: HERITAGE LEARNING 14 - 19**  
**10.00 – 16.00, Tuesday 13 April 2010, World Museum, Liverpool**

It hasn't always been easy for heritage organisations to engage with secondary learners. But education for 14 to 19 year olds in England is being reformed. The programme of reform is refocusing education to give young people a greater choice of qualifications which suit their interests and learning style; consequently better equipping them for the fast changing world in which they are growing up. The Diploma is a central part of this programme and combines theoretical study with practical experience. Launched in September 2008, Diplomas are gradually being rolled out across the country and by 2011 will be available in 17 subjects. They will sit alongside GCSEs, A Levels and Apprenticeships in the suite of qualifications available to young people.

Diplomas provide heritage organisations with significant opportunities to support learning:

- Heritage organisations can offer the hands-on, real world learning experiences that the Diploma prioritises
- The Diploma will be offered locally as part of a consortium: a group of schools, colleges, employers and training providers who have agreed to work together to deliver the Diploma. This consortium approach gives heritage organisations an opportunity to be involved in the planning as well as the delivery of learning
- The consortium approach gives heritage organisations the opportunity to build up long-term learning partnerships in the local area

Through this one day seminar, we will provide you with a comprehensive introduction to the Diploma and guidance on how you can get involved. Through keynote speeches, tours and discussion groups, we will cover:

- The structure of the Diploma and its various subjects
- The delivery of the Diploma and how consortia operate
- Opportunities for heritage organisations as employers as well as learning providers
- Diplomas with particular relevance to heritage organisations e.g. business, administration and finance, travel and tourism, construction and the built environment etc.

**Who should attend?**

- Learning specialists or those who plan and deliver learning programmes at museums and other heritage organisations/sites
- Those interested in finding out more about the 14-19 Diploma
- Those interested in establishing links with employers, schools and colleges involved with Diplomas

**Next steps**

If you are interested in booking a place at this event, please download the booking form from the GEM website [www.gem.org.uk](http://www.gem.org.uk) or contact the GEM office: [office@gem.org.uk](mailto:office@gem.org.uk) or 01634 853 424.

**Please note that there are a maximum of 50 places available at the event. So book early to avoid disappointment.**

**Further information**

<http://yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas/>

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?sid=3&pid=224&ctype=None&ptype=Contents>