

Building a Learning Legacy Cymru

Building a Learning Legacy Cymru is a project funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and is a partnership between CyMAL, Swansea Museum and GEM which has as its key aim the sharing of ideas and expertise amongst museums in Wales, in particular those who may not have dedicated learning teams or have recently extended their learning work. This will be done by skills networking events, producing resources such as ‘handy guides’ and creating a pool of ‘problem solvers’ who will share their particular areas of expertise.

Two skills sharing networking training events are being held in January and February 2008: *A starter kit for learning in museums* and *What teachers want from a museum visit*. Each event is being run from 10:00 –16:00 on three different dates at different venues.

A starter kit for learning in museums

Wednesday 16 January 2008	Scolton Manor nr Haverfordwest
Wednesday 23 January 2008	Cyfarthfa Castle nr Merthyr Tydfyl
Thursday 31 January 2008	Bodelwyddan Castle nr Rhyl

For those who

- are new to museum learning
- have just taken on a role that involved learning
- have to do everything in their museum
- want to explore new, inexpensive ways to inspire visitors

Context

Learning for life is becoming an increasingly important aspect of our museums, both in terms of attracting visitors and funding to support those visits. This can be difficult in particular in smaller museums or those where funding is very restricted. This day will provide an opportunity to explore what an increase in learning can bring to your museum and how this can be brought about within your constraints.

Content

This will vary from venue to venue as the host museum and local speakers will talk about their work relating to the event.

The days will include:

- How we learn – different ways of learning and learning from objects
- Learning in the host museum including discovery boxes or dressing up
- Teachers packs – what to include
- Events on a tight budget

Outcomes

- There should be plenty of new ideas for things to try
- Ideas of where to look for information to support learning
- A chance to be part of a skills share network in your area

What teachers want from a visit to your museum

Monday 4 February 2008 Swansea Museum
and National Waterfront Museum
Wednesday 20 February 2008 Powysland Museum, Welshpool
Monday 25 February 2008 Bangor Museum

For those who

- are new to museum learning
- have just taken on a role that involves learning
- have to do everything in their museum
- want to explore working with schools
- would like the opportunity to share ideas with colleagues and take away new ways of working with schools

Context

Working with schools and learning outside the classroom is becoming increasingly important to museums. Funders more frequently look at a proposed project to see the potential impact on local communities including work with schools. This can appear daunting in smaller museums or those where funding is very restricted. This day should show that working with schools can bring your museum to life in different ways. It will provide an opportunity to explore what an increase in learning can bring to your museum and how this can be brought about.

Content

This will vary from venue to venue as the host museum and local speakers will talk about their work relating to the topic but the day will include:

- a local teacher discussing what s/he looks for to make a perfect day at a museum
- a general look at how to work with the national curriculum
- working with funders and/or partners with local examples
- materials to help such as paperwork, policies, trails and worksheets
- teachers' packs – what teachers want

Outcomes

- A clearer idea of what might be done
- A clearer idea of what matters to teachers
- Resources to support working with schools
- Links to a skills share network

Sharing skills is a key part of the day so it would be great if you would bring resources to share whether they were great successes or pitfalls that you could warn about.

Further information

Please contact the Learning Development Officer if you wish to know more about the day or how it could help you: Clodagh Cherry at clodaghcherry@dsl.pipex.com or on 01244 571577