



Bookings are now open for the University Museums Group Annual Conference

## **Better together?**

In a climate of increasing drive towards greater partnership working, this year's conference reviews the benefits, costs and challenges of working together. Focusing on recent civic and university partnerships and international working we will explore different case studies and debate the role of leadership, partner expectations and the practical realities of ensuring positive and sustainable outcomes.

**University of Reading, 22 September 2016**  
**The Meadow Suite, Park House, University of Reading,**  
**Whiteknights, RG6 6UR**

<http://www.venuereading.com/Meet/vr-meadowsuite.aspx>

### **Booking information**

The conference fee is £25, which includes lunch, tea and coffee and the evening reception. The evening drinks party is being supported by the University of Reading. A reduced rate of £15 is available for students (limited places are available at this rate so please book early).

## Provisional Conference Programme

10:30 – 11:30	<p><b>Museum Tours</b></p> <p>Opportunity to visit the Ure Museum of Greek Archaeology <a href="https://www.reading.ac.uk/Ure/info/index.php">https://www.reading.ac.uk/Ure/info/index.php</a> or the Cole Museum of Zoology <a href="https://www.reading.ac.uk/colemuseum/about/clmu-about.aspx">https://www.reading.ac.uk/colemuseum/about/clmu-about.aspx</a></p> <p>Those wishing to visit either museum between 10.30-11.30 am, please ensure that the relevant option is chosen in section 4 of the online booking.</p> <p>Further details about your chosen tour will be communicated before the 22<sup>nd</sup> September.</p>
11:30 – 12:30	<p><b>Registration open at The Meadow Suite, Park House –</b> How to find us: <a href="http://www.venuereading.com/About/vr-gettinghere.aspx">http://www.venuereading.com/About/vr-gettinghere.aspx</a></p>
12:30 – 13:30	<p><b>Registration and Lunch</b> <i>(lunch will be provided)</i></p>
13.30 – 14.15	<p><b>Welcome</b> Kate Arnold-Forster, University of Reading Museums and Collections</p> <p><b>University Museums Group AGM + update for members</b></p>
14:15 – 14:45	<p><b>Keynote Address: Better together</b> <b>Hedley Swain, Area Director – South East, Arts Council England</b></p> <p>ACE vision for 2018 and beyond and the place for partnerships within this.</p>

<p>14:45 – 16:00</p>	<p><b>Panel discussion – Civic and University Partnerships</b> Chair: Liz Hide (Cambridge)</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dr Hedley Swain (Arts Council England)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prof David Gaimster (Director, Hunterian Museum)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prof Alison Donnell (University of Reading)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dr Sarah Posey (Brighton Museums and Royal Pavilion)</li> </ul>
<p>16:00 – 16:30</p>	<p><b>Tea</b></p>
<p>16:30 – 17:30</p>	<p><b>Panel - Working with international partners</b> Chair: Paul Smith (Oxford)</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dr Paddy Bullard, Co-Director (Centre for Collections Based Research, University of Reading)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tonya Nelson (Public and Cultural Engagement, University College London)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prof Nicholas Thomas (Museum of Archaeology &amp; Anthropology, University of Cambridge)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ghislaine Wood (Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, University of East Anglia)</li> </ul>
<p>17:30 – 18:15</p>	<p><b>Keynote address: The Culture White Paper</b> <b>Chair and welcome: Sir David Bell, Vice Chancellor of University of Reading</b></p> <p><b>Matthew Hancock MP - Minister of State for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries, Department for Culture, Media &amp; Sport</b></p>
<p>18.15 20.00</p>	<p><b>Drinks reception:</b> <b>Museum of English Rural Life – networking and an opportunity to view our new galleries, due to open to the public in October 2016.</b></p> <p><b>If you wish to join us for the evening drinks reception and a chance to preview the new galleries in the museum, please ensure the reception option is chosen in the online booking.</b></p>

## Accommodation

There is a variety of accommodation available within reach of the University for those who wish to stay in Reading. These include:

### Hillingdon Prince Hotel

<http://www.hillingdonprince.co.uk/>

39 Christchurch Rd, Reading RG2 7AN

0118 931 1311

Enter 'UOR' to receive discount of around 5%

### Mercure George Hotel

<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-7317-mercure-george-hotel-reading/index.shtml>

10-12 King Street, Berkshire, Reading RG1 2HE

0118 957 3445

Special UMG Conference Rate: Single BB £79.00; Twin/Double BB £89.00

### Quality Hotel (partner of the Mercure Hotel above)

<http://www.choicehotelsuk.co.uk/en/quality-hotel-reading-reading-hotel-gb175>

4-8 Duke Street, Reading, EN, United Kingdom, RG1 4RY

0118 958 3455

Special UMG Conference Rate: Single BB £69.00; Twin/ Double BB £79.00

### Ibis Hotel

<http://www.ibis.com/gb/booking/hotels-list.shtml>

25A Friar St, Reading RG1 1DP

0118 953 3500

Discount only for bookings of more than 7 people

### Premier Inn

[http://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/berkshire/reading/reading-central.html?cid=GLBC\\_REAPT](http://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/berkshire/reading/reading-central.html?cid=GLBC_REAPT)

Letcombe St, Reading, Berkshire RG1 2HN

0871 527 8924

### Airbnb

[https://www.airbnb.co.uk/s/Reading--United-Kingdom?s\\_tag=dfd5L36n](https://www.airbnb.co.uk/s/Reading--United-Kingdom?s_tag=dfd5L36n)