



Our purpose

To connect Scotland's Accredited university museums to work collaboratively and effectively, offering mutual support and enabling us to maximise our contribution to Scotland's universities, culture and people.

Our members

- University of Aberdeen
- University of Dundee
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Glasgow
- University of St Andrews
- University of Stirling
- The Glasgow School of Art
- Heriot Watt University
- Robert Gordon University



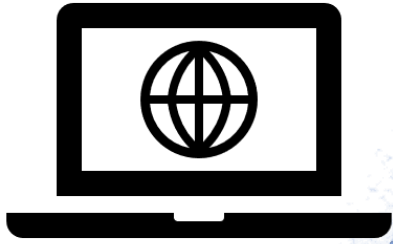
Capturing Lives in Scotland's Communities

UMIS lockdown Widening Participation project

- For young people across Scotland aged 11-18 (particularly those from more disadvantaged areas)
- In partnership with Arts Award UK
- Sessions run through Microsoft Teams (the same software as many had been using for schoolwork)
- Encouraged participants to explore their local communities using different forms of art, taking inspiration from the university museums' collections
- Project mentoring for participants provided by current university students

Results

- 113 participants from 15 different councils of Scotland, from the Borders to Orkney
- 91% would recommend the programme to a friend
- 84% more likely to visit university campuses to visit the museums
- 57% more likely to apply to some or all the participating universities in future
- 71% achieved an Arts Award Explore qualification



Towards a National Collection urgency call

Digital teaching with collections

- Aimed at supporting the online and blended teaching models being provided by universities
- Seeks to track and evaluate the capacity, capabilities and best practice in digital teaching with collections
- Centred around users and involving UMIS members of different sizes and capacities
- Aim is to develop models ensuring greater uptake in, and satisfaction with, online teaching
- Ultimate vision to roll out framework to the broader museums sector (to enable them to contribute their resource towards teaching in higher and further education)



Advocacy

- Worked with university museum partners internationally
- Part of the Museums Galleries Scotland Stakeholder Group with other key representative bodies for museums in Scotland, jointly working to advocate for the country's museums
- Regular meetings with the Scottish Funding Council
- Submitted a Call for Evidence to the Scottish Funding Council for their review of their strategic grants
- Direct advocacy to the Scottish Government and Scottish press
- Release of the UMIS annual report to the Scottish Funding Council and other key stakeholders (see next slide)

Great report @UniMuseumsScot! Delighted @ScotFundCouncil supports university museum collections - for teaching + research + public engagement #MuseumPassion
- Karen Watt, CEO, Scottish Funding Council

Our university museums and collections such as the [@hunterian](#) [@UofGlasgow](#) are critically important assets for the country. This is a great report to see what they contribute to learners and to the communities we live in. This is a really important report on their public value.

- Anton Muscatelli, Principal, UoG

The breadth and depth of @UniMuseumsScot's work is impressive - from its work during lockdown, to working with refugees, to supporting the health and wellbeing of students and so much more #MuseumPassion

-Scottish Funding Council official twitter account

UMIS annual review

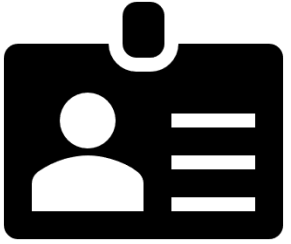
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353 engagements

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