

UMG Spring Conference | 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 | 9-5pm

*Connections & Collaborations: University Museums and Research Excellence*

Museum of English Rural Life, University of Reading

**Provisional Programme**

Time	Programme item	Duration
9 – 9.45	<b>Nametags and refreshments</b>	45 mins
9.45 - 10	<b>UMG Co-Chairs' Welcome and introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Xa Sturgis, Director, Ashmolean Museum</li> <li>• Dr Esme Ward, Director, Manchester Museum</li> </ul>	15 mins
10 – 11.15	<b>Digital Networks Session: DiSSCo, SAS, TaNC</b> <p>DiSSCo, Natural History Museum, London:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Vince Smith, Head of Digital, Data &amp; Informatics</li> <li>• Helen Hardy, Deputy Head of Digital, Data &amp; Informatics</li> </ul> <p>Mapping the Arts and Humanities Project, SAS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Megan Bushnell, Project Manager, Mapping the Arts and Humanities</li> <li>• Jane Winters, Professor of Digital Humanities and Director, Digital Humanities Research Hub</li> </ul> <p>TaNC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Javier Pereda, Senior Researcher</li> </ul>	75 mins
11.15 – 12	<b>UKRI-AHRC Address and Q/A</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof Christopher Smith, Executive Chair, UKRI</li> </ul>	45 mins
12 - 1	<b>Lunch</b>	60 mins
1 - 2	<b>Case Studies</b>	60 mins
2 – 2.45	<u>CHOICE BETWEEN:</u> <p><b>Association for Art History (AAH) Panel Discussion: “Impact and REF: Making it work for Museum Professionals and Academics”</b></p>	45 mins



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prof Jennifer Powell, Director, The Barber Institute of Fine Arts, Birmingham</li><li>• Dr Hannah Lyons, Curator of Art Collections, Reading</li><li>• Dr Jo Vine, Head of Research and Impact, The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge</li></ul> <p><u>OR:</u></p> <p><b>Peer-Mentoring Workshop for smaller/specialized collections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rhi Smith, Director of UMASCS Academic Learning and Engagement, University Museums and Special Collections Services, University of Reading</li><li>• Tannis Davidson, Head of Zoology and Science Collections, UCL</li></ul>	
2.45 - 3	<b>Break</b>	15 mins
3 – 3.45	<b>National Museums Partnerships at Reading: BM-ARC and NHM Unlocked</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr Sally Fletcher, Curator, The British Museum</li><li>• Dr Paola Ricciardi, Research Themes and Partnerships Manager, Natural History Museum, London</li></ul>	45 mins
3.45 - 4.30	<b>University of Reading Showcase</b>	45 mins
4.30 - 5	<b>UKRI-AHRC Closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr Allan Sudlow, Director of Partnerships and Engagement, AHRC</li></ul>	Finish