

Practical Career Development Workshop



Yorkshire & Humberside
Federation of Museums
and Art Galleries

Date: Friday 16th November 2018

Location: Henry Moore Institute, 74 The Headrow, Leeds, LS1 3AH

Time: 10am – 3pm

Cost: Free for FED members, £25 for none FED members

Refreshments: tea and coffee will be provided, but you will have to source your own lunch

Synopsis:

This workshop will provide practical advice and guidance on beginning or furthering your career in the museum sector. Speakers from a variety of different backgrounds and career paths will give some ideas for how they got into the sector and progressed their careers. There will be a session on the various professional development opportunities that exist and how to access them. Over the lunch period, the Yorkshire Emerging Museum Professionals Network will be on hand to provide some drop in surgery sessions. A session on self-employment will help if you are considering moving into the growing area of freelance work. Finally there will be two practical, hands-on workshops, one focussing on writing effective applications and one on standing out in interviews. All the sessions will have opportunities for you to ask those burning questions, and share your own challenges and successes with your peers.

Whether you are brand new to the sector and trying to get your first role, looking for a change of direction and new challenges, or looking to progress your career to the next stage, this workshop will have something for you.

Booking:

To book onto the workshop follow the link on our Website: <https://www.yhfed.org.uk/disclaimer/training/> (if you are booking as a FED member, please include your membership number)

Agenda:

10.00 Welcome and housekeeping

10.10 Speaker 1 – My career in museums - Lindsey Pickles (Registrar/Exhibition Organiser for the Henry Moore Institute) talks about her career to date, how she got there and top tips for career progression.

10.30 Session 1 – Application techniques – James Etherington (Director of Ripon Museum Trust) and Elizabeth Llabres (Curator of Industrial and Social History for Bradford Museums and Galleries) will run an interactive session on writing good applications including suggestions, examples and a practical task

11.20 Speaker 2 – My career in museums – Elizabeth Llabres talks about her career to date, how she got there and top tips for career progression.

11.40 Session 2 – Professional development, it's in your hands

A variety of speakers talk about different professional development opportunities and how they worked for them.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Museum Development Yorkshire – talking about their development opportunities, the training calendar they run and the results of a recent survey on development opportunities they undertook
- Yorkshire and Humber Museum Federation board member – talking about the FED programmes and about being a board member.

Some speakers are still to confirm, but we also expect to cover:

- Informal development – go see visits and mentoring
- Museum Association Development - AMA, Transformers etc.
- Arts Council Funded opportunities (ACE develop your creative practice for example) and Culture Matters report

Also participants to suggest tips and suggestions themselves

12.20 Lunch (not provided) – Yorkshire Emerging Museum Professionals Group will run drop in sessions during lunch

13.20 Session 3 – Self-employment as an option, pros and cons – David Miller (self-employed training consultant and FED Treasurer) talks about his experiences in being self-employed and what to consider if you are thinking of it as a career option

14.00 Session 4 – Interview techniques – James Etherington and Elizabeth Llabres will run an interactive session on preparing for interviews including suggestions, examples and a practical task

14.50 Discussion/Q+A – last chance for people to ask questions of the group, share problems etc.

15.00 End

Questions:

For any queries about this workshop, please contact James Etherington (FED Training Officer) - james.etherington@riponmuseums.co.uk