

LATEST

BBC Hands on History - Interest by 7th September



As you may be aware the BBC Hands on History campaign is about to enter its second phase with Turn Back Time: The High Street. Starting in early November and running for 6 weeks they will be looking to promote and tie in with activities taking place in museums which explore the changing face of the high street. If you are planning an activity as part of this campaign please make sure that details are passed to Helen Sykes at the BBC on helen.sykes@bbc.co.uk

The deadline for getting your initial information to Helen is 7th September and there will be opportunities to use BBC Turn Back Time branding, access support materials, have your activities publicised via a 'things to do' website, be featured on East Midlands Today and the possibility of a small amount of BBC funding. For more information on the project please follow [this link](#).

NVQ Museum and Galleries Award Success



Huge Congratulations from everyone at Renaissance East Midlands to seven Year 11 students from Grantham Church High School

who have recently completed their NVQs in Museums and Galleries Award level 2. The students were taken through the award by their teacher Gill Wright, who also successfully completed her A1 Assessor Award with the Achieve Centre last year. Students were also able to take advantage of a fact finding trip to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and attendance at a Renaissance East Midlands Welcome Host training day, during their study. To read more about the story please [click here](#).

New Workforce Development Collections Courses



The Renaissance East Midlands Workforce Development team are delighted to announce the specialist Collections Care and Collections Development Training programme for courses between September 2010 to January 2011. The new

booklet has been sent to all museums alongside the main booklet and the brochure and booking form can be found online by following this link to the [Renaissance East Midlands website](#).

Stories of the World East Midlands



A group of young people (and potential young curators) from Leicester, Northampton and Nottingham have created an inspiring title for the region's Stories of the World Olympiad project. The exciting series of connected exhibitions that will run from March to September 2012 at New Walk Museum (Suits and Saris), Northampton Museum and Art Gallery (The World at Your Feet) and Nottingham Castle (On

the Trail of Silk) will be promoted under the title **Dress the World**. The theme of the project is the process of global exchange that has influenced, and continues to impact on, the fashion industry in the East Midlands. The project provides fantastic scope for exciting engagement and community participation including plans for fashion shows, community collecting, pop-up activity and virtual tours. It is anticipated that the strong collaborative approach between key partners in the region will be transformational. Dress the World is being coordinated by ArtReach (admin@artreach.biz) on behalf of Renaissance East Midlands.

CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITY

The Art of Influencing Change engage/enquire International Conference

3-5 November 2010
Venues across Nottingham during the British Art Show 7

Book by 10 September for a discount!

Rapid developments in the 21st century are creating opportunities and challenges for arts and education professionals. We are confronted by environmental issues, developing technology, globalisation and changes to political agendas and policies.

This year's engage/enquire International Conference will consider how those working in the visual arts and education can be best equipped to influence change now and in the future.

e-flyer: www.engage.org/conference/10/engage_conf_10.pdf
full details: www.engage.org/conference

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Project: 'Collecting Cultures - Trainers' - Exhibition Development Project - Project Development Volunteer

Venue: Manor House Museum, Kettering

Timescale: The exhibition is due to open in February 2011

Expression of Interest Deadline: Monday 6 September 2010 noon

'Collecting Cultures - Trainers' will be a temporary exhibition based on the topic of trainers and how they are manufactured. It is being developed by the Manor House Museum as part of a wider project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, called "Collecting Cultures - Trainers, Sneakers, Pumps and Dabs", managed by Northampton Museum and Art Gallery. It will also link to Northamptonshire's Cultural Olympiad 2011.

The Manor House Museum is looking for a person to research and write the panel information for the exhibition. The title 'Collecting Cultures - Trainers' is a working title, and is expected to change

once the exhibition is researched more fully. This will require researching the subject of trainers. There is an expectation that the person undertaking this role would use a range of reliable and authoritative source material. It will also be in a clear word format, easy to read and edit. We ask that it is not cut and pasted from the internet.

For further information please contact:

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Manor House Museum & Alfred East Art Gallery
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Sheep Street,
Kettering NN16 0AN

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Email: clarebowyer@kettering.gov.uk (Monday-Wednesday)
or hilaryholt@kettering.gov.uk

REM COURSES

Places are available, free of charge on the following courses. For further information on any of these courses, or if you would like to book a place, please either contact a member of the Workforce Development Team on 01522 526905, email WorkforceDevelopment@lincolnshire.gov.uk, or by post to Workforce Development, Lincolnshire Archives, St Rumbold Street, Lincoln LN2 5AB.

Title: BASIC PROJECT MANAGEMENT
Date: WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER
Time: 10.00 - 16.30
Venue: SILK MILL, SILK MILL LANE, OFF FULL STREET, DERBY DE1 3AF

Title: CUSTOMER SERVICE AND SELLING (RETAIL)
Date: WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER
Time: 10.00 - 16.00
Venue: LINCOLN CASTLE, CASTLE HILL, LINCOLN LN1 3AA

Title: IOSH - WORKING SAFELY
Date: MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
Time: 9.00 - 17.00
Venue: THE DERBY CONFERENCE CENTRE, LONDON ROAD, DERBY DE24 8UX

Title: ADVANCED SOCIAL MEDIA - EFFICIENCY
Date: TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER
Time: 10.00 - 16.30
Venue: NEWARK BEACON, BEACON HILL OFFICE PARK, CAFFERATA WAY, NEWARK NG24 2TN

Title: ADVANCED SOCIAL MEDIA - THE FUTURE
Date: WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER
Time: 10.00 - 16.30
Venue: NEWARK BEACON, BEACON HILL OFFICE PARK, CAFFERATA WAY, NEWARK NG24 2TN

Title: SAFEGUARDING FOR MLA
Date: TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
Time: 11.00 - 15.00
Venue: NORTHAMPTON MUSEUM & ART GALLERY, GUILDHALL ROAD, NORTHAMPTON NN1 1DP

Title: TRAIN THE TRAINER
Date: MONDAY 04 OCTOBER
Time: 10.00 - 16.00
Venue: NEWARK BEACON, BEACON HILL OFFICE PARK, CAFFERATA WAY, NEWARK NG24 2TN

Title: WELCOME ALL
Date: WEDNESDAY 06 OCTOBER
Time: 9.30 - 16.30
Venue: NORTHAMPTON MUSEUM & ART GALLERY, GUILDHALL ROAD, NORTHAMPTON NN1 1DP

Title: TRAIN THE TRAINER
Date: MONDAY 11 OCTOBER
Time: 10.00 - 16.00
Venue: NEWARK BEACON, BEACON HILL OFFICE PARK, CAFFERATA WAY, NEWARK NG24 2TN

Title: INTRODUCTION TO THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM
Date: TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER
Time: 9.30 - 16.30
Venue: LINCOLNSHIRE ARCHIVES, ST RUMBOLD STREET, LINCOLN LN2 5AB

Title: PRINCE 2 OVERVIEW
Date: THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER
Time: 9.00 - 17.00
Venue: SYNDICATE ROOM 3, NOTTINGHAM ARENA, BOLERO SQUARE, THE LACE MARKET, NOTTINGHAM NG1 1LA

Title: WELCOME HOST GOLD
Date: WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER
Time: 9.30 - 16.30
Venue: NORTHAMPTON MUSEUM & ART GALLERY, GUILDHALL ROAD, NORTHAMPTON NN1 1DP

OBJECT OF THE MONTH

Dolly Shepherd "The Edwardian Parachute Queen"

This month's object is one that tells the story of an inspirational local person. The locket was chosen by Ken Hillier of Ashby Museum, the Leicestershire and Rutland Museum of the Year.

After thirty minutes' training and for a fee of £2.50, 17 year-old Dolly Shepherd made her first jump through the air from beneath a gas-filled balloon. In 1904 she was one of the most popular of the exclusive band of parachutists who thrilled crowds at London's Alexandra Palace and throughout Britain. Her first solo ascent and descent was above Ashby-de-la-Zouch, from over 2,000 feet. Throughout her eight year career, although she had several costume changes, she always wore a heart shaped locket on a chain around her neck. After Dolly



died in September 1983, Ashby Museum made contact with her daughter Molly who, remembering that the town was a favourite of her mother's, bequeathed the 'Dolly Shepherd Archive' to trustees. The small locket, now revealing its secrets, has pride of place above a piece of her parachute ripcord fashioned into a watch chain.