



NI Museums Council Forum ‘Digital Museums’

9.30 – 3.30 on 11 December 2019

at Public Record Office of Northern Ireland

Digital technologies and ways of working are rapidly impacting on audience behaviour and expectations, the nature of our collections, as well as how we fulfil our missions. These areas will be explored throughout the forum through a mix of digital interactions and more formal presentations as well as group discussions. Up to date research will be presented as well as an array of case studies; from enhancing visitor experience and engagement, digitising collections and making them available online, to managing efficient and sustainable organisations. Discussions throughout the day with peers from across the UK and Ireland will help provide insight into how we can better harness the potential of digital in the museum sector.

Programme

9.30 – 10.00 **Registration, Tea/Coffee**

10.00- 11.00 **Digital Interactions**

Engage with various museum and heritage organisations showcasing their digital work:

- Engaging with Virtual Reality at Nevin Spence Centre, Ulster Rugby
- Volunteering and Augmented Reality at HMS Caroline
- Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping on 'Battlebags and Blimps' project at Carrickfergus Museum
- Creative and digital engagement on the 'Reimagine Remake Replay' programme
- Digitising and transforming access to old audio formats in the 'Unlocking Our Sound Heritage' project, National Museums NI
- Digital Preservation and Web Archiving, Public Record Office of NI
- Creating interactive audio tours and short documentaries, Making the Future programme, Public Record Office of NI

11.00 – 11.05 **Welcome** - Sinéad McCartan, NIMC Director

11.05 – 11.10 **Overview** – Triona White Hamilton, NIMC Development Officer

11.10 – 12.10 **Session 1- Digital Capacity in Museums**

11.10 – 11.25 'What Next for Digital? Results from 2019 research' Colette Fahy, Communications Executive, thrive

11.25 – 11.40 'Empowering Volunteers in Digital Projects' Ronan Mc Connell, TIDE Officer, Derry City and Strabane Museum and Heritage Service

11.40 – 11.55 'Building Digitally Confident Museums' Anra Kennedy, Partnerships Director, Culture24

11.55 – 12.15 **Q+A**

12.15 – 13.00 **Lunch**

13.00 – 13.10	National Lottery Heritage Fund priorities for digital – Úna Duffy, Head of Engagement at National Lottery Heritage Fund
13.10 – 14.00	Session 2 – Collections: Preservation and Access
13.10 – 13.25	‘Online Archive and Digital Resources for Divided Society project’, Samantha Mc Combe, Librarian, Linen Hall Library
13.25 – 13.40	‘Joined-up Thinking: A National Aggregator for Digitised Collections?’ Kevin Gosling, Chief Executive, Collections Trust
13.40 – 14.00	Q+A
14.00 – 14.40	Panel Discussion: What’s Next for Digital?
14.00 – 14.05	Dr Oonagh Murphy, Principal Investigator, Museum +AI Network
14.05 – 14.10	Dave Vincent, Chief Digital Officer, Tourism Northern Ireland
14.10 – 14.15	Dr. Rachel Tracy, Research and Engagement Officer, The Centre for Data Digitisation & Analysis, Queen’s University Belfast
14.15 – 14.20	Kevin Long, Archivist, Digital Repository of Ireland
14.20 – 14.45	Discussions
14.45 – 15.00	Tea/ Coffee Break
15.00 – 15.30	Round table group discussions – Future Priorities
15.30 – 15.35	Closing remarks - Triona White Hamilton, NIMC Development Officer

