

UPDATE FROM MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION

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Best wishes to everyone for a very Happy New Year. 2016 looks like being a challenging year for many in the sector. Please keep me in touch with any developments and if there is anything you would like me to raise with the MA.

Cuts Survey

The MA launched the Cuts Survey this week. It received quite a bit of attention in the media, including a piece on the BBC's World at One news programme with focus on the Lancashire cuts highlighted as the most worrying of the proposals. The full survey can be seen on the MA website. <http://www.museumsassociation.org>

The MA has asked the regional reps to keep them up to date with any museum closures or partial closures that are happening in their area to make sure that they can help campaign on their behalf, and to ensure that they have complete records. Please contact me if you have any news or concerns to pass on (in confidence if you prefer).

Code of Ethics

Launching in Scotland on 20 January and on line in w/c 25th Jan. It will be sent to all members with the February Journal.

Conference proposals

These will launch next week. The MA is looking for proposals for sessions. This is your opportunity to share ideas and experiences with colleagues and to help develop stimulating debate.

Board nominations – there are three places for the MA board up for nominations – for details see <http://www.museumsassociation.org/news/04012016-join-the-ma-board-and-make-a-difference-to-the-museum-sector>

Museum Services Directory

January and February are the major data collection periods for the Museums Service Directory and its online equivalent Find-a-Supplier – please encourage companies and consultants who provide products and services to museums to ensure they are listed.

Find-a-Museum

Spring is also the major data collection time for Find-a-Museum – the online directory of museums and organisations in the sector. Please ensure your museum's entry is up to date. Entries are free and enable colleagues in the sector to get in contact and use the data.

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