

Going Green; towards sustainability in conservation

Friday 24 April 2009, The British Museum, Clore Education Centre



Conservators and their colleagues are responding to the need to reduce the environmental impact of their professional activities. Such efforts may also anticipate regulatory requirements, given national and international commitments to reduce carbon emissions. The Department of Conservation and Scientific Research at the British Museum will host a one-day meeting in April 2009; *Going Green; towards sustainability in conservation*, which will allow professionals to demonstrate and share best practice. This meeting aims to show examples of successful practical adaptation to increase sustainability within the conservation studio as well as the broader aspects of collections care.

Keynote speakers will include Sarah Staniforth, Historic Properties Director, National Trust, Brian Hayton, Member of the MA Council; Assistant Director (Cultural Services) Bradford MDC, Nancy Bell, Head of Collections Care, National Archives, Kew.

Call for papers

We invite contributions on the opportunities and challenges offered by a green future, focusing on practical examples of how conservators and others are adapting working methods and sourcing alternative materials whilst safeguarding the integrity of professional practice. Does flexibility in setting standards in stores, displays and loans allow lower-carbon solutions to be adopted? In partnership with the developing world, how may simpler and/or local technological solutions help all who care for collections. Will current treatments keep objects stable in future changed climatic conditions. Examples of environmental good practice, efficient energy use, waste reduction and recycling are welcomed, as are accounts of how this transition can be made successfully.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 1 October 2008 (max. 250 words). Contact information should include: name, postal and email addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers. Authors of selected papers will be notified by 12 December 2008. Presentations will be 20 minutes long and there will be time for questions. PowerPoint presentations are to be submitted for loading prior to the conference. Speakers will be required to submit the full paper by Friday 22 May 2009 for publication. The authors are responsible for rights and permission to publish photographs or graphics.

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Registration

£35 (full price), £25 (Members), £15 (students), lunch is not included

Increased price after 1 March 2009 - £40, £30, £20

Booking online or in person at the Box Office (telephone +44 (0)20 7323 8181)

Box Office is open from 10.00 to 16.45 every day

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Publication

The conference papers will be published on the British Museum website with hard copies printable on demand.