

Agenda Item No: 5

Report to: Museums Committee

Date of Meeting: 5 December 2012

Report Title: Curator's Report

Report By: Cathy Walling
Museum Curator

Purpose of Report

to provide an update on issues arising from previous meetings and confirmation of Curator's actions

Recommendation(s)

1. the report is for noting

Reasons for Recommendations

Introduction

This report updates members on matters carried over from previous meetings and other items not included on the agenda.

1. The planned visit to the East Sussex Record Office will take place in early 2012. The Curator will bring dates suggested by the Archivist to the meeting.
2. The Curator has been asked to join the Board of Trustees for Rye Museum which oversees the Museum collections. There are two meetings per annum.
3. Discussions continue with the Sustainable Volunteering Project consultant and it is planned that the draft Museum Volunteer Management Policy will be brought to the Museums Committee in March 2012.
4. The Museum has secured £5,000 of grant funding from the MLA and the Cultural Olympiad to participate in the World Stories project in partnership with Brighton and Hove Museums. The Museum will work with a group of young people and a creative practitioner to provide a re-interpretation of the Native American displays. We aim to provide a variety of roles for participating young people through this project, building on existing interests and extending their skills and experience.
5. The 'Outside In' project aims to provide a platform for artists who find it difficult to access the art world, either because of health issues, disability, social circumstance or art process. It is a unique open-entry arts prize for outsider and marginalised artists, and Hastings Museum & Art Gallery is delighted to be one of its partner galleries once again, to provide both practical workshops & support and a touring venue for the exhibition in 2013. There will be two workshops and a 'surgery' day in early 2012.

Wards Affected

None

Area(s) Affected

None

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	Yes
Economic/Financial Implications	No
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes

Local People's Views

No

Background Information

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