



Shortlisted nominees announced for the 22nd annual Museums + Heritage Awards

For the first time, the public and the museum & heritage industry will be asked to vote

Today ([Thursday, March 14, 2024](#)) the shortlisted nominees have been announced for the annual **Museums + Heritage Awards**. The global awards celebrate the very best in the world of museums, galleries, and cultural and heritage visitor attractions and will take place on the evening of **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**, at Hilton Park Lane, London.

Among the 18 awards is a new award for 2024: *Museums and Heritage Sector Impact Award* and for the first time, there will be the opportunity for the public to vote for the *cafe or restaurant of the Year* and also members of the museum & heritage sector to vote for *Innovator of the Year*.

The independent panel of nine judges, who are all well-known in the museum's world, include three new judges for 2024 who are curator and previously Director of the Arts Council Collection, Deborah Smith; Keith Merrin (Director of Tyne & Wear Archives and Museums) and Sally Shaw MBE who has been Director of Firstsite, Colchester since 2016.

Anna Preedy, Director of Museums + Heritage Awards commented: "It's truly inspiring to witness the broad range of organisations featured on this year's shortlist, where small local museums stand shoulder-to-shoulder with globally renowned institutions. This diverse line-

up beautifully reflects the rich tapestry of this sector, showcasing the inclusive and eclectic nature of our global cultural heritage.”

“We are very pleased, for the first time, to be encouraging supporters of the museums to get more involved with an opportunity to vote on one of the awards. Museums’ cafes and restaurants are a great community hub and a wonderful way to generate revenue in a time when the cost-of-living crisis is affecting our sector more than ever before.”

SHORTLIST

Best Use of Digital

The Mary Rose Trust - Dive 4D: The Mary Rose Museum

University of Bristol Cultural Collections (with Library Research Support) - The Uncertain Space: a virtual museum

English Heritage, Brunel University, London, and University of Essex - Sancho's Journey - Decolonising heritage sites using Mixed Reality performances

Victoria and Albert Museum - V&A - mused

National Portrait Gallery - Schools hub

Best Use of Digital - International

Histoverly - Notre - Dame de Paris, the Augmented Exhibition

Museum Odense and Event - Carl Nielsen Museum

Trinity College Dublin - The Book of Kells Experience

The Museum of Abandonment is a digital project run by Q - Arts Association (NGO) based in Bucharest, Romania. -

UNBOXING the Museum of Abandonment - Live Museum

Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT) - Stories from the skies: Te Katiu immersive projection experience

Cafe or Restaurant of the Year TO BE VOTED BY THE PUBLIC

American Museum & Gardens - American Garden Deli

The Bowes Museum - Café Bowes

Thackray Museum of Medicine - Thackray Cafe: Explore Beyond Medicine

Community Engagement Programme of the Year

National Galleries of Scotland and Rowan Alba - Enriching Lives and Supporting Recovery

History of Science Museum & Pitt Rivers Museum (Oxford University) - Multakaoxford

Imperial War Museum - Perspectives: Remembrance

Warwick Arts Centre - Playing Out in Canley

Wilberforce House Museum, Hull Museums - Changing Perspectives

Innovator of the Year TO BE VOTED BY MEMBERS OF THE SECTOR

TM Lighting - TM MasterLight

Fortechno Solutions - Fortechno TGAI Tag

PinPoint Visualisation Limited - Voyager Art

Look2Innovate - Twister Hifi, The All-One Headset Audioguide Solution

Give A Little - Give A Little - affordable, flexible and easy-to-use cashless fundraising

Bev/Art - Custodian: Small, smooth, and secure museum monitoring

National Collection of Aerial Photography / Historic Environment Scotland - The DOS Project: Automated Digitisation Using Collaborative Robots, 2021 - 2023

International Exhibition of the Year sponsored by Beck and in partnership with ICOM UK

The Franklin Institute - Wondrous Space

Swiss Alpine Museum - Home. Tracing the Story of Mitholz

Royal Court Affairs and Event - Oman Across the Ages

The Danish Welfare Museum - Placed in Care (Anbragt)

Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam - Mission Masterpiece at the Rijksmuseum - Are you discovering a new masterpiece?

Learning Programme of the Year in partnership with the Group for Education in Museum

National Museums NI - Museum on the Move

Sainsbury Centre - Art And...

Real World Science partners and the Natural History Museum - Explore: Urban Nature, UK - wide Learning Programme

Horniman Museum and Gardens - Horniman Museum and Gardens

Brunel Museum - Mud, Flood and Fire

Marketing + Communications Campaign of the Year sponsored by Cabbells Ltd and in partnership with the Arts Marketing Association (AMA)

The British Museum - The Citi exhibition China's hidden century

Wellcome Collection - The Cult of Beauty

V&A Dundee - Tartan - a campaign for the 21st century

The Tank Museum - YouTube & The Creator Economy

National Portrait Gallery - The new National Portrait Gallery - Reopening Communications Campaign

Black Country Living Museum - 75 babies - bringing the Black Country's past and present together

Museums and Heritage Sector Impact Award

Group for Education in Museums (GEM) - Transforming Museums, Enriching Lives: GEM's Trailblazing Impact in Inclusive Learning for All

National Museums Liverpool - House of Memories

The Heritage Alliance - The Heritage Alliance: Championing the breadth of the sector and growing confidence, connections and skills across the Heritage Workforce

Leeds Museums and Galleries - Leeds Museums and Galleries Learning and Access Team

Research Centre for Museums and Galleries, University of Leicester - Trans-Inclusive Culture

Sam Bowen - Sam Bowen: SEND in Museums - inclusion for everyone

Partnership of the Year

Manchester Museum - Pinc College and Manchester Museum

Bletchley Park Trust - AI Safety Summit

Hampshire Cultural Trust in partnership with Hampshire CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) - Inspire, create and exchange: fostering positive mental health in young people through heritage

Ushaw Historic House, Chapels & Gardens - Ushaw Historic House & St Leonard's Catholic School

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard (The Mary Rose Trust & National Museum of the Royal Navy) - Portsmouth Historic Dockyard: a partnership between the Mary Rose Trust and the National Museum of the Royal Navy

Hackney Council - 1984 at Hackney Town Hall

Permanent Exhibition of the Year sponsored by Displayways Ltd

Manchester Museum - South Asia Gallery: a British Museum partnership

Historic Royal Palaces - The Crown Jewels Exhibition

Titanic Belfast - The Titanic Experience Reimagined

Kilmartin Museum Company LTD - Kilmartin Museum's Permanent Exhibition

The Royal College of Surgeons of England - The Hunterian Museum at the Royal College of Surgeons of England

Restoration or Conservation Project of the Year in partnership with ICON

The Bowes Museum - The Silver Swan; Bring Back the Magic

University of St Andrews, Libraries and Museums - Toxic Books: Detecting arsenic in 19th century book covers

UK Parliament - Elizabeth Tower

The Churches Conservation Trust - Bees, Bodies, Bodley - The (Re)Birth of Sudbury Arts Centre

Historic England - #Rooswijk1740 - Conservation of a large maritime assemblage from the protected wreck of the Rooswijk

Hardwick Hall, National Trust - A Stitch in Time: Conserving the Gideon Tapestries

Shop of the Year in partnership with the Association for Cultural Enterprises

The Postal Museum - The Postal Museum Shop

Young V&A - Young V&A Shop

Ashmolean Museum - Ashmolean Museum Shop

English Heritage Trust - Stonehenge Shop

Shakespeare's Globe - The Globe Shop

Sustainable Project of the Year sponsored by National Lottery Heritage Fund

Art Fund (on behalf of 530 participating museums) - The Wild Escape

Manchester Museum and Museum Development North West (MDNW) - Roots and Branches

Cairngorms National Park Authority, Balmoral Estate, Lateral North - Cairngorms Capercaillie Project - Capercaillie lek experience

The Scottish Crannog Centre - 1000 Fingerprints 1000 Voices

Yorkshire and North East Film Archives - Nature Matters

The Story Museum - Brilli - ANT: How someone small changed a big story

Team of the Year sponsored by Scutum Group Ltd and in partnership with the Association of Independent Museums (AIM)

Foundling Museum - The Operations Team at Foundling Museum

Tower Bridge - Tower Bridge Technical Team

The Powell - Cotton Museum - Skulls on the move!

No.1 Royal Crescent - No.1 Royal Crescent - Front of House Team

Whitchurch Silk Mill - Whitchurch Silk Mill Weaving Team

Temporary or Touring Exhibition of the Year (Budget under £80k) in partnership with the Temporary Exhibitions Group (TEG)

Northampton Museums and Art Gallery - Punk: Rage & Revolution

Leeds Museums and Galleries and the Leeds Hip Hop Historian Society - A Hip Hop Journey: 50 Years of Kulture

Thackray Museum of Medicine - Private Parts

Garden Museum - Frank Walter: Artist, Gardener, Radical

Historic Royal Palaces - The Indian Army at the Palace

Temporary or Touring Exhibition of the Year (Budget over £80k) in partnership with the Temporary Exhibitions Group (TEG)

Fitzwilliam Museum - Black Atlantic: Power, People, Resistance

Migration Museum - Heart of the Nation: Migration and the Making of the NHS

The Natural History Museum - Titanosaur: Life as the Biggest Dinosaur

Irish in Britain - Look Back to Look Forward: 50 Years of the Irish in Britain

MK Gallery - Beyond The Page South Asian Miniature Painting and Britain, 1600 to Now

Visitor Welcome Award sponsored by Tyg Ltd and in partnership with the Visitor Experience Forum

Gloucester Cathedral - A world-class welcome awaits you at Gloucester Cathedral!

Beamish, The Living Museum of the North - Beamish, The Living Museum of the North

St Mary's Guildhall, owned by Coventry City Council and managed by No Ordinary Hospitality Management. A Warm Welcome at St Mary's Guildhall

The Real Mary King's Close - The Real Mary King's Close

National Museums Liverpool - Museum of Liverpool Visitor Experience Team

Volunteer(s) of the Year in partnership with the Heritage Volunteering Group

Royal Air Force Museum - Roy Martin Royal Air Force Museum Engineering Volunteer

Manchester Museum - Team Joe lead the way

The Coffin Works Museum - Vickie Jones: Volunteer, Friend and Coffin Works' Champion

St Barbe Museum + Art Gallery - Prue Baker

Cadw Welsh Government - Cadw North Wales Project Volunteers - Pod's Pilgrimage

Suffolk Archives - Kamal Fasi - Suffolk Archives and Volunteering Matters

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