



Winter School Cultural Heritage & Outreach, a wellbeing perspective

Monday January 27th – Friday 31st January 2020 in Newcastle (UK)

Since 2014 FARO, the Flemish interface for cultural heritage, has organized with The National Archives (UK) the international Summer and Winter Schools Archives & Education to assist archivists in their professional development. For the edition in 2019, that took place in Antwerp, we've shifted our focus to the development of outreach programs for mental health.

During those five editions the participants came from Hong Kong, Sweden, Poland, Belgium, The Netherlands, Mexico, Denmark, Italy, Russia, France, United Kingdom, Canada, Estonia, and the United States. These training events have all been a success and the participants have found it a unique experience for learning and networking. You can see some pictures of the previous editions online ([2014](#), [2015](#), [2017](#), 2018, 2019).

For the sixth edition in 2020 we focus on using heritage collections from museums for wellbeing activities. During five days the participants, depending on their level of experience, are going to be guided in developing an offering ranging for people with dementia in a residential setting to working with communities around mental health issues. The participants will come into contact with a wide range of methods and instruments that already are been used by inspiring cases where cultural heritage collections are used for the improvement of the wellbeing of specific target groups.

For this special edition FARO, accompanied by the Museum Dr. Guislain and the Heritage Center SCJM, travels to the Northeast of England to team up with the outreach team from Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums (TWAM). Together they'll deliver the **Winter School in Cultural Heritage & Outreach** from Monday January 27th until Friday January 31st 2020 in the amazing city of **Newcastle**.

Location

The [Great North Museum: Hancock](#) is a wonderful venue to hold the winter school in, managed by Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums (TWAM) on behalf of Newcastle University and sited in the heart of the university campus. The museum houses the collections of the Natural History Society of Northumbria, Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne (SANT) and the Shefton collection of Greek and Etruscan objects.

TWAM has a long history of working with communities and developing collection engagement programmes. Key to this is TWAM's mission statement which was written over a decade ago and



states: 'Our mission is to help people determine their place in the world and define their identities, so enhancing their self-respect and their respect for others.' They run a volunteer programme, learning team and outreach team – the latter running health and wellbeing programmes focussed on supporting people in addiction and justice recovery, people living with mental health issues and people's general wellbeing and engaging people aged over 55.

Target group

Professionals working in cultural heritage organizations (museums, archives, galleries, libraries with special collections).

Practical information

- Location: Great North Museum in Newcastle
- Price : 250,- Euros (including VAT). For this you will get: lunches, refreshments and snacks during the sessions and breaks, course materials and participation in the social program. All other expenses are borne by the participants. Attending the social program is not mandatory.

There's a very large variation of accommodation in Newcastle:

Participants are expected to bring their laptop.

Maximum 20 participants.

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How to register

Send an email stating your name, position and institution to Bart De Nil: bart.denil@faro.be

You'll receive a confirmation. If your registration is accepted you'll receive an email with more details.

Participants receive In the month December 2019 a detailed timetable and briefing document of the winter school.

The invoice for the registration fee will be send to the participant in January 2020. Your registration is only final after payment of registration fee.

