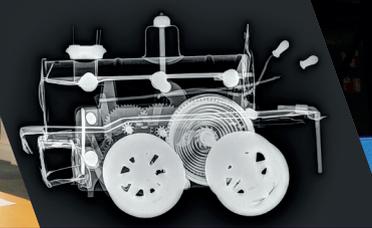




Conservation and Collections Training Our Courses



Our wide range of standard courses, cover all aspects of Conservation, IPM and Collections Care. Training and Advice are provided by specialists within the Conservation Teams of Birmingham Museums – widely recognised as a centre of excellence. We can also create bespoke courses to fit your exact requirements. Courses can be run at your site or at Birmingham Museums.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

What's Eating Your Collections?

This practical course will teach you

- to identify a wide range of pests
- how to control them
- how to set up a monitoring programme

IPM courses are offered at Introductory, Intermediate, and Advanced levels; or can be tailored to your specific needs.

Stop the Rot – An Introduction to Collections Care

If you have ever wondered why collections care matters or even what it is, then this is the course for you. You will learn the main agents of decay and how they can damage objects. You will be shown practical strategies to ensure your collections survive - now and in the future.

Modern Materials

Modern materials can now present some of the most difficult challenges to museum professionals. This course will look at how to recognise damage and strategies for conservation, storage and display.

Basic Conservation – An Introduction

This course will give you the confidence to assess objects and write condition reports. You will learn cleaning techniques and when you should use them. The course will also cover exhibitions and displays, and labelling and marking museum objects. *Refresher courses are also available.*

Conservation Ethics

If you have ever worried about whether to have an object treated or not or if it was more ethical to do nothing, then this is the course for you. Participants will learn current conservation theories and to think about ethics through a series of exercises.

Emergency Planning and Recovery

Fail to Plan – Plan to Fail!

Participants will leave with the confidence to produce a plan and so protect their collections should the worst happen. But if the worst does happen, then this course will also give you the skills to deal with the aftermath.

Risk Assessment and Hazards

How safe is your collection?

Do you meet all health and safety requirements?

If you have ever wondered about these, or similar issues, then this is the course for you. If you have never thought about them, can you afford to take the risk?

Collections Storage

Ensuring that storage is effective and safe for collections on a limited budget can be a challenge. This course will aim to look at solutions and why some storage is more suitable than others.

Benchmarks in Collections Care

How bad (or good) is your collection care?

Find out how to use the self-assessment tool “Benchmarks in Collection Care” and how you can use it to improve levels of care.

Loans

Loans are a key part of today’s Museums. But do you know what is involved, what are the implications and the practical issues? This course will tell you all you need to know and how to avoid expensive mistakes!

The Museum Environment

This course explains the “museum environment”, and how a wrong environment may damage collections and provide solutions to monitor, adjust and control museums, galleries and stores.

Packing & Handling

This course covers the safe handling of objects, packing and moving collections for loan and relocation.

- Why handling can cause problems
- Guidelines to make handling safer and avoid problems
- What can be used, how to do it well and what not to do

