

## The Moral Museum: Understanding everyday ethics

**Wednesday 17th April 2019**

**10:30 – 16:30**

**Sir Duncan Rice Library**

**University of Aberdeen**

*Please save the date, bookings will open soon*

We invite papers for our annual conference from the UK museums sector and beyond. **Please share this with anyone you think may be interested.**

### **Do museums have a moral compass?**

We want to hear what you think about museum ethics in the 21st century. Do museums care about their collections, their audiences, or their workforce? Do we care too much? Do we care enough? While moral and ethical dilemmas are not new to the sector, we want to explore recent learning and developments in these areas.

Share the practical steps you've taken to address museum morals in a case study. Bring evidence for new approaches to ethical museum work. Join the debate on dilemmas that are becoming more common. We'd love to see entries on a wide range of subjects and themes for how we should be tackling these issues as a sector. Your proposal can be for a **breakout session, workshop or panel discussion**. Proposals should be up to 30 minutes for presentations and up to 40 minutes for other sessions.

While the theme is open, here's some inspiration:

### **Audiences**

- *Whose voice?* Interpreting and telling the full story with your collections
- *Should museums be political?* What do museums have to say about modern society?
- *Sustainable engagement.* Building relationships with communities beyond short-term projects

### **Collections**

- *How safe are your donations?* Complicated acquisitions
- *How accessible are our loans?* Registrar dilemmas
- *Making disposal normal practice.* Collections development

### **People**

- *How sustainable is your museum?* The environmentally-friendly museum
- *How is your workforce?* Wellbeing in the workplace
- *The danger of the 'D' word.* Diversity, institutional bias and inclusion in museums

**Any and all responses to the theme of the Moral Museum are welcome**

# Call for Papers

To submit a proposal please send the [Submission Form](#) to [scottishmuseumsfederation@gmail.com](mailto:scottishmuseumsfederation@gmail.com). Speakers do not need to be members of the Scottish Museums Federation. Submissions from outside the museum sector are also welcome.

**DEADLINE for proposals is Friday 21st December 2018**