



Mission

The Northamptonshire Museums and Historic Houses Forum is a vibrant and friendly exemplar organisation to provide support and representation for the benefit of its members. This will be delivered through advocacy, training, networking, debate, information sharing and other relevant means.

Aims & Objectives

1. To continue to develop the Forum.

1.1 To organise at least 3 general meetings, including an AGM, to provide networking, information sharing and training.

1.2 To encourage forum members to act as advocates in the work of the forum.

1.3 To continue to raise the profile of Forum and its members within and outside the county e.g. through websites/leaflet and other relevant media.

1.4 To bring in new members and retain existing members.

2. To continue to provide assistance in securing funding for Forum Members

2.1 To consult with forum members regarding joint funding and develop appropriate funding bids.

2.2 To be proactively seeking funding streams.

3. To act as a strategic body representing museums and heritage in the region.

3.1 To develop and maintain a wide range of partnerships and relationships with existing and new bodies.

3.2 Representation of the forum on relevant projects, forums and networks.

3.3 Participate and/or assist in activity such as the Heritage Summit.

3.4 To act as an advocate for members.

4. To continue to work with Forum Members to improve standards.

4.1 To continue to be involved in the organisation of the Heritage Awards.

4.2 To arrange relevant training.

4.3 To work with MLA/ACE to assist members with the new accreditation standard.

4.4 To maintain relationships and work with relevant regional/national organizations.

Member Benefits

Advocacy for your organisation

- A unified voice for all museums, and membership of an organisation that will act as an advocate for your needs at county and regional level. Networking Opportunities
- The opportunity to be part of a network of contacts where experience and knowledge can be shared with similar organisations.
- Training and Skill-sharing

Marketing and promotion opportunities

- Entry in the bi-annual Heritage Guide leaflet due to be re-published in Jan 2011.
- Three meetings a year at which to share leaflets and other publicity and marketing materials.
- Raised profile through forum activities.
- Joint marketing and promotion offers

Knowledge finding and sharing

- A chance to swap ideas and exchange advice on all museum issues.
- Support network where the collective experience of member museums is available for the benefit of all members.
- The opportunity to have your say and share information through the forum news exchange at 4 meetings a year.
- An opportunity to keep up to date about developments in museums and local heritage.

- Members can find out about funding opportunities at meetings.
- The opportunity to enter the annual Heritage Awards.