

Do you enjoy being creative?

Reflections – a U3A art project inspired by Jewish Museum London collections

Project aim:

An online exhibition showcasing artistic responses to Jewish Museum London collections using a range of artistic mediums.

Project background and description:

In July 2023 Jewish Museum London closed its Camden site and we are operating as a Museum without Walls whilst we prepare our vision for a future Museum. Items from our collection can be discovered in displays across the country and our award-winning learning programmes continue to work with schools, families and Care Homes out in the community and through virtual programmes.

Alongside curating physical displays, we are also interested in building our digital outputs. We would love participants to get involved in our next project to create an online exhibition featuring artistic responses to items in the collection. This autumn, the Museum will publish 10,000 items in a new Collections Online platform. **Using this as a basis for interactive workshops, we endeavour to evoke emotional reactions and responses from participants resulting in a range of creative outputs; these could include drawings, painting sculpture, poetry, woodwork, film, soundscapes, textile or any other artistic form you're interested in!**

Who we are looking for and why we want you:

We are looking for creative members of the U3A that take enjoyment in producing art as well as having an interest in culture and history. We ask that participants have online access and are comfortable using zoom calls. We welcome artistic responses using a range of mediums and encourage the use of film, sound, textile or digital art.

We feel our collections have more to offer than simply pieces of history and are keen to explore and showcase how different people can respond to Museum items in different ways.

What's in it for you?

An opportunity to:

- explore the history of Jewish Museum London and our collections
- discover more about Jewish heritage and culture
- develop ideas supported by Museum staff
- have your artwork feature in a Jewish Museum London online exhibition.

Dates and schedule outline:

Applications to participate in the project will be open until **Tuesday 5 November**

Applicants would need to be able to attend two online Zoom workshops where they can engage with the collection, begin to delve deeper into the stories behind the objects, and share ideas for creative responses

- **Tues 12th November** 10.30 – 13.00 (with a 20min break)
This workshop will give an overview of the Jewish Museum's Collection, followed by an interactive exploration of the collection based on themes and participant topics of interest
- **Tues 19th November** 10.30 – 13.00 (with a 20min break)

This workshop will start with a further exploration of the museum's collection, delving deeper into the themes participants wish to explore. The session will end with sharing initial thoughts for creative outputs.

Each participant will also have a follow up call/s with a member of the Museum's Collection team to develop their ideas (**Dec/Jan 2024**) with the aim to have artistic responses published online in early 2025 (**Feb/March**).

Interested?

Please email linda.crook.uk@gmail.com for an application form.