

Museums & Galleries Month May 2008

Debates and discussions

Museums and Galleries Month is the UK-wide celebration of museums and galleries which takes place in May. A series of debates and discussions will be held throughout the month, taking inspiration from the Museums and Galleries Month 2008 theme: **Ideas and Innovation.**

The **Victoria and Albert Museum**, London will host ***China and the Creative Industries*** a discussion on China and the future of the creative industries, with political commentator Will Hutton, author of *The Writing on the Wall: China and the West in the 21st Century*, and Philip Dodd, Chair of *Made in China*. The discussion is linked to the V&A exhibition *China Design Now*.

Friday 9 May 2008 19:00-20:00
V&A Lecture Theatre, London

Tickets £8, concessions available.
To book tickets call 020 7942 2211

For details visit: www.vam.ac.uk

As Britain prepares for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012 and the Cultural Olympiad, ***Sport and Art: A Clash of Cultures?*** at the **National Portrait Gallery** will consider whether sport and art can coexist and complement each other. The debate will be chaired by Sandy Nairne, Director of the National Portrait Gallery, and speakers include Keith Khan, Artist Executive at the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games, former England football team manager Graham Taylor and writer and broadcaster Munira Mirza.

Thursday 15 May 2008 19:00
Ondaatje Wing Lecture Theatre
National Portrait Gallery, London

Tickets are free and available on the night from 17.00 on a first come, first served basis.

For details visit: www.npg.org.uk

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www.mgm.org.uk

The **John Hansard Gallery**, Southampton is hosting a discussion on ***Landscape and Photography***, linked to an exhibition of photographs by archaeologist OGS Crawford, to explore how his work relates to contemporary art practice and landscape photography. Participants include: Kitty Hauser, curator of the exhibition; and Roger Palmer, Professor of Fine Art at the University of Leeds.

Thursday 8 May 2008 16:30-18:00
John Hansard Gallery, Southampton

Tickets are free and can be booked in advance or collected at the Gallery from 16:00 on the day.

For details visit:
www.hansardgallery.org.uk

Do Museums Matter? at **Urbis**, organised by Renaissance North West, will explore what museums do, embody and contribute that makes them matter today. The debate will be chaired by Professor Jennifer Latto, Chair of the HLF North West Committee and the panel will include: Dr Maria Balshaw, Director, The Whitworth Art Gallery; Vaughan Allen, Chief Executive, Urbis, David Wilson, Director, Wordsworth Trust and artist Lubaina Himid.

Friday 16 May 2008 16:00-17:00
Urbis, Manchester

For free tickets email Jennie Crawford
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www.urbis.org.uk

The MGM2008 debates programme is supported by London Calling.



Beat the Panel: Save the planet at the Science Museum's **Dana Centre** in London will showcase innovations to reduce carbon emissions. Environmental entrepreneurs will present their carbon cutting innovations to a panel of climate change and business experts, including Professor Chris Rapley, Director of the Science Museum. The panel will give their straight-talking feedback and the audience will be invited to vote for the best idea.

Thursday 22 May 2008 19:00-20:30
Dana Centre, Science Museum, London

Tickets are free, but please pre-book by calling 020 7942 4040 or email tickets@danacentre.org.uk

For details visit:
www.danacentre.org.uk

Can design save your life? at the **Wellcome Collection**, London, organised with The Art Fund, will explore how innovations in design are improving and challenging the world of medicine. The panel, chaired by journalist and curator Henrietta Thompson, will include Ken Arnold, Head of Public Programmes at the Wellcome Collection, Sunand Prasad, President of the RIBA, Jim Dawton, Director, Pearson Matthews and designer Sally Halls.

Thursday 29 May 2008 18:30-20:30
Wellcome Collection, London

Tickets £12 (includes a glass of wine). To book call 08700 503 688 or email arthappens@artfund.org

For details visit: www.artfund.org or www.wellcomecollection.org

For more information about Museums and Galleries Month events go to:
www.24hourmuseum.org.uk