

Practical Curating: Costume and Textiles Day School

This will be a hands-on day, designed and led by curators from Museums Worcestershire to share practical skills.

The day school is intended for museum staff, volunteers or collectors who work with historic costume and are interested in learning from Museums Worcestershire's experience in how to handle, pack and care for their costume and textile collections.



Museums Worcestershire Collections Centre, Hartlebury Trading Estate, Nr Kidderminster

More information on location accompanies this information; please note that the estate is not well serviced by public transport.

Monday 19th June 2017

Day School cost: £20 each

Call 01299 250416 to book your place, or visit the reception at Worcestershire County Museum at Hartlebury Castle. Places are limited, so please book in advance – booking closes a week before the day school.

Day outline

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| 10am | Arrive, tea, coffee & biscuits and meet the other participants and the curators who will be part of the day |
| 10.30am | Tour of collections centre and the stored museum costume collections |
| 11.30am | Set up working tables and introduction to handling historic costume |
| 11.45am | Hands on session: hanging costume
Working with the Worcestershire County costume collection, you'll <ul style="list-style-type: none">• make padded hangers• inspect for hanging strength• make archivally stable outer dust wrappers |

- 12.30pm Lunch
Options at the trading estate are limited, so please bring your own packed lunch.
- 1.15pm Hands on session: boxing up costume
Working with the Worcester City costume collection, you'll
- use tissue to support the weight and minimise folds
 - inspect for pest damage and inherent fabric fragility
 - document condition, label the costume and boxes
- 2.15pm Break for tea and coffee
- 2.30pm *group 1* Creating flat storage for accessories in drawers
group 2 Moths: inspection, intervention and prevention
- 3.15pm *group 2* Creating flat storage for accessories in drawers
group 1 Moths: inspection, intervention and prevention
- 4.00pm Day ends

The Museums Worcestershire Collections Centre is a working museum store, so please come prepared for a variation in temperatures and some dusty environments. If you have any access or mobility requirements, please let us know when you book.

This day school forms part of a series of activities across 2017 enabling access, inspiration and skills sharing with the museum collections cared for by Museums Worcestershire. If you are interested in other opportunities, please email museumcollections@worcestershire.gov.uk.

