

The University of Manchester
The Manchester
Museum

Jan-Jun 2012

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EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS



"When I get home
I'm going to put the
Big Saturday dates
on the calendar."

Free entry to the Museum

www.manchester.ac.uk/museum

...there's much more at The Manchester Museum



Families or adults, as a group or on your own - there's something for everyone. We'd love to see you soon at one of our exhibitions or events.



Exhibitions

Free entry

Unearthed: Ancient Egypt **Until 6 Sep 2012**

Journey back to the 1920s to our Egyptologist's storeroom for some archaeological training. Can you help our Egyptologist (played on film by Horrible Histories' Terry Deary) investigate his finds?

Grave Secrets: Tales of the Ancient Nubians **Until 4 Mar 2012**

An exhibition of bone specimens and artefacts revealing the lives of the inhabitants of ancient Nubia, Egypt's southern neighbour.

Curiosities - Celebrating Trees **13 Jan-5 Feb 2012**

The winning entries from the Curiosities favourite tree photography competition.

Alan Turing and Life's Enigma **24 Mar-18 Nov 2012**

Inspired by 1950s design, this exhibition documents Alan Turing's investigation into one of the great mysteries of nature: how complex shapes and patterns arise from simple balls of cells.

The Manchester Anansi Spider **Jun-Sep 2012**

Anansi is a spider who stars in stories told in Africa and around the world. See the Museum's West African collections in the context of a Mancunian re-telling of the Anansi story.

The Museum Allotment **Until autumn 2012**

See what's growing on our allotment, inspired by our Living Worlds gallery.

Gallery redevelopment

Ancient Egypt & Archaeology **Gallery closures**

To create our new Ancient Worlds galleries, the Archaeology and Ancient Egypt galleries will close in Feb 2012. Ancient Egypt: Daily Life is already closed. Ancient Worlds opens Oct 2012. In the meantime, you can see some of our Egyptology collection on display in our Unearthed: Ancient Egypt exhibition, until 6 Sep 2012.

MUSEUM MEETS

THE MANCHESTER MUSEUM'S ADULT PROGRAMME

For more info and listings visit
MUSEUMMEETS.WORDPRESS.COM

MUSEUM MEETS TALKS

Talks, conversations, debates and tours
exploring understanding between cultures
and how to promote a sustainable world.

Unless otherwise specified:

Book on: 0161 275 2648 / **Cost:** Free

Thurs 19 Jan / 6-8pm

Tales of the Ancient Nubians

The story behind the Grave Secrets exhibition. Learn how archaeological excavations and modern scientific techniques are helping to reveal more about the ancient Nubians.

Wed 8 Feb / 1-2pm

Tour of Grave Secrets: Tales of the Ancient Nubians

Thurs 23 Feb / 6-8pm

Climate change question time

Your chance to pose questions to experts about climate change & sustainability in a Manchester & global context.

Sat 25 Feb / 12 & 3pm

Eight lions and an umbrella

Using the history of the umbrella as a starting point, this Museum urban safari is an exploration of Manchester's heritage as a Northern Leontopolis (City of Lions) and an introduction to Survival French.

Wed 29 Feb, Wed 25 Apr

& Wed 27 Jun / 1-2pm

The Confucius Institute talks on China

Featuring speakers with specialist knowledge of China, these talks cover diverse topics with the aim of demystifying contemporary China.

Thurs 1 Mar / 6-8pm

Scott of the Antarctic and Manchester: the untold story

Dr Max Jones will reveal for the first time the leading roles which the citizens of Manchester played in Scott's last expedition.

Visit www.manchestherhistoriesfestival.org.uk
for booking details, £6/£4 concessions

MUSEUM MEETS AFTER HOURS

Evening social events where you encounter the unexpected. Artists, scientists, film makers, writers and musicians animate our collections in special one-off performances.

Evenings

Thurs 26 Jan / Thurs 29 Mar /
Fri 18 May

Booking: Drop-in / **Cost:** Free

MUSEUM MEETS URBAN NATURALIST

Friendly, practical workshops run by leading naturalists. From wild food-foraging and composting to bird song and insect identification, explore biodiversity on our doorstep.

Last Sat of every month / 2-4pm

Book on: 0161 275 2648 / **Cost:** £3

Thurs 7 Jun / 6-8pm

The archaeology of ritual, shrines and sacrifice in Northern Ghana

With Timothy Insoll, who has carried out field projects among the Tallensi of Ghana and has participated in the Komaland project in Ghana.

Every Tues & Thurs / 12-1pm

Tours of the Vivarium

(live animals) Ages 13+

MUSEUM MEETS COURSES

Courses of all shapes and sizes from wildlife photography to community archaeology. Led by experts in their fields drawing upon our amazing collections.

Every Wed for 10 weeks from
Wed 18 Jan / 3-5pm

Climate change & the rock record

Find out how rocks and fossils can be used to understand and reconstruct past environments and climates and how this can be used to help predict possible climate change in the future. Organised by the Workers' Educational Association.

Book on: 0151 243 5340

or at www.nw.wea.org.uk

£62 for 10 weeks or free for those in receipt of means tested benefits

Sat 21 Jan / 10am-5pm

& Sun 22 Jan / 10am-4pm

Wildlife photography course

Through a mixture of classroom theory and practical sessions using live animals and museum specimens, learn how to photograph natural history subjects. With Chris Mattison, wildlife photographer & author and Andrew Gray, Curator of Herpetology at the Museum.

Visit www.manchester.ac.uk/museum
for booking details, £150

Magic Carpet

Skinny green bug, Spotty red bug and Maharaja the elephant are some of the characters you'll meet at our Magic Carpet storytelling and activity sessions.

Book on: 0161 275 2648 a week before
Cost: £1 per child
Age: Under 5s and their families/carers

11am-12pm

Fri 27 Jan: Bugs

Fri 24 Feb: Manchester

Fri 30 Mar: Dinosaurs

Fri 27 Apr: Minibeasts

Fri 25 May: Nature

Fri 29 Jun: Spiders



Big Saturdays

Touching a 200 million year old fossil or objects from ancient cultures; stroking a hedgehog; meeting scientists working on the latest research; making your own treasures; performances and films; storytelling and tours. These are some of the things you can experience at our monthly Big Sats.

11am-4pm

Sat 28 Jan: Bug art

Sat 25 Feb: Manchester

Sat 10 Mar: Jurassic climate change

Sat 28 Apr: Minibeasts & us

Sat 19 May: Patterns in nature

Sat 2 Jun: Mcr Anansi spider



School holidays

Similar to Big Saturdays, but the activities go on all week.

11am-4pm

Feb half term

Mon 13-Fri 17 Feb

Unearthed: Ancient Egypt

Easter holidays

Mon 2-Fri 13 Apr

The Museum Allotment

Jun half term

Mon 4-Fri 8 Jun

Living Worlds

Booking:

Big Saturdays and School holidays

Booking: Most activities are drop-in, some may need to be booked on the day

Cost: Most activities are free, some may cost up to £1.50

Age: All ages - from under 5s to adults

Specialist

As a leading university Museum, we offer talks from experts on the latest museum based research.

Visit www.manchester.ac.uk/museum for details and to sign up to our specialist e-news.

Whitworth Art Gallery

Five minutes up the road you'll find the University's art gallery, the Whitworth, home to art, wallpaper and great cakes.

www.manchester.ac.uk/whitworth

Opening times

Tues-Sat: 10am-5pm

Sun, Mon & Bank hols: 11am-4pm

27-31 Dec: 11am-4pm

24-26 Dec & 1 Jan: closed

Access

We aim to meet everyone's access needs. Please let us know about any requirements a week in advance of any event you would like to attend.

Phone **0161 275 2648** or email museum@manchester.ac.uk

Booking and information line:
0161 275 2648

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