

Our Lockdown Year



Despite the Museum's doors being closed this year, we've been busier than ever, creating new content and activities to support our visitors, partners and participants.

This is just small selection of what we've been up to...



Exhibitions

We weren't able to host our usual programme of exhibitions at the Museum, so we created a new section of on our website for online exhibitions!

You can find three online so far:



Cardiff's Sound, looking at how music and sound is important to our communities:

<https://cardiffmuseum.com/cardiffs-sound/>

Victory Days, about how Cardiff celebrated VE Day:

<https://cardiffmuseum.com/online-exhibitions/>

Cardiff in Lockdown, our photography project to show how Cardiffians have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic:

<https://cardiffmuseum.com/cardiff-in-lockdown/>

Collections

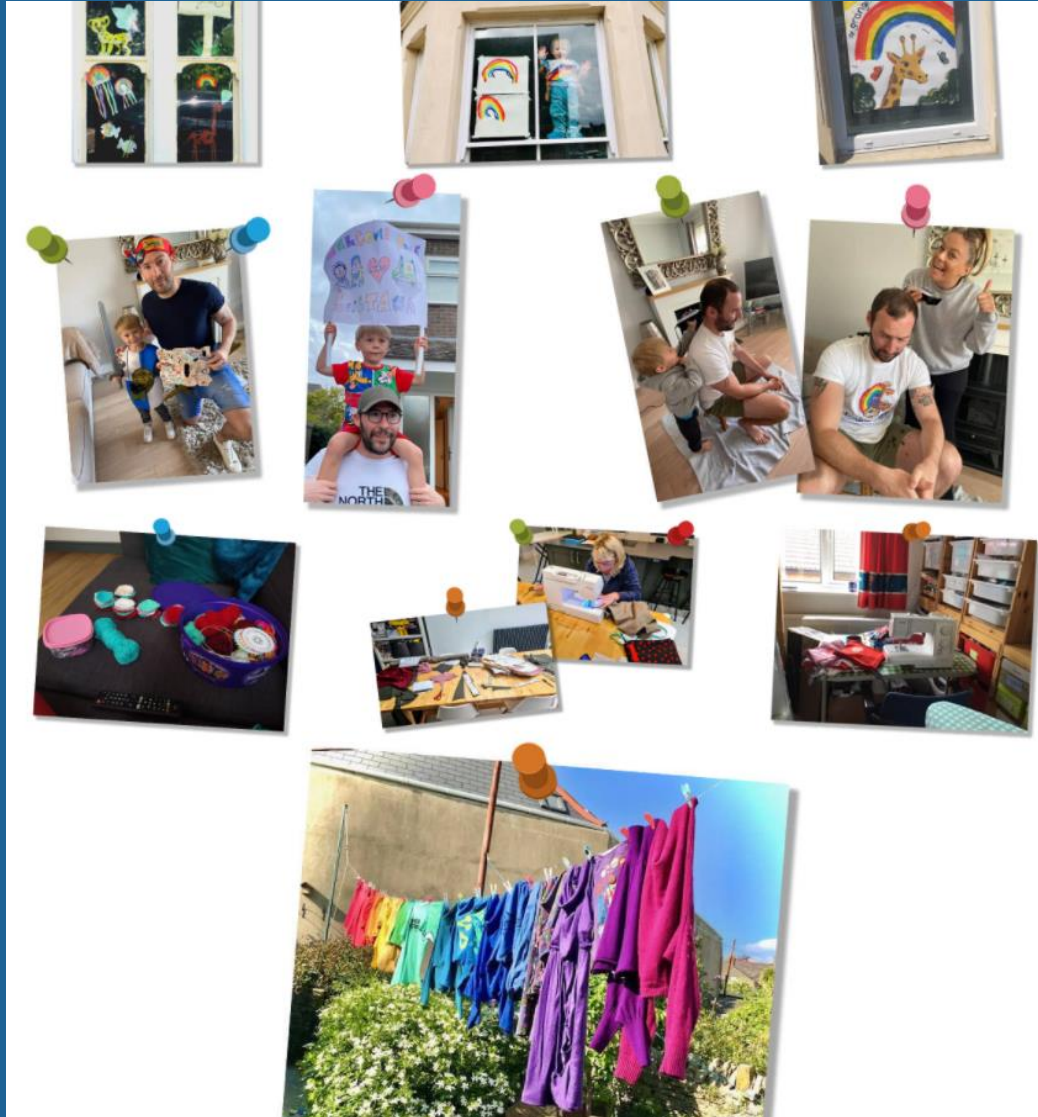


We've been working hard behind the scenes to get more of our collection online and we'll be launching a brand new collections website on our 10th birthday (1st April 2021)!

Thanks to grants during lockdown from Welsh Government, the Art Fund and the Federation of Museums and Art Galleries of Wales, we've been able to photograph more of the collection and add more stories to the objects ready for launch.

The website features objects in our collection that we're not able to display in our galleries, and will especially highlight our collections relating to Cardiff's diverse communities.

Collecting Covid



We've done lots to make sure the pandemic will be represented in the museum's collection for future generations.

We launched *Cardiff in Lockdown*, a photography project, asking the public to submit their images of how their lives had changed during the pandemic and have worked with Cardiff Council's Cardiff Commitment team on their *Diff Diaries* project. This project encouraged children and young people to upload films, drawings, writing and photographs of their experiences of Lockdown.

We've also worked with Cardiff businesses and individuals to encourage donations of objects and memories/stories to the collection. This all means we will have a bank of information and objects to make sure future generations know what happened in Cardiff during this unprecedented time in our history.

Outreach

We've also made sure we've continued to support our community partners during the year and have run our ESOL and dementia friendly programmes online!



We've worked with Cardiff Council's independent living team to help participants access the sessions virtually.

We've supported our partner organisations Oasis Cardiff, Cardiff People First and SightLife by hosting online sessions for their clients and participants. Members of Mencap Cymru, our volunteers and Cardiff People First have produced Takeovers of our social media too.



We worked with FareShare to distribute over 100 activity packs for families, via some of the city's foodbanks

Roger's object story



Roger explains how a fuel block on display at the museum brings back memories of his Grandad, who worked as a coalman:

"Born in Grangetown in 1943, in my (coalman) Grandad's house, which had a yard and stable, I remember a stock of blocks for when his usual coal didn't arrive, post Second World War.

Customers would buy one or two blocks and Grandad had six small, iron wheeled, wooden trucks, which they could borrow. He would charge 2d (pence) deposit, repaid on the truck's return, usually by children.

The fuel block brings back memories of my Grandad, the house, yard, stable and 'Dolly' the horse."

Learning

We haven't been able to welcome our usual school groups to the Museum, but we created loads of new downloadable resources and activities for families and for home-schooling!




A new section on our website has dedicated areas for children in Foundation phase, primary and secondary schools and we worked with our community and housing association partners to print the resources and send them to families without digital access.

We've done lots of consultation with teachers and have piloted new 'virtual' school visits and a whole suite of new learning resources for schools, including some around Cardiff's Black history, expanding our resources exploring Cardiff's diverse community histories.

Recognition

Our work was shortlisted for a Kids in Museums Family Friendly Museum Award in the 'best website activity' category for our 'My Museum' activities.

The shortlisting panel were particularly pleased with our work for young people who “were not well served elsewhere.” The panel also praised our “clear presentation” and the way the range of topics “linked back to the museum’s social history focus.”



Local museums improving well-being

Inequalities can impact the how different groups access and interact with culture differently and many still feel excluded from spaces which are inaccessible or considered as 'high culture'. That is why the work of local museums, who work directly with the community is so important for the achievement of the vision set out in the Well-being of Future Generations Act. Small and large museums across Wales are taking actions to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of their area. They are using the medium of culture to contribute to each of the national well-being goals to the well-being objectives of their local authority.

We also featured in the Future Generations Commissioner's new report about the work museums do to meet the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act:
<https://www.futuregenerations.wales/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Local-Museums.pdf>

Thank you

Lots of this work has been possible thanks to our supporters! We especially want to thank those organisations who have supported us through grants and funding this year:

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Support our work

If you would like to help us continue our work with our communities and make sure Cardiff's story continues to be told, please consider donating to our fundraising appeal.

Every £ we raise is matched by National Lottery Heritage Fund, so your donation is worth double to us!

<https://cardiffmuseum.com/donate/>

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