OUR MUSEUM: OUR VOICES
New perspectives on the Ashmolean

Call for Participants

Do you identify as a member of the BAME and/or LGBTQ+ communities?
Do you feel represented in the University museum?
Are you interested in using your voice to help change that?

We’re inviting twelve BAME and twelve LGBTQ+ students and early career researchers from the University of Oxford to curate a series of alternative labels to represent their own perspectives on particular objects – perspectives that have historically been marginalised in the Ashmolean’s public galleries. We would like you to turn your distinctive lens on our collections to help provide new ways for previously overlooked and under-represented groups to find themselves in the Museum.

During Hilary term you’ll work with the Ashmolean’s Teaching Curator, Design Team, Public Engagement and Schools Learning programmes to select and research objects, develop your labels and devise ways of promoting and using the new material. By Trinity OUR MUSEUM: OUR VOICES will be installed in the galleries with community groups coming to visit and public talks to raise awareness.

We need your unique experience, insight, and enthusiasm to make this happen. Help us encourage everyone to see the museum as a space that can reflect, respond to, and celebrate the growing diversity of our contemporary world and of this extraordinary university.

If you’re interested in joining us, or want to learn more, send us your name and course, a brief (250 word) description of how you think your perspective can make the museum more inclusive, and a suggestion of an object you might be interested in working on.

Applications by email to UEP@ashmus.ox.ac.uk
Closing date: Friday 22nd November, 5pm.