

## Training in Care of Collections (Interim)

### 3.6 ■ Who is responsible for the day-to-day implementation of Collections Care?

■ This is a Minimum Standard for Interim Accreditation (Training).

#### ■ Requirements

A museum must fulfil one of the following:

- (i) The museum has a conservator as a member of staff.
- (ii) The museum has a conservation technician as a member of staff.
- (iii) The museum has assigned a staff member with responsibility for collections care. The museum has access to professional conservation/preservation advice on a regular basis or when a problem is identified.

### 3.7 ■ What members of staff and/or volunteers receive training in Collections Care?

■ This is a Minimum Standard for Interim Accreditation. Questions 3.8 and 3.9 also relate to this Minimum Standard (Training).

#### ■ Guidelines

**Note:** Given the shortage of dedicated collections care training courses in Ireland, it is difficult to quantify this Standard. The Standard aims to ensure that a staff person or volunteer in the museum has the knowledge and expertise to implement all the standards in the Caring for Collection category or to access external professional expertise if required.

To fulfil this standard:

- A. Give details and dates of all Collections Care courses attended.
- B. The conservator, conservation technician or member of staff responsible for Collections Care, must assess the requirements in the museum and identify any areas in which they lack the in-house skills to effectively implement the Care of Collections Strategy. The training needs should then be discussed with the museum director/curator and relevant accredited courses are attended by the conservator, conservation technician or other staff where relevant. If that is not possible, external professional expertise should be sought.
- C. A series of courses in Caring for the Collection will be organised in conjunction with the MSPI. Achievement of the MSPI Standards is a phased process and when a museum meets Full Accreditation, applicants will be expected to have undertaken training in all relevant matters relating to collections care, where required.

### 3.8 ■ Please provide details of **in-house** experience and **in-service** training in Collections Care.

■ This is a Minimum Standard for Interim Accreditation, see 3.7 above.

### 3.9 ■ Please provide details of **external** training in Collections Care received in the last five years.

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