

Do you have an Open Mind?!

Join us on a journey of learning and exploration - the next two series of Open Minds sessions will explore sound and space, and will run between September and November of this year.

What is Open Minds?

Open Minds programmes are developed by and for Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums (TWAM) staff, volunteers and community members across the region. The programmes offer exciting personal and professional development opportunities, exploring a variety of topics through facilitated workshops, visits and reflective conversations

Why do we do it?

Open Minds programmes explore new ways in which museum staff, volunteers and community members can learn together and from each other.

The programmes aim to inspire lasting connections between individuals and organisations, by developing a shared awareness and understanding of local interests and issues.

What Open Minds can offer you:

- personal and professional development
- a safe environment to explore new ways of thinking and doing
- peer support and challenge
- knowledge and a better understanding of other group members, and a chance to learn from their experiences
- space for individual as well as group reflection
- a fun and a sociable learning experience

We would like to ask you:

- for your commitment to the programme of your choice
- to participate in the sharing of learning with other group members, and with colleagues who are not part of the programme

How to apply

If you are interested in taking part in an Open Minds programme, please complete the application form attached to this flyer and send it to the Project Coordinator Our Museum:

- Post address: Discovery Museum, Blandford Square, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4JA

Applications will be considered by the Open Minds steering group, which is made up of former programme participants. As long as the application form has been correctly filled in, submitted on time, and it indicates that you are available on the dates required, then you are eligible to take part.

Open Minds groups will be made up of 10-15 participants, and all eligible applicants will be considered equally. However, if a programme is over-subscribed, selection will be based on ensuring that the final group is a fair blend of people from across Tyne & Wear and across sectors where applicable. This will ensure that the group is as diverse as possible.

Programmes overview

Programme 1 – Sounds of a City

Sounds of a City will explore questions around sound recording and sound collecting through practical activities and group discussion.

It aims to facilitate questions such as:

How can sound represent a place? And how can it be used in museum practice and collections?

When*	Session
Wednesday 23 September 10.30am-12.30pm	Group introduction to the programme and each other.
Wednesday 30 September 10am-1pm	Join a local artist on a walk around Newcastle to capture the sounds of the city.
Wednesday 14 October 10am-1pm	Edit your sound recordings and turn them into longer audio pieces – supported by a local artist.
Wednesday 28 October 10.30am-12.30pm	Meet a representative from 'Mentally Sound', a community radio show raising awareness of mental health.
Wednesday 4 November 10.30am-12.30pm	Reflect on and share programme learning and experiences with other group members.

Programme 2 – Whose Space is it Anyway?

We will explore questions about buildings and how places can be re-purposed and re-imagined. The sessions will use practical activities and group discussion to facilitate questions such as:

How might a space be used for a different purpose while maintaining some authenticity?

When*	Session
Friday 25 September 10.30am-12.30pm	Group introduction to the programme and each other.
Friday 2 October 10am-1pm	Visit local historic buildings that have been given new uses over time - with a representative from North of England Civic Trust.
Friday 9 October 10.30am-12.30pm	Find out how Northern Creative Solutions turned the old Broadacre House offices into a thriving community space.
Friday 23 October 10am-1pm	Have a go! Convert a historic building into a new community heritage space.
Friday 6 November 10.30am-12.30pm	Reflect on and share programme learning and experiences with other group members.

* All programme sessions will take place in Newcastle – you will receive further details about the programme once your application has been successful.

Open Minds application form

Name Contact details
Do you live in Tyne & Wear? I live in:
I work / volunteer / am a member at:
Which Open Minds programme would you like to participate in?	<u>Programme 1:</u> Sounds of a City <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Programme 2:</u> Whose Space is it Anyway? <input type="checkbox"/>