

Meeting date	26 September 2018
Agenda item	
Subject	2018/19 Annual Plan & Programme
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	<p>Governance and Strategic Review A key piece of work for the Committee will be to undertake a governance review in order to ensure the organisation’s constitution is up-to-date and fit for purpose and that related processes are in place to ensure we are following charity sector best practice. This will go hand-in-hand with a strategic review of ICOM UK which will consider issues such as long-term financial growth potential, how we better leverage the ICOM network and how we position ourselves vis a vis Museum Association and other museum stakeholder groups.</p> <p>Membership Membership increased overall in the previous year, but there was no growth in institutional memberships and a number of existing institutional members renewed late in the year after prompting. After a successful year focused on increasing student membership, next year I have proposed that the Committee focus on institutional members. I want to ensure that ICOM UK’s offer is well communicated and that we identifying new offers for these members. For example, I have discussed with Helen Thomas, Head of Museums at the British Council, the possibility of holding workshops that would help institutional members prepare for British Council tender opportunities.</p> <p>Stakeholder Engagement <i>ICOM Directorate</i> We will continue to engage with the ICOM Directorate’s work on developing a new definition for museums as well as support the piloting of their new online membership system. Representatives from the committee will be attending the ICOM General Meeting in Kyoto, Japan in September 2019.</p> <p><i>Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)</i> We will continue to meet with DCMS regularly, with a particular focus on supporting planning around Brexit. In the future, ICOM will build relationships with govt bodies in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.</p> <p><i>British Council</i> We plan to review our evaluation framework for the travel bursary scheme to ensure it aligns with British Council objectives. As mentioned above, we</p>

will also endeavour to develop mechanisms for supporting institutional members in tendering for British Council international projects, such as the development of museum training programmes in Asia and African.

National Museum Directors' Conference

We will continue to work with NMDC in delivering the annual *Working Internationally Conference*.

Other

ICOM UK has been approached by a number of other sector stakeholder groups, including the Museums Association, Engage, and Museum Support Alliance, seeking potential partnerships and collaborations. We will pursue these in accordance with our strategy.

Conferences and Events

Our major event for the year will be the *Working Internationally Conference*. It will be held at the British Library on 11 March 2019 and feature case study sessions drawn from the ICOM membership. The full line up of speakers and sessions will be announced in due course.

ICOM UK will also host a luncheon at the Museums Association conference in Belfast this year in collaboration ICOM Ireland. In addition, Committee Member Catherine McDermott is leading a conference session, funded by ICOM UK, entitled *Southern Africa and the impact of change on museums*. The session will explore the impact of recent political changes in South Africa and Zimbabwe through two African curators and the programmes they are developing for the Harare National Gallery and the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary African Art, Cape Town

In addition, the Committee hopes to be able to offer more informal events and networking opportunities for members.

Projects

SARAT

ICOM UK will continue to be a partner in the British Council Cultural Protection Fund (CPF) Project *Safeguarding Archaeological Assets in Turkey* (SARAT). As ICOM UK has delivered its main activity – developing emergency planning training content – going forward we will participate in steering group meetings to ensure the project is successfully completed.

National Foundation of Museums Morocco

The UK ambassador to Morocco approached ICOM UK about sourcing training and support for the National Foundation of Museums in Morocco. We await further discussion pending a decision about funding availability.

Communications/Marketing

We will continue to feature interviews with our ICOM colleagues around the world and engage with the ICOM Directorate on promoting international museums day.