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## **Free Workshops For AIM Members: An Introduction To Collections Care**

Why is it necessary to wear gloves to handle objects? Why don't objects last for ever? How does decay set in? If you have ever wondered why collections care matters or what it involves, then book yourself a place on our new 'Stop The Rot' workshops which are free for staff and volunteers from AIM member museums, galleries and heritage sites.

These fun and hands on workshops are led by Jane Thompson Webb, the Conservation Team Leader at Birmingham Museums Trust, and you will gain the skills and confidence you need to spot the main agents of decay and how they can damage objects in your collections. You will also learn a range of practical strategies to help ensure that your collections will be accessible now and in the future.

Funded by The Pilgrim Trust, the workshops include lunch, refreshments, collections care handouts and AIM Success Guides for you to use in your own organisation. If you work or volunteer in a heritage site or museum, these workshops will give you a greater understanding of caring for your collections, why objects deteriorate and what practical steps you can take to limit damage.

Participants on previous AIM 'Stop the Rot' workshops have said:

*"This has been a practical workshop and will allow me to revisit and reappraise the procedures we are currently using"*

*"This workshop was enjoyable, informative and very helpful and friendly"*

*"I really enjoyed the presentation and workshop delivery"*

Each workshop runs from 10.30am – 4.30pm and you will also get the chance to handle some interesting objects, take part in a quiz and to walk around the collections at each venue. At the end of the workshop, participants will be able to spot the causes of damage in their own collections and introduce monitoring and/or mitigation strategies.

Booking early is advisable with a maximum of 20 places available at each workshop. You can book by completing the booking form below and emailing it to: [emma@aim-museums.co.uk](mailto:emma@aim-museums.co.uk)

For further information, please contact: [emma@aim-museums.co.uk](mailto:emma@aim-museums.co.uk)



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## **Dates and Venues**

**7 March 2016**

10.30 – 4.30

**Galleries of Justice, High Pavement, Nottingham NG1 1HN**

Website: [Galleries of Justice](#)

**Directions:** [Directions to Galleries of Justice](#)

**9 March 2016**

10.30 – 4.30

**Kendal Museum, Station Rd, Kendal LA9 6BT**

Website: [Kendal Museum](#)

**Directions:** [Directions to Kendal Museum](#)

**15 March**

10.30 – 4.30

**Banbury Museum, Castle Quay Shopping Centre, 40 Castle St, Banbury OX16 2PQ**

Website: [Banbury Museum](#)

**Directions:** [Directions to Banbury Museum](#)