

Accreditation in the South East

From 1st November 2008, there will be new arrangements for the delivery of Accreditation following the restructure of MLA Council and the planned closure of the regional agencies. This In Brief outlines the process and support that will be in place.

MLA Council's role in the delivery of Accreditation in the South East

MLA Council has redesigned the delivery structure for Accreditation to take account of the closure of the regional agencies.

MLA Council will continue to take the overall role in administering the scheme and the accreditation panel. However, it is also taking on new roles including:

- Contracting consultants to undertake assessments
- Managing the regional invitation programme
- Receiving and logging applications
- Processing applications and forwarding to the consultant assessor
- Sending out certificates
- Sending and receiving Biennial Returns
- Providing expert advice
- Managing the scheme Archive
- Monitoring excluded museums

As mentioned, consultants will continue to be used in the South East to assess applications. These will be contracted by MLA Council.

All files relating to Accreditation activity will be held by MLA Council and will no longer be kept at a regional level.



Regional support for Accreditation in the South East

There will still be Accreditation support available for Museums in the South East. MLA has created a new regional role for the South East Hub; this is being incorporated into the Museum Development Service which transfers to the Hub on the 1st November 2008.

The Museum Development Service Manager will have a new regional role in Accreditation. In particular you will be able to receive the following support:

- Advice on the eligibility of the Museum in making an application for Accreditation
- Additional pre-application support where questions cannot be answered by the sub-regional Museum Development Officer
- Pre-assessment advice
- Accreditation-linked training with Renaissance Hubs, Museum Development Officers & Curatorial Advisers
- Accreditation specific awareness sessions/seminars in conjunction with Museum Development Officers
- Signposting applicants towards appropriate training and additional support
- Post-application support and advice relating to Biennial Returns and meeting Areas for Improvement and Required Actions
- Referral of specific issues to the MLA Council Accreditation Manager

Your sub-regional Museum Development Officer will continue to provide the following support:

- Advice to museums considering applying for Accreditation for the first time
- Information regarding the invitation programme
- Pre-application support
- Accreditation-linked training
- Support for Curatorial Adviser activity
- Signposting applicants towards appropriate training and additional support

Further Information

If you would like more detail on the support provided please contact your sub-regional Museum Development Officer or the Museum Development Service Manager.

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