

**'Public Engagement in Natural Science'**  
Natural Sciences Collections Association  
Conference & AGM  
6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
Plymouth City Museum & Art Gallery

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**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**09:00 – 9:30** Registration and coffee

**09:30 – 09:40** Introduction: Jan Freedman, Paul Brown

**09:40 – 09:55** Welcome from Nicola Moyle, City Curator, Plymouth City Museum & Art Gallery

**10:00 – 10:25** “Shout it from the green roof top – raising the profile of Natural Science at the Horniman Museum”  
Jo Hatton & Emily Dutton, The Horniman Museum & Gardens

**10:30 – 10:55** “The Natural Science Renaissance”  
David Craven, Renaissance North West

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break**

**11:30 – 11:55** “Wild about Plymouth: the family friendly natural history group in Plymouth.”  
Kelly Chevin & Jan Freedman, Plymouth City Museum & Art Gallery

**12:00 – 12:25** “Volunteering flagship at Leicestershire County Council Museums.”  
Carolyn Holmes, Leicestershire County Council Museums

**12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH**

**13:30 – 14:15 AGM**

**14:30 – 16:30** A selection of guided tours at either;

- the Marine Biological Association,
- the National Marine Aquarium,
- Lab Plus at the University of Plymouth,
- the natural history collections at Plymouth City Museum & Art Gallery

**16:30 – 18:00** Reception at Plymouth City Museum & Art Gallery

**19:00 – 21:00** Conference Meal at the Watering Hole, the Barbican, Plymouth. (<http://www.eatoutdevon.com/devon-restaurant/details-restaurant.php?pv=1055>)

## **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**09:20- 09:30** Introduction: Jan Freedman, Clare Brown

**09:30 – 09:55** “The Hereford Museum Resource and Learning Centre – delivering 18 months of audience development, successes, lessons learned and moving forward.”

Kate Andrew, Herefordshire Council

**10:00 – 10:25** “Who’s missing? Identifying audience groups at the Dead Zoo.”  
Catherine McGuinness & Siobhan Pierce, National Museum of Ireland

**10:30 – 10:55** “Increasing access to collections through partnerships.”  
Angela Smith, Gloucester Museum Service

### **11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break**

**11:30 – 11:55** “Darwin200 - beyond the bicentenary”  
Paolo Viscardi, The Horniman Museum

**12:00 – 12:25** “Well, it worked for me ...”  
Tony Irwin, Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service

**12:30 – 12:55** “Google me a penguin: Natural history collections and the web”  
Mark Carnall, the Grant Museum of Zoology, UCL

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## General Information

### Bookings:

Please see separate forms for booking. Details are also on the NatSCA website: <http://natsca.info>

### Costs:

Conference fees, including lunches, teas and coffees are:

	2 day rate	Day rate
Early-bird member (by April 9th):	£70	£45
Early-bird non-member (by April 9th):	£90	£55
Member:	£75	£45
Non-Member:	£95	£55

### Conference Meal:

The conference meal will be from 19:00 to 21:00, at the Watering Hole, on the Barbican, Plymouth. (<http://www.eatoutdevon.com/devon-restaurant/details-restaurant.php?pv=1055>)

Please note the conference meal is an additional £15 per person.

### Accommodation:

Plenty is available in Plymouth in all price ranges:

**Copthorne Hotel** (very close to the museum and in the city centre, and rooms from £33)

<http://maps.google.co.uk/maps/place?cid=11587519285476975962&q=hotel+plymouth&gl=uk&hl=en&cd=10&cad=src:pplink,view:text&ei=LbRNS8PwC5yqOJqbwblP>

**Travellodge** (a little further away from the museum, but cheap accommodation)

[http://www.travelodge.co.uk/search\\_and\\_book/hotel\\_overview.php?hotel\\_id=251](http://www.travelodge.co.uk/search_and_book/hotel_overview.php?hotel_id=251)

**Jury's Inn** – (very close to museum and in centre, a bit more pricey with rooms from £69)

<http://plymouthhotels.jurysinns.com/>

### General hotels:

[www.booking.com/plymouth](http://www.booking.com/plymouth)

**B&Bs** - (lots of choice and cheap. But check the location, some are further away from the Museum than others)

<http://www.bedandbreakfast-directory.co.uk/uploads/estate/html/to-Plymouth.htm>