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Our plan for museums in Northern Ireland

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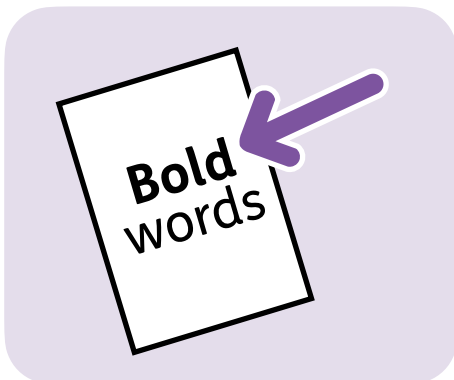


This is an Easy Read version of some information.

It uses easier words and pictures.



Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are **bold** to show they are important.



We explain bold words if they are hard to understand.

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What do you think about this Easy Read booklet?

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About this booklet



This booklet is from the Department for Communities.



We are part of the government in Northern Ireland.



This booklet is about our new plan for museums in Northern Ireland.

About our plan



Our plan is about how we will support museums in Northern Ireland over the next 10 years.



Our plan includes:

- A **vision** - this is what we want our plan to do and how we want museums to be used.



- 12 **aims** - these are our goals for museums.



- **Actions** - these are the things we think should happen to make sure our goals are reached.

What do you think?



Our plan is not ready to share yet.

This is because we want to know what people think of our plan before we finish and share it.

You can tell us what you think of our plan by:



- Reading the information in this booklet.



- Answering the questions throughout the booklet.



You have until 22 June 2026 to send us your answers.



We will write and share a report about what people think of our plan.



Your answers may be included in this report, but we will not include any personal information.



This means nobody will know that your answers have come from you.

Before you start



Before you start answering questions about our plan, please answer these questions about yourself.



Question 1: Who are you answering these questions as?

Myself

An organisation



Question 2: If you are answering these questions for an organisation, please write the name of the organisation here:



Question 3: Are you okay with us sharing your answers in a report?

Remember, nobody will know your answers came from you.

Yes, you can use and share my answers

No, please do not use and share my answers

Our plan



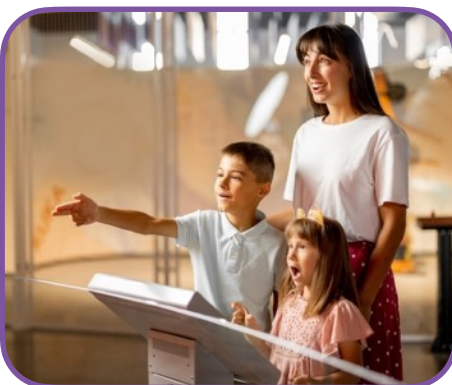
Our vision

Remember, this is what we want our plan to do and how we want museums to be used.

We want our plan to help:



- Make sure that **everyone** can enjoy museums and history.



- People become interested in museums and history.

We also want our plan to support museums to be places that:



- Improve people's wellbeing.



- Bring local people together.



Question 4: How much do you agree or disagree with our vision?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



Question 5: Please tell us any comments you have about our vision:

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Aims 1 to 4



Aims 1 to 4 are about how museums can support local people to live good lives.



Aim 1 is to use museums to help improve people's health and wellbeing through their visits or by taking part in activities.



Question 6: How much do you agree or disagree with aim 1?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



Aim 2 is to use museums to help people be creative and learn new things.



Question 7: How much do you agree or disagree with aim 2?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree

Aim 3 is to make sure that people can:



- Get information about the historical objects that are in museums.



- Use this information to learn about history, and make their own decisions about history.



Question 8: How much do you agree or disagree with aim 3?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



Aim 4 is to help museums do new things to attract more visitors.



Question 9: How much do you agree or disagree with aim 4?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



Question 10: Please tell us any comments you have about aims 1 to 4:

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Aims 5 to 8



Aims 5 to 8 are about connecting museums to the local area they are in.



Aim 5 is to make sure museums can be used and enjoyed by all local people, including disabled people.



Question 11: How much do you agree or disagree with aim 5?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



Aim 6 is to help museums show people the history of the local area they are in.



Question 12: How much do you agree or disagree with aim 6?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



Aim 7 is for museums to show and celebrate the history of people from all different backgrounds.



Question 13: How much do you agree or disagree with aim 7?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree

Aim 8 is to make sure museums:



- Teach people about the **environment** and what harms it.

The **environment** is where we live. It includes the land, the sea, the air and everything that lives in and on it.



- Work in a way that does not harm the environment.



Question 14: How much do you agree or disagree with aim 8?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



Question 15: Please tell us any comments you have about aims 5 to 8:

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Aims 9 to 12



Aims 9 to 12 are about the way museums fit in with other organisations.



Aim 9 is to show how museums can help the government achieve its goals for Northern Ireland.



Question 16: How much do you agree or disagree with aim 9?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree

Aim 10 is to:



- Help museums do their work well and work together.



- Spend enough money on supporting museums to do this.



Question 17: How much do you agree or disagree with aim 10?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



Aim 11 is to help museums work with other organisations to celebrate history and culture.



Question 18: How much do you agree or disagree with aim 11?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



Aim 12 is to help museums work with other organisations to support local areas and people.



Question 19: How much do you agree or disagree with aim 12?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



Question 20: Please tell us any comments you have about aims 9 to 12:

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Actions



Remember, **actions** are the things we think should happen to make sure we reach our goals.



We think **accreditation** for museums should stay in place.

Accreditation is when a museum meets certain standards in how it is run and how it cares for its historical objects.



Question 21: How much do you agree or disagree with this action?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



We think the NI Museums Council should support more museums to get accreditation.



Question 22: How much do you agree or disagree with this action?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



We think the NI Museums Council should give more **grants** to museums with accreditation.

A **grant** is money that is given to be spent on specific projects.



Question 23: How much do you agree or disagree with this action?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



We think the NI Museums Council should look at giving grants to support museums to work with schools and young people.



Question 24: How much do you agree or disagree with this action?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



We think we should work with the NI Museums Council to support museums that have historical objects that are important to our country and need special care.



Question 25: How much do you agree or disagree with this action?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



Question 26: Please tell us any comments you have about these 5 actions:

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We also think we need to check how much money museums need to improve.



Then, make a plan for how we can pay for what museums need.



Question 27: How much do you agree or disagree with this action?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



We think we need to find out more about how museums are good for people and local areas.



Question 28: How much do you agree or disagree with this action?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



We think we need to look at what skills museum staff need, and then make a plan to help museum staff get these skills.



Question 29: How much do you agree or disagree with this action?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



We think we should come up with new ways of helping museums work with other organisations.



Question 30: How much do you agree or disagree with this action?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



The government gives museums some money to help them do their work well.



But we think we should do more to help museums find new ways of getting money.



Question 31: How much do you agree or disagree with this action?

Definitely agree

Slightly agree

Neither

Slightly disagree

Definitely disagree



Question 32: Please tell us any comments you have about these 5 actions:

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Sending your answers



You have until 22 June 2026 to send us your answers.



If you have answered these questions on paper, please post your answers to:

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Belfast
BT2 7EG



If you have answered these questions on your computer, please email your answers to:

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Find out more



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