



Collecting the Future: Museums, Communities, and Climate Change

Workshop

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American Museum of Natural History, New York

Overview

How can museums contribute to building communities capable of engaging and responding to global climate change? How can museums use their collections, interpretations and traditions of encouraging debate to help people reimagine and re-shape their lives in a profoundly altered world?

This workshop brings together museum curators, educators, historians, and anthropologists from around the world to explore how museums can move beyond science education to address the physical, social, cultural and emotional dimensions of climate change. Panels will explore recent relevant projects, discuss possibilities for using collections and engaging communities and build new conceptual frameworks and cross-institutional networks for work into the future.

Convenors

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Organizations

Center for Art+Environment, Nevada Museum of Art • Center for Culture, History and Environment (CHE), University of Wisconsin Madison • Deutsches Museum • Museum of Samoa • National Museum of Australia • Environmental Humanities initiative, University of Sydney • KTH Environmental Humanities Laboratory, Stockholm • Research School of Humanities and the Arts, Australian National University • Smithsonian Institution

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