

Training offer for museum professionals "Who's afraid of decolonisation?"

Call
for
applications

The Network of European Museum Organisations (NEMO) is thrilled to invite you to apply for a training offer about "Decolonisation in museums" hosted by the UK [Museums Association](#) (MA), [SS Great Britain](#) and [Bristol Museums](#).

This one-day International Training Course will explore what decolonisation in museums means and will introduce you to some of the theories and practices which inform this work. It will be based in the city of Bristol in the UK, a place recently at the epicentre of the conversation between heritage, representation and the Black Lives Matter movement, providing a relevant backdrop to the issues that will be discussed. Starting with an overview of decolonisation, the morning workshop will introduce you to the ways in which this work can be approached in a straightforward manner, while also not shying away from the inevitable controversies that it will bring. With evidence of good practice and thinking in this rich field the MA hopes to inspire you either to begin or continue your decolonisation work with confidence. The afternoon will include a behind-the-scenes tour of the [M-Shed](#), where the statue of slaver Edward Colston which was thrown into the harbour during the BLM protests in 2020 is kept. Apply for an exciting day which will take as its premise that decolonisation is not a punitive exercise, but one that if approached wholeheartedly, will enhance your sense of a shared humanity and your museum's relevance to a wider group of people.

What?

- ✓ **Training on "Decolonisation in museums"**
- ✓ **16 September 2022**
- ✓ **Place:** SS Great Britain (a museum ship and former passenger steamship)



Who?

- ✓ **NEMO members** are given priority
- ✓ Selected NEMO members receive a travel **grant** of 500-600 Euro.
- ✓ **Non members** are eligible to participate in the training for a fee of 250 €

How?

- ✓ Apply until **15 July 2022**
- ✓ Send your statement of **motivation** with your organisation's NEMO membership proof, your role & your CV to: office@ne-mo.org

TRAINING "WHO'S AFRAID OF DECOLONISATION?"



MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION (MA)

The MA is a dynamic membership organisation that campaigns for socially engaged museums and a representative workforce. MA works ethically and sustainably and collaborates with partners with common aims and values. MA advocates for and supports museums and everyone who works in and with them so that the value and impact of museums and their collections is realised.

The Museums Association published their [Decolonising Museums guidance](#) at the end 2021 and set up a [skills building programme](#) around the topic. Roshi Naidoo is in charge for the campaign and the NEMO training day.

NEMO

The [Network of European Museum Organisations](#) (NEMO) is an independent network of national museum organisations, museum networks, individual museums and museum-related businesses representing the museum community of the member states of the Council of Europe. NEMO ensures museums are an integral part of European life by promoting their work and value to policy makers and by providing museums with information, networking and opportunities for co-operation.



The selection process (of up to 8 members with a travel grant) will be carried out by NEMO's executive board and the hosting organisation.