Call for research

Network of European Museum Organisations



Call for Research Proposals: Advancing LGBTQIA+ Inclusive

Practices in European Museums

We invite proposals for research projects aimed at advancing LGBTQIA+ inclusive practices within European museums. This call seeks to address challenges faced by museum professionals while promoting equity, inclusivity, diversity, and cultural sensitivity.

Main Research Tasks Envisioned:

Task: Resource documentation; Analysis and Summary

Proposals under this task should analyse and summarise documentation at the European and national level addressing LGBTQIA+ inclusivity and diversity. Researchers are encouraged to explore how these documents can be interpreted by member states and, where applicable, by the cultural sector. Target: Inventory of existing resources applicable to museums. **Project portion:** 20 %

Task: Scenario Development for Inclusive Solutions

This task involves the development of 10 scenarios for museums set in geographically diverse European states. Collaborating with NEMO's network and individuals with lived-experience, the scenarios should serve as practical examples to guide ethical decision-making in museum spaces, supporting the LGBTQIA+ community. Target: identify challenges museum professionals may encounter and offer equitable, inclusive example-solutions.

Project portion: 40 %

Task: Guideline Creation for Museums in Europe

Building on the insights from Tasks 1 and 2, proposals should develop an ethical guideline tailored to museums across Europe. Inspired by the <u>Trans-Inclusive Culture</u> Guidelines (University of Leicester)¹, the guideline should be broadened to encompass a European dimension and reflect the diverse perspectives of the wider LGBTQIA+ community. Both external and internal museum processes should be addressed.

Project portion: 40 %

The study should not exceed 50 pages and contain:

An executive summary of the research; diverse scenarios to support museum professionals develop inclusive solutions to support LGBTQIA+ persons in museum spaces; a practical guide for museums to incorporate diverse and inclusive protocols in their museums, graphics and images as appropriate, and a bibliography. **Scope:** While the tasks outlined provide a framework, we welcome proposals that explore related topics or address additional dimensions of LGBTQIA+ inclusive practices in European museums.

Eligibility: This call is open to researchers with expertise in museum studies, cultural heritage, and related fields. Interdisciplinary teams and partnerships between academia, museums, and community organizations are encouraged.

Considered an advantage:

Established network within the cultural heritage and LGBTQIA+ communities in Europe

The research period is **April 1st – August 26th 2024.**

The maximum budget for this research is 3.500,00 Euro (incl. VAT).

Applications

Please send your research proposal including methodology, timeline, a description of your relevant experience or motivation and a fee estimate to office@nemo.org.

Deadline for applications: <u>
4 March 2024</u> Extended till 20 March 2024

¹ Trans-Inclusive Culture: Guidance on advancing trans inclusion for museums, galleries, archives and heritage organisations; University of Leicester's Research Centre for Museums and Galleries (RCMG); September 2023