

SANDFORD AWARD



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Stephen has over 30 years' experience in museum and gallery learning, working at senior levels in local, independent and national museums. From 2005 to 2020 Stephen was Head of Learning and Programmes at National Museums Scotland, responsible for learning strategy and provision across all NMS sites as well as through outreach and community engagement. He has previously worked at, amongst others, the National Portrait Gallery, London Transport Museum and Brent Museum and Archive. Since 2020 Stephen has been a learning and engagement consultant, working with a range of cultural and heritage organisations, and is a member of the Group for Education in Museums, the Museums Association and the Association of Heritage Interpretation. He is a board member of Hidden Door, a cross-arts volunteer-run festival and the Queens Hall venue in Edinburgh and serves on the Children's Panel in Scotland. Stephen joined the Sandford Award in 2023.