

Exhibition Policy for Clare Museum

2020 - 2025

Mission Statement

The mission of Clare Museum is to collect, preserve, interpret and display the material culture relating to the history of County Clare, both in the museum building and online, as an educational resource and a socially inclusive cultural service for the people of Clare and visiting tourists.

Introduction

This policy acknowledges that its effective delivery is contingent on the successful implementation of the Collections Policy, particularly in the area of documentation and cataloguing.

This policy will be discussed internally on an annual basis and formally reviewed every five years.

Policy Vision

1. To increase access to the museum collections.
2. To be as supportive of as wide a variety of learning styles as resources allow and to contribute towards life-long learning.
3. Engage and communicate with a wide range of audiences, particularly new audiences not served by the permanent exhibition.
4. To make financial provision for, organise and promote exhibitions with subject matter and content that supports the Mission
5. Ensure the content of all exhibitions is accurate and balanced regardless of subject matter.
6. Ensure that all information relating to exhibitions is based on the highest standards of scholarship.
7. Editorial control of all text written by external consultants or curators shall be maintained by the Museum for all Museum-generated exhibitions.
8. Exhibitions shall be used to increase awareness of culture and cultural diversity.
9. Recognised standards of best practice as outlined in the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland in relation to labelling of objects on display in the Museum and Online shall be adhered to.

10. Summative evaluations and visitor statistics of both temporary and permanent exhibitions shall be collected and the information gathered used to influence the future development of exhibitions.
11. When possible, appropriate workshops, events, gallery tours and lectures will be run in conjunction with and to complement temporary exhibitions.
12. Ensure that within the capabilities of the Museum all objects on display are protected from loss, damage or physical deterioration.
13. Inform all donor's that when their gift is accessioned to the museum collection, that the item or a representative sample of the collection will be exhibited on the museum website within two years.
14. Rotate items in the Riches of Clare exhibition with appropriate items from the reserve collection in order to keep the permanent exhibition fresh.
15. Clean the interior of display cases containing non-National Museum items twice a year and inspect mounts and shelving. The opportunity will be taken to inspect objects on display for deterioration.

References

Donegal County Museum Exhibition Policy

Kerry County Museum Exhibition Policy