



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

Restitution and the Anatomical Museum

Tuesday 31 October 15.30 - 18.00 BST

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Attendee Guidance

Thank you for registering to attend the workshop on *Restitution and the Anatomical Museum*.

This guide is intended to help you navigate the workshop.

The workshop will begin promptly at 3.30pm at the Scottish Storytelling Centre. Please ensure you arrive by 3.20pm so that you may be registered and seated for the workshop to begin. If you have difficulty finding the venue or if you may require any assistance, please text Samantha Likonde on: 07804 446085.

Refreshments and snacks will be offered during the reflective breaks of the workshops.

Attendees are welcome to access the Auditorium if they require a private/quiet space to break from the workshop at any point. Please talk to the workshop organisers or event assistants to be shown to this room.

Programme

This in-person panel and workshop event will engage with community groups, activists and scholars regarding the UoE's **Anatomical Museum**. The museum holds one of the largest and most historically significant collection of ancestral remains, notably skulls, many from the UK's former colonies.

During the workshop, we will be reflecting on why such a collection exists, how it is linked to the development of racial pseudo-sciences, what efforts are being made to repatriate/rematriate ancestors to back their communities of origin and what needs to be done to repair this history.

The workshop will feed into recommendations to be submitted to the UoE's Senior Leadership Team as part of the work of the Research and Engagement Working Group's review in the university's legacies of slavery and colonialism. The workshop will be followed by four focus groups sessions with communities of reparatory justice interest, activists, academics, museum curators, archivists and others invested in this history.

15:20 - 15:30	Registration	
15:30 – 15:40	Libations & Multifaith Meditation	Férial Puren (Eco Civilisation)
15:40 – 16:00	Introduction/Audience engagement Attendees discuss introductory questions in roundtables. Note-takers will feed back to chair.	Dr Nicola Frith (Chair) Welcome and Introduction

<p>16:00 – 16:20</p>	<p>Discussion led by Anatomical Museum and postgraduate researchers.</p>	<p>Ruth Pollitt (Museums and Collections Assistant) History of the Anatomical Museum and the “collections”</p> <p>Gaia Duberti (Institute of Geography and the Lived Environment) The Nature of the Anatomical Museum and its connections to the Racial Science of Craniology</p> <p>Nicole Anderson (School of Social and Political Science) The Anatomical Museum, Provenance Research and Proactive Repatriation</p>
<p>16:20 – 16:40</p>	<p>Reflective break/roundtable discussions</p>	
<p>16:40 – 17:00</p>	<p>Discussion led by Communities of Reparatory Justice Interest and museum professionals</p>	<p>Zaki El-Salahi (ead volunteer on Edinburgh's Sudanese Community Partnership) The colonial politics of cultural heritage ownership</p>

		<p>Onyekachi Wambu (Director, Special Projects, The African Foundation for Development's (AFFORD)) Restitution and the return of artifacts and ancestral remains, policy recommendations</p> <p>Debora Kayembe (Rector of the University of Edinburgh) Reflections</p>
17:00 – 17:20	Reflective break/roundtable discussions	
17:20 – 17:45	Audience engagement/Q&A	
17:45 – 18:00	Final reflections/Conclusion	