Dear Colleagues,

As you may know there has been a considerable amount of work undertaken on progressing the GLAM Digital Strategy and here is some recent news. For more information on the whole strategy, follow the link to the FAQs (http://www.glam.ox.ac.uk/digital-strategy).

1) GLAM Digital Strategy Launched 25 November
On Friday 25 November at the Museum of Natural History, a launch event was held for the GLAM Digital Strategy. There were presentations from Professor Anne Trefethen (PVC for GLAM and CIO), Richard Ovenden (Bodley's Librarian), and Stuart Lee (Deputy CIO and acting Programme Manager for the GLAM Digital Strategy). If you were unable to make this event recordings of the talks are available by:

• Logging in to the GLAM site on Weblearn (go to https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal/site/:asuc and log in via your Single Sign On Account) • Choose Recorded Lectures (left hand menu) • Choose 'GLAMDSPM'

2) GLAM Digital Strategy Away Day
On the morning of 25 November, an away day was held with all the Directors of the GLAM units, members of the GLAM Digital Strategy Implementation Programme Board, and other invited stakeholders. Those present discussed opportunities for collaborative working on the digital strategy, and obstacles to achieving that. They looked at the challenges of the GLAM digitisation goals and explored what the next steps would look like and the current implementation plan - adding to it where necessary and discussing priorities.

It was agreed that, whilst we will look for opportunities to share services and expertise, the individual needs of the differing units and their users must always be accommodated. That said, some clear shared priorities emerged around fundraising, consolidating processes wherever possible, and creating a shared narrative and vision to the outside world. The magnitude of the task was not underestimated but that should not limit our ambitions and in 3-5 years we should be rivalling our global competitors.

We will be greatly assisted in this through the appointment of a new Programme Manager (Jonathan Ray) who will be working full-time on the GLAM Digital Strategy for at least the next 3 years.

[N.B. At the beginning of the day each Director was asked to present their ambitions for the digital strategy and how it related to their unit. These were recorded and are available via the above route in Weblearn – just choose 'GLAMpresentationsAM'.]

3) GLAM Digital Strategy Implementation Programme Board
This Board will meet approximately six times a year (for more details on its terms of reference and projects already approved or under discussion – see FAQ). At its meeting on 1 December, items discussed were:

* the event on the 25 November and follow-up actions
* the appointment of Jonathan Ray as the new Programme Manager (starting in January)
* the need to bring in academic representatives to the Board

The Board formally agreed funding of £177k to assist the Museum of Natural History's amalgamation of its existing online catalogues into Ke Emu, and a request for change to provide the final amount of funding to close of the Ticketing Project ('TEAM') Phase 1. It also approved a project request to kick off the second phase of the Ticketing Project which will see work on establishing the service support model, benchmarking, checking the technical architecture, and lead to funding for the wider roll-out of the existing solution to the other GLAM units not involved at present.

The Board also received updates on the Open Access Programme of Activities from its Programme Manager (Mike Hutchinson), the Digital Safe project, and the SOLO upgrade.

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