

SHTP June Blog- Hannah Fraser

I began June with enrolling onto another online course, this time through Future Learn. I decided to start the course 'The Museum as a site and source for learning' run by the University of Glasgow. The main aim of the course was to learn how exhibitions and museum collections engage visitors and create learning experiences. The course set out how as Curators there is many different elements and ways in which you need to interpret information that should be accessible to every type of visitor to the Museum. The course was engaging and provided me with new knowledge of how to successfully do this.

Throughout this lockdown period I really wanted to use this time to further my knowledge of conservation and I have found many online resources that can help to develop this further. I found the Canadian Conservation Institute website so informative and I began reading through their preventive conservation guidelines for collections. The website was a really good source to learn about the different environmental conditions for different types of collections and how to store and display them in the correct way.



I also had a zoom call with the whole group where we had been set a task to deal with a difficult scenario that has happened in a sailing or Museum setting. Within pairs we discussed how to resolve these situations

and what soft skills we would use to dissolve difficult situations. I thought this

was a great task and I enjoyed learning about how to deal with various situations whether on board a boat or Museum setting.



I also started with my next Museum Essentials Course, which is run by the Museums Association. This course focused on 'Working Ethically' and covered the Code of Ethics for Museums, how to understand what ethical practice looks like in relation to public engagement, collections processes and professional practice. It aims to show how to put these into practice in any aspect of Museum work.

Then all the Museum Shipkeepers had a zoom call with the staff of Tall Ship Glenlee. It was a great opportunity where we learnt all about how they run Glenlee from the conservation management plan to ongoing maintenance.

Overall June has been a great month where I have been able to utilise online courses and resources to gain new knowledge. There are so many online resources that I have found and I look forward to learning more next month.