

**BAfM 45th Annual General Meeting and Conference  
Saturday, October 13, 2018**

**Hosted by the Friends of the Laing Art Gallery  
New Bridge Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne & Wear, NE1 8AG**

**THE VALUE OF FRIENDS' ORGANISATIONS IN A CHANGING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CLIMATE**

**PROGRAMME**

10:00 Registration and tea/coffee

10:30 Welcome by Dame Rosemary Butler, President of BAfM & by Alexandra Walker, Acting Chair of BAfM

10:40 Welcome by Julie Milne, Chief Curator, Tyne & Wear Archives and Museums

10:50 The Value of Friends' Organisations in a Changing Social and Economic Climate

Keynote Speakers:

10.50 Lizzie Glithero-West, Chief Executive of the Heritage Alliance

11.20 Richard Evans, Chair of the Association of Independent Museums and Director of Beamish Museum

11.50 Julie Milne, Chief Curator, Tyne & Wear Archives and Museums/Pat Devenport, Chairman, Friends of Laing Art Gallery

12:30 Buffet lunch and tours of Laing Art Gallery (in two alternating groups)

Tour of Laing Gallery 12.30 -13.10 /Lunch 13.10-13.50, Group A

Lunch 12.30-13.10/Tour of Laing Gallery 13.10-13.50, Group B

14:00 BAfM AGM

14.50 Case studies:

Speakers:

Ian Bean, Director of Friends of Beamish Open Air Museum, and Editor of the Newsletter

Sandra Moorhouse, Chairman of the Friends of Bowes Museum

Dr Hugh Turner, Chair of the Friends of HMS Trincomalee

Jasmine Farram, BAfM Youth Ambassador

15.30 Panel discussion

16.00 Tea

16:30 Presentations by the President of BAfM: Dame Rosemary Butler

BAfM Travel Award Bursary - 2018

Friends' Newsletter Awards - 2018

16.45 BAfM 2019 AGM and Conference: Presentation by hosts

17:00 Concluding remarks and end of Conference

A drinks reception will be held at 18.00 in the opulent Georgian surroundings of the Assembly Rooms (Fenkle Street, NE1 5XU, a short distance from Newcastle Railway station and the Indigo and County Hotels) followed by the Conference Dinner at 19.00 (see separate booking form), at which the Bearpark and Esh Colliery Band will perform, former Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Cllr Jackie Slesenger, will speak, and delegates and partners will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with Friends of the Laing Art Gallery and representatives of other local Friends' organisations. We encourage everyone to join us for this!

On the morning of Sunday October 14, an exciting programme of visits will be offered – see information on booking form.

The cost of the AGM and Conference (to include all refreshments/reception) is £70. The visits as well as the Assembly Rooms dinner (£29, for 4-course dinner) will be bookable and charged separately.

**NOTE**

Programme subject to change before September 2018.

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**BOOKING FORM**

**(Closing date for applications Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018)**

*Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS and keep a copy for your own record*

Name of delegate (Please use additional form for each delegate)		
Name of accompanying partner		
Address		
BAfM Region		
Friends' Group		
Position (if relevant)		
Telephone contact		
Email address		
Special dietary requirements e.g. vegetarian		
Delegate: Conference/Reception £70:00		
Partner: Conference/Reception £70:00		
Partner: Reception only £8:00		
Delegate and/or Partner: Conference Dinner at Assembly Rooms £29.00 please tick if interested (payment later)		
TOTAL REMITTANCE	£	
PAID NOW		
Please indicate how many places you might require for Sunday morning visits (please specify which tour/visit)		

**Conference/AGM** on Saturday October 13, 2018: to be held at the Laing Art Gallery, which is in the centre of Newcastle (New Bridge Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne & Wear, NE1 8AG), and approximately a ten minute walk from Newcastle Railway Station.

**Costs:** £70:00 pp, including Conference, AGM, tea/coffee morning and afternoon, buffet sandwich lunch, tour of the Gallery and drinks reception after the Conference.

**Hotel Accommodation:** there are a number of hotels in the centre of Newcastle, but we would recommend the following. Group rates have been negotiated for a) and b):

- County Hotel** (Neville Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne & Wear, NE1 5DF—opposite Newcastle Railway station; tel. 0191 206 7691; cite booking reference GA000475; 25 rooms available until September 12; rates inclusive of bed, full English breakfast and VAT): £89.00 for single occupancy / £99.00 for double / twin occupancy (Friday, October 12, 2018); £109 for single occupancy / £119.00 for double / twin occupancy (Saturday, October 13, 2018).
- Indigo Hotel** (2 Fenkle Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne & Wear, NE1 5XU—opposite the Assembly Rooms and near Newcastle Railway station; tel. 0191 300 9222; 25 rooms available until August 31, 2018; includes bed & breakfast per room): £80.00 for single occupancy/ £100.00 for double /twin occupancy (Friday, October 12, 2018); £100 for single occupancy/ £120.00 for double /twin occupancy (Saturday, October 13, 2018).
- Premier Inn (Gate)** (95 Newgate St, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne & Wear, NE1 5RF—10 minutes walk from Laing Art Gallery; tel. 0871 527 9620): no group rates available, but prices for overnight stay are highly competitive.
- New Bridge Hotel** (New Bridge Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne & Wear, NE1 8BS—next door to Laing Art Gallery, formerly Premier Inn; tel. 0191 250 5400; reservations@thenewbridgehotel.com): low budget hotel, with extremely competitive prices.

**Saturday:** Partners accompanying delegates (and not attending the AGM/Conference on Saturday) will receive information on what to see and do in Newcastle. Partners may also book for the evening drinks reception (£8:00, payable now), or, if also attending the Conference Dinner (£34.00, including reception, payable later) in the Assembly Rooms.

**Sunday Morning visits:** there will be a choice of visits on the morning of Sunday October 14 for delegates and partners. These will include the Discovery Museum, the Tyneside Cinema, the Great North Museum, and a Public Art Walking Tour, led by a City Guide. These tours will be bookable and charged separately. Full details will be sent after receipt of your Conference booking form.

Please send your booking form(s), [with stamped addressed envelope if you wish a postal receipt]

Either, with cheque payable to “A and W Telford”, and with “BAfM2018” on the reverse side, to  
Dr Andrena Telford,

Treasurer, Friends of the Laing Art Gallery,

Ladywell Cottage, 24 West Road

Ponteland, Northumberland NE20 9SX

Tel.: 01661 825437 Email: aeandwr.telford@btinternet.com

Or (preferably)

Pay by direct bank transfer to: Barclays Bank, sort code 20-59-43, account number 83240312, adding as identifier your surname/BAfM2018.