

PRESS RELEASE

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PITT RIVERS MUSEUM AND OYAP TRUST SECURE HERITAGE LOTTERY 'YOUNG ROOTS' GRANT FOR WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

The Pitt Rivers Museum and OYAP Trust have secured a grant of £50,000 for a 2-year project called Global Heritage to enable young people to discover and interpret global heritage. This participatory project will enable young people to develop creative, heritage and vocational skills by creating their own exhibitions, events and peer-learning opportunities. It will run until 2018. **Global Heritage** comprises two concurrent programmes:

KICK ARTS is an innovative flexi-school model devised by OYAP Trust for 11-16 year olds from Oxfordshire who are school refusers or at risk of exclusion. The 15-week programme led by a specialist artist educator will be based at the Pitt Rivers Museum. The first programme will run from November 2016 to March 2017. The second programme will run in autumn 2017.

The programme uses the creativity and the irresistible qualities of the arts to improve young people's attitudes to and relationship with learning and provides a means for young people to reintegrate into mainstream education. The young people will create artwork inspired by the vast Pitt Rivers Collection, stage their own exhibition in the museum and undertake an Arts Award qualification.

The young people will also be supported by a specialist heritage worker with in-depth knowledge of the Pitt Rivers Collection, as well as additional artist educators with special talent for and experience of working with disengaged young people. Participants will be explore a variety of art forms, from slam poetry and music to photography, film-making, music and the visual arts.

THE PITT YOUTH ACTION TEAM is a group of young people aged 14 to 19 from Oxfordshire who will meet once a month at the Pitt Rivers Museum. They will work together to plan events for other young people, do creative projects inspired by the museum and exploring behind the scenes at the museum. Participants will also undertake an Arts Award qualification. A 'taster' session took place in October with young people making short films using a green screen and taking part in animation workshops. The next meeting will take place on Saturday 18 February at the Pitt Rivers Museum from 11am-1pm.



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Director of OYAP Trust, Helen Le Brocq, says; “OYAP Trust and the Pitt Rivers Museum are delighted to be working together in such an adventurous and exploratory way with young people. We hope they will create genuinely unexpected events and artwork that is inspired by this unique collection of human ingenuity and creativity. It’s going to be exciting to see our young people making artefacts relevant to their own twenty-first century lives.’

Emerging young heritage/arts leaders from OYAP Trust will also be trained to mentor participants across both programmes in the ‘**Global Heritage Youth Action**’ project. These young leaders will work towards a Gold Arts Award.

For more information on KICK ARTS or to make a referral please contact Carmen Hoepper on Carmen@oyap.org.uk or call 01869 602560.

For more information about **PITT YOUTH ACTION TEAM** or with questions about joining please contact Katherine Rose (katherine.rose@prm.ox.ac.uk / 01865 613004).

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Notes for Editors

- The Pitt Rivers Museum is one of Oxford’s most popular attractions, famous for its period atmosphere and outstanding collections from many cultures around the world, past and present. Admission, exhibitions and most events are FREE.
- The Pitt Rivers Museum was founded in 1884 when General Pitt-Rivers, an influential figure in the development of archaeology and evolutionary anthropology, gave his personal collection of some 30,000 items to the University on condition that a museum was built to house the material, and that a post was created to lecture in anthropology. Today the collection numbers some 600,000 items and the Museum remains an active department of Oxford University, doing and supporting research and teaching in archaeology and anthropology.
- The Pitt Rivers Museum runs activities, events and programmes for a range of audiences including schools, families, young people, community groups and special interest groups.
- OYAP Trust is an award-winning charitable arts organisation working in partnership with communities and

cal organisations, to support developing creative talent and ideas with young people across Oxfordshire and in its home town of Bicester. Working in the country's most deprived pockets, OYAP partners schools, Early Intervention Hubs, youth and cultural organisations, identifying the most relevant participants & providing specialised arts projects designed to reach out to the most vulnerable young people. To date OYAP Trust sessions have welcomed 20,000 young people. OYAP Trust developed both the Kick Arts and Youth Action Team models, which are proven programmes with evaluated* track records. (* Oxford University Dept of Education report: 'Being Other: The Effectiveness of Arts based Approaches in Engaging with Disaffected Young People'.

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- The Heritage Lottery Fund distributes money raised by National Lottery players to organisations across the UK to help people explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about. They are the largest dedicated funder of heritage in the UK. Since 1994 HLF has awarded £7.1 billion to over 40,000 projects since 1994.
- Arts Award is a range of a range of accredited qualifications that supports anyone aged up to 25 to grow as artists and arts leaders, inspiring them to connect with and take part in the wider arts world. To achieve their Arts Award, young people take on challenges in an art form, participate in arts activities, experience arts events, get inspired by artists and share their arts skills with others. Young people create a portfolio to keep a record of their creative journey. Arts Award is run by Trinity College London and supported by Arts Council England.

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