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Magical Soirée: Objects of Power and Beliefs

14 October 2017, 19.00 – 21.00

The Pitt Youth Action Team (Pitt YAT) is a group of young people aged between 14-19 who meet once a month to explore behind the scenes at the Museum and plan events for other young people. It is a joint initiative from Pitt Rivers Museum and OYAP Trust.

On 14 October 2017 the Pitt YAT will be staging an evening Takeover event at the Pitt Rivers Museum for visitors to explore the theme of magic. This is their first large-scale event. It is open to the public and everyone is welcome. Tickets, costing £4 (including a free soft drink), are available via Eventbrite at <http://bit.ly/2hi0BQ4>.

Come ready to explore an amazing range of objects of power and belief. Once amongst the display cases of the Museum be prepared to experience the Pitt Rivers as you have never done before.

- Special projections, created by Pitt Youth Action Team members will be displayed on the ceiling.
- We'll have a Halloween costume competition (we are asking all those who dress up to treat other peoples' cultures and beliefs with respect).
- Live music from local band 'The Land Girls'.
- Expert object explainers will be on hand to explain the magical artefacts on display in the Museum and there will also be object handling.
- Head over to our Fortune Corner to learn all about the meanings and importance of Tarot Cards as a tool for the spiritual traveller.
- Get messy in the potions room: make your own potion (fluorescent ingredients available) or write your own potion recipe.
- Become an expert ghost biscuit decorator.
- Fairy face painting
- Non-alcoholic bar.



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Notes to Editors

About the Pitt Rivers Museum

- 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 Youth Action Team is a group of young people aged between 14-19 who meet once a month to explore behind the scenes at the Museum and plan events for other young people. It is a joint initiative from Pitt Rivers Museum and OYAP Trust. The group has been meeting since November 2016 and is made up of members from around Oxfordshire. This event is the group's first large-scale project. The group is funded through a Young Roots grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.
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About OYAP Trust

OYAP Trust is a registered charity 1111500 based in Bicester. Since 1998 the charity has worked with young people to help them reach their potential using creative activities as a tool to promote learning, growth and leadership. OYAP believes that young people can use their creativity as a catalyst for change in their own lives and in their communities. For more information, please visit the website: www.oyap.org.uk