

PERFORMANCE REPORT

Salford Museum and Art Gallery

April - September 2018



Enhancing the lives of people in Salford

Performance Report for the Salford Museum and Art Gallery April – September 2018

Key highlights include:

- The launch of the Royal Academy Takeover exhibition which included two shows from the collection at the Museum and Art Gallery and at Ordsall Hall, and the Salford Open Exhibition
- Completion of the emergency restoration works in the Victorian Gallery and the start of the re-hang of the artworks
- Successful 'Print UnLTD' project with partners at Hot Bed Press and the University of Salford including artists commissions, and exhibition and a full programme of talks and workshops over the summer
- Continued success of the Lark Hill Place 1918 project
- Successful summer placement opportunities for MA students working with the museum collection

Spotlight

The Royal Academy Takeover has allowed the Museum and Art Gallery and Ordsall Hall to host shows from the art collection held at the Museum, and at the Museum and Art Gallery we have been successfully awarded external funding to allow the loan of artwork from the Royal Academy, The Lowry, Manchester Art Gallery and the University of Salford Art Collection. In order for us to achieve these loans improvements have been made to the environmental controls, CCTV, and lighting in the Langworthy Gallery.

The first Salford Open exhibition allowed amateur and professional artist living, working studying or who were born in Salford to enter artworks for the show, which opened in July to much praise.

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Print UnLTD has been a joint programme, funded by Arts Council England, and working across Salford Museum and Art Gallery, Hot Bed Press and the University of Salford to commission 4 print makers to explore new innovations in print. The selected artists have exhibited at the Art Gallery and have also led a programme of workshops and talks. These have included family print making workshops, book making, drop-in print activities, a talk on the history of printmaking and a panel discussion led by the University of Salford.

Forthcoming events:

- Full programme of activity to include a World War One talks programme
- Continuation of the Royal Academy events including a Royal Academy Readers Group
- Gin Tasting in Lark Hill Place
- Full programme of holiday activities for families

Customer Feedback:

"The Victorian street is fab. My 5 year old loves it. The staff are extra lovely. Had a lovely trip to the museum. A trip down memory lane for my mum, a nice afternoon tea and some pennies spent in the shop. All staff were helpful and friendly. Will be back"

First ever visit to @SalfordMuseum today and loved it! Especially enjoyed the Four Miles from Manchester: Tony Warren's Coronation Street exhibition.

Year 5 enjoyed making inferences in History today, investigating #Victorian #Artefacts Thank you to @SalfordMuseum for the loan box!

Wow! Annie has received a Blue Peter badge for her amazing work on the Victorians! She has also suggested that Blue Peter take a trip to Salford Museum and Elizabeth Gaskell house #proud @EGaskell@Linds_bluepeter @SalfordMuseum

*"Outstanding team work in action, Salford has an exciting creative connected future ahead!"
Print UnLTD*

"Been coming here for years, since the seventies! First time change seen! Brilliant idea, well done! WW2 NEXT?" - Lark Hill Place 1918)

"Oh my God! What a fantastic exhibition – well curated and so lovely to see the Lowry's back where they belong! Thank you, I will return" - RA Takeover)

"Thanks for a great visit. The RA 250 is brilliant – well done SMAG for getting these works here. Loved the Pilkington exhibition too"

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