

Valuable and Healing:
Heritage Collections for and with Healthcare
September 4-5, Rijksmuseum Boerhaave,
Leiden, The Netherlands

Medical and care heritage can contribute to health and wellbeing in a variety of ways. Inspiring exhibitions or thought-provoking public engagement activities invite contemplation and reflection, while learning and healing can be generated by encounters with hidden histories and marginalized perspectives. Creative approaches include museum visits to hone the observational skills of medical students; touching, drawing, and discussing museum objects to process experiences of illness, disability, or caregiving; and community curation projects to enrich museum collections and diversify the stories they tell. This workshop will present innovative projects engaging with experiences of illness, diagnosis, and treatment which are breaking the silences surrounding intimate aspects of disease and caregiving and will highlight the benefits for healthcare professionals as well as patients.

The workshop is funded by the European Healthcare Histories COST Action and addresses their focus on public engagement skills, working with the heritage sector, and developing skills in physical and online exhibition curation, communication strategies for the general public, and translating research for therapeutic contexts in health services.

Hosts

This workshop is hosted by a consortium of researchers and museum professionals active in this area who are investigating the potential and impact of such work in a project funded by the FARO initiative of the Cultural Heritage Agency of the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science: *Erfgoed Collecties Erasmus Medisch Centrum, Florence Nightingale Instituut, Museum van de Geest, Rijksmuseum Boerhaave, Universiteit van Amsterdam/Pulse Network Medical and Health Humanities, Museum Kinderdorp Neerbosch, The Netherlands.* <https://faro.cultureelerfgoed.nl/thoughts/2333>

PLANNING YOUR TRIP: Travel and hotel information plus bios of attendees and program info will be available and updated to the workshop Padlet, please add your info here: [Valuable & Healing: Heritage Collections for and with Healthcare](#)

****DRAFT PROGRAMME – Please note details may change****

Thursday 4 September

Rijksmuseum Boerhaave, Lange Sint Agnietenstraat 10, Leiden

10.00 - 10.30	Coffee/tea
10.30 - 10.40	Welcome
09.40 - 10.40	SESSION 1 – ‘Speed-dating’ Introductions / icebreaker
10.40 - 11.00	BREAK
11.00 - 12.30	SESSION 2 – Health, Education, and Heritage (3x 20 min presentation followed by 30 mins discussion) - Lorenzo Lorusso (co-written with Tamara Sandrin), “Museum of Medical History at Scuola Grande di San Marco: A Dynamic Resource for Health Education and Well-being” - Katarzyna Szarla, “Teaching on HIV/AIDS in Poland: Patient Autonomy and Patient Advocacy” - Yannis Stoyannidis, “Digitisation of Archival Collections and Health History education”
12.30 - 13.30	LUNCH
13:30-14:00	SESSION 3A – Esther Banki, “Remembering Institutional Care: Staff and Residents in Conversation”
14.00 - 15.00	SESSION 3B (Hybrid) SIG Mental Health – Heritage Participation for Health and Wellbeing - Rebecca Wynter (Amsterdam) - Verusca Calabria (Nottingham)
15.00 - 15.30	BREAK
15.30 - 17.00	SESSION 4 – MUSEUM TOUR - Tour in the museum & ‘photovoice’ activity
17.00 - 18.00	Drinks Reception

18.00 - 20.30	Dinner
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Friday 5 September

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09.00 - 09.30	Coffee/tea
09.30 - 11.00	SESSION 5 – WORKSHOPS: Sensory Engagement (Interactive Sessions) - Mojca Ramšak, “Smell and Intangible Cultural Heritage” - Manon Parry, “Sensory Engagement: Touch, and Object-Based Learning for Health and Wellbeing” - Bethan Burnside (Ghent/Rotterdam) & Ruben Verwaal (Rotterdam), “Measuring Wellbeing”
11.00 - 11.30	BREAK
11.30 - 12.30	SESSION 6 – DISCUSSION SESSIONS: - Representing Disability: Ruben Verwaal in conversation with Kreukelcollectief, “Disability Heritage and Inclusion” - Reproductive Health: Mienke te Hennepe in conversation with Alena Lochmannonva, “Images of Birthing Bodies”
12.30 - 13.30	LUNCH
13.30 - 14.30	SESSION 7 – Engaging Health Professionals - Jelena Kupsjak, “Public Health Memories and the Heritage of Social Medicine in Croatia” - Hugo Schalkwijk, “Nursing Heritage and Identity Formation for Care in Transition”
14.30 - 15.30	SESSION 8 – CLOSING SESSION The challenges of medical heritage, wellbeing, and participation - Verusca Calabria (Nottingham), Feedback on Gothenberg - Reflections on Leiden Workshop Themes (General Discussion) - Next Steps: Plans for Output / Publications
15.30	Goodbye

