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Imperial War Museum and Historic Royal Palaces shortlisted among 24 London attractions for prestigious global museum awards

Twenty visitor attractions in London have been shortlisted to receive prestigious industry awards at the national Museums and Heritage Awards for Excellence ceremony in May.

Innovative and groundbreaking exhibitions including **The Enchanted Palace, Henry VIII's Tapestries Revealed and 1001 Inventions** have been selected from more than 300 entries across 10 hard-fought categories.

National treasure, comedienne and broadcaster Sue Perkins will announce the 11 lucky winners at the Awards ceremony on Wednesday 11 May at Church House, Westminster.

The Awards applaud projects ranging from groundbreaking achievements of national institutions to those crafted with limited resources and budget. The winners are selected by a panel of sector judges including: Diane Lees, Director General, Imperial War Museums; Sam Mullins, Director, London Transport Museum and other leading sector professionals.

Diane Lees, Director General of Imperial War Museums, said: "The Museums & Heritage Awards is the only scheme which recognises the breadth of scope and scale of operation in museums across the globe. In times of budget cuts they inspire museums and their partner providers to continue to achieve great things and recognise the success of their efforts. They also raise the profile of the participants with their stakeholders which is also critical during times of difficulty."

London museums/visitor attractions shortlisted are shown below:

Contractor/Venue	Name of project shortlisted	Category
Beck Interiors Ltd	1001 Inventions	Temp/touring
Historic Royal Palaces	Henry VIII's Tapestries Revealed	Innovations
Coniston Ltd	Closer to Home - Leighton House	Restoration/Conservation
GR/DD	'Carbon Cycle' for the Atmosphere gallery, Science Museum	Innovations
Museum of London	Galleries of Modern London	Marketing
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Historic Royal Palaces	Enchanted Palace, Kensington Palace	Marketing
LAARC	Visitor Inclusion Project	Educational
The British Library	Evolving English: One language, many voices	Marketing
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Imperial War Museum	The Lord Ashcroft Gallery: Extraordinary Heroes	Permanent
Drinkall Dean and Tim Hatley	Diaghilev & The Golden Age of The Ballets - Russes 1902 - 1929	Temp/touring
Dulwich Picture Gallery	Good Times: Art for Older People	Educational
South London Art Gallery	The Expansion of the South London Gallery	Limited Budget
Westminster Abbey	Conservation of Westminster Cosmati Pavement	Restoration/Conservation
Tate Gallery	The Tate Movie Project	Educational
Science Museum	Wellcome Wing Redevelopment	Classic
Science Museum	Antenna Science News Now	Innovations
Natural History Museum	Who do you think you really are?	Innovations
Wallace Collection	Bringing Music back into the Galleries	Innovations
Historic Royal Palaces	The Enchanted Palace, Kensington Palace	The Winstan Bond Trophy*
The British Museum	Young Explorers	Educational
Discover Children's Story Centre (Stratford)	Facing Forward	Limited budget

*The Winstan Bond Trophy is a special award for entrepreneurialism sponsored by the Association of Independent Museums

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Notes to editors:

The Museums & Heritage Awards were launched in 2003 by the organisers of The Museums &

Heritage Show – the sector’s biggest trade event for museum and heritage/cultural visitor attraction professionals. The Museums & Heritage Show is an annual event and next takes place at Earls Court, London on 11 and 12 May, 2011.

Judging panel for the 2011 Museums & Heritage Awards:

Diane Lees, Director-General, Imperial War Museum
Bernard Donoghue, Head of Government and Public Affairs at VisitBritain
Sam Mullins, Director, London Transport Museum
Matthew Tanner, Director, ssGreatBritain
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